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Milestone 1: Council Chairperson has one-on-one meeting with the Prime Minister

Chairperson Williams met with Prime Minister Carney and other government officials at an investment announcement event.

On September 29, 2026, the Prime Minister Mark Carney announced a historic investment to protect Canada's oceans. The announcement included an "investment of $1.2 billion to keep our waters safe, to protect marine life, and to strengthen front-line conservation enforcement."

Chairperson Williams spoke one-on-one with the Prime Minister during the event, and shared Squamish priorities with him.

The Squamish Nation's relationship with the federal government has been top of mind for this Council. Since 2025 our elected leaders have attended multiple events where they could address the Nation's agenda, including dedicated trips to Ottawa to meet directly with federal leadership.

Our leadership attends these meetings and events to reinforce meaningful relationships, assert our rights and ensure the Nation is represented at important opportunities throughout Sḵwx̱wú7mesh Territory and beyond. Squamish Nation staff review the details of announcements like these, and follow up with government officials regarding Squamish Nation rights and title and other areas of interest.

The Squamish Nation's ongoing relationship with Ottawa is going to be one of the higlighted topics in our upcoming Council Magazine.

Milestone 2: Council Approves the Squamish Valley Longhouse Business Plan

Next steps involve the design development phase for the Longhouse.

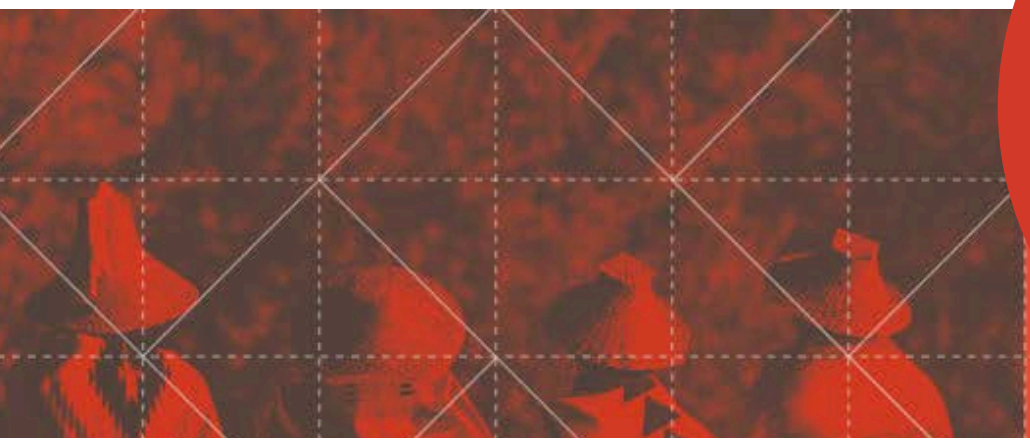
Council approved the Squamish Valley Longhouse Business Plan and funding for the design development phase of the Squamish Valley Longhouse and Waterfront Park. Council directed staff to seek and apply for additional external funding to cover planning and concept design costs.

The Business Plan outlines the longhouse building design and operations plans within traditional Sḵwx̱wú7mesh culture and integrated development strategies. The plan was developed alongside our longhouse families, guided by the strength and resilience of the Squamish People, creating a vision for a place where Community and families will experience belonging and lasting connection across generations.

The initial Squamish Valley Longhouse designs include a ceremonial space and community gathering spaces to support cultural and Community programming. The ceremonial space will accommodate hundreds of people (number to be confirmed during design phase).

The community gathering spaces include a large multi-purpose room, storage, indoor dining area, covered outdoor dining, commercial kitchen, freezer, pantry, and outdoor game preparation space. The community gathering spaces will allow for both on- and off-season wellbeing and cultural gatherings.

More information will be shared with Community once the design development phase begins.





Community Update: Regarding Councillor Sinámḵin Jody Broomfield

Council expresses gratitude to Councillor Sinámḵin for his work, dedication and voice at the table.



On November 4, 2026, Sḵwx̱wú7mesh Úxwumixw Councillor Sinámḵin Jody Broomfield informed Council he is resigning his seat, effective immediately, due to personal and medical reasons. Councillor Broomfield offered his resignation to Councill, led by Ceremony.

This is the right decision for Councillor Broomfield and his health, and Council is fully supportive.

"This morning, with ceremony, I informed Council that I will be resigning my seat due to personal and medical reasons. Serving the Sḵwx̱wú7mesh People has been one of the greatest privileges of my life, and I thank you for your trust and support. This is a decision I have struggled with for some time and did not make lightly, but I feel I need this time to focus on my health. Although I will be stepping away from the Council table, I will continue to be active in the community and be of service to our people in the best way that I can.

I'd like to wish my fellow colleagues all the best: continue to put your best foot forward to represent our People, building for the prosperity of our Peoples for generations to come. One heart, one mind. Continue pulling that canoe for our People in the right direction."

Chen kwenmatuniyap – I thank you all.
Sinámḵin, Jody Broomfield

Council thanks Councillor Sinámḵin for his work, dedication and voice at the table.

In accordance with our laws and governance structure, the Electoral Commission has been called in to guide us on next steps for the now vacant council seat. More information will be shared with Community once it becomes available.

Squamish Nation Council Meeting Attendance

Council meetings with attendance recorded (duly convened[1]): **2**

Councillor	Present	Absent[2]	Excused[3]
K̲etx̲ímtn, Alroy Baker	1	-	1
Yul Baker	-	-	2
Sinámk̲in, Jody Broomfield	2	-	-
Jonah Gonzales	1	-	1
Yeltsilewet, Faye Halls	-	-	2
Kwa7kwmchen-kin, Matthew Houghton	2	-	-
Sumkwaht, Shayla Jacobs	-	-	2
Is'gh'li-ya, Anthony Joseph	2	-	-
Bertha Joseph	2	-	-
P'akwelut, Sandy Lafontaine	1.5	0.5	-
K̲álk̲alilh, Deanna Lewis	-	-	2
Sxwchálten, Kevin Rivers	2	-	-
Syex̲wáliya, Ann Whonnock	0.5	0.5	1
Sk̲uálhk̲amaat, Amanda Williams	1.5	0.5	-
Jonny Williams	2	-	-
Sxwíxwtn, Wilson Williams	1	0.5	0.5

Definitions for Council Attendance

1. Does not include committee meetings, meetings off-site, or Council workshops at which a recording secretary was not present.

2. A partial meeting absence is recorded when a Councillor is absent for a significant portion of the meeting (i.e., if a Councillor arrives in the morning, leaves at 10:30 am and does not return until 3:00 pm). Partial meeting absences and absences in the morning or afternoon are counted as 0.5.

3. An excused absence can include the following: illness, family care, scheduled vacation time, recusal due to a conflict of interest, or Council Business (such as spokesperson duties, conferences, ceremonies etc.)

Squamish Nation Committee Meeting Attendance

Community Services Committee meeting on 10/09/26 (duly convened[1]): **1**

Committee Member	Present	Absent[2]	Excused[3]
Yul Baker	-	-	1
Jody Broomfield	-	1	-
Matthew Houghton	1	-	-
Shayla Jacobs	-	-	1
Anthony Joseph	1	-	-

Squamish Nation Committee Meeting Attendance

Corporate Services Committee meeting on 10/28/26 (duly convened[1]): **1**

Committee Member	Present	Absent[2]	Excused[3]
Jonah Gonzales	1	-	-
Faye Halls	1	-	-
Bertha Joseph	1	-	-
Sandy Lafontaine	1	-	-
Deanna Lewis	-	-	1

Finance & Audit Committee: meeting on 10/13/26 (duly convened[1]): **1**

Committee Member	Present	Absent[2]	Excused[3]
Sandy Lafontaine	1	-	-
Deanna Lewis	-	-	1
Ann Whonnock	1	-	-
Amanda Williams	1	-	-
Jonny Williams	1	-	-



Squamish Nation Committee Meeting Attendance

People Services Committee meeting on 10/20/26 (duly convened[1]): **1**

Committee Member	Present	Absent[2]	Excused[3]
Faye Halls	-	-	1
Matthew Houghton	1	-	-
Shayla Jacobs		-	1
Sandy Lafontaine	1	-	-
Amanda Williams	1	-	

Strategic Priorities & Budget Committee meeting on 10/06/26 (duly convened[1]): 1

Committee Member	Present	Absent[2]	Excused[3]
Yul Baker	-	-	1
Jonah Gonzales		-	1
Anthony Joseph		1	-
Kevin Rivers	1	-	-
Ann Whonnock	1	-	

Cancelled or Rescheduled Squamish Nation Committee Meetings:

Territory & Culture Committee: Meeting was rescheduled to November 4, 2026.

Squamish Nation Council Motions and Resolutions

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Squamish Nation Members can view the complete isolated motions (containing additional details) online at: **www.squamish.net/motions-resolutions**

Date	Motion #	Agenda Item
Oct. 1	**1**	Approval of Agenda
	2	Council Chairperson Report
	3	Seȟákw Administrative Approvals To update Squamish Nation Council and seek administrative approvals required for Seȟákw Development.
	4	IN CAMERA- Independent Expert Panel to advise Council on an Own-Source Revenue Strategic Framework*
	5	Squamish Valley Longhouse Business Plan
	6	Childcare Project Charter
	7	IN CAMERA–Review of Special Project Administration*
Oct. 15	**1**	Approval of Agenda
	2	Council Chairperson Report
	3	IN-CAMERA Custom Lot Transfer of Interest In-camera under Squamish Nation Election and Referendum Law Sec 6.44 (b)(i) harm the deliberative processes of Council.
	4	Annual Report for Fiscal Year 2025/26 Review and approval of the Annual Report for Fiscal Year 2025/2026.
	5	IN-CAMERA- Nch'kaẏ̓ Development Corporation Board Report*
	6	IN CAMERA - Casino Opportunity Evaluation*
	7	Year-End Surplus Allocation & Special Distribution Benefit Considerations To update Squamish Nation Council and seek approval of the Year-End Surplus Allocation.

***In-camera agenda items are under Squamish Nation Election and Referendum Law Sec. 6.4.4(b) (v) harm the financial or economic interests of the Squamish Nation.**

Council Events

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Councillors received many requests to attend events in October 2026. The list below features events that reinforce meaningful relationships, assert our rights and/or ensure the Nation is represented at important opportunities throughout Sḵwx̱wú7mesh Territory.

Date	Event & Location	Purpose
Oct. 14	Seaspan Keel Laying for Polar Icebreaker, North Vancouver	Seaspan hosted a ceremony at the North Vancouver Shipyards for the heavy polar icebreaker, in keeping with tradition and a symbol of good fortune for ships. Invited guests included the Department of Defence, Canadian Coast Guard, local First Nations, and elected officials.
Oct. 14-16	BC Assembly of First Nations AGM, Vancouver	The BC Assembly of First Nations hosted their 23rd Annual General Meeting. Attendees included BC First Nations chiefs, leadership and delegates. The purpose of the event is to hear about various issues that affect First Nations communities across BC and vote on resolutions.
Oct. 19	Seaspan Industry Day, Vancouver	Seaspan held their Defence & Marine Industry event for shipbuilding companies. Attendees included First Nations leadership, elected officials from the local, provincial, and federal governments. It was an opportunity to network and discuss Seaspan jobs and opportunities.
Oct. 26	First Nations-First Ministers' Meeting, Ottawa	The meeting brought together the Prime Minister Mark Carney, provincial and territorial premiers, and First Nations leaders to discuss the Indian Act, various streams of funding for First Nations communities across Canada, and reconciliation initiatives.
Oct. 26-28	BC First Nations Provincial Justice Forum, Vancouver	This annual forum brings together First Nations leadership, community members, Elders, youth, justice partners, and service providers. The event is held to share knowledge, strengthen Indigenous-led approaches, and hear First Nations' priorities for the implementation of the BC First Nations Justice Strategy and Federal Indigenous Justice Strategy.

Upcoming Events

Squamish Nation community members are invited to attend these meetings and events. View the events calendar: **www.squamish.net/events-gatherings/calendar**

Date	Event	Location & Time
November 28 - 29	Annual General Meeting	Chief Joe Mathias Centre, Totem Hall, Online | 10 am - 5 pm



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