

Annual Gathering



On November 5th, we hosted the first Nch'kaý Annual Gathering. It was a fantastic evening sharing food, stories, and fun with Skwxwú7mesh members in both the Squamish Valley and North Vancouver.

To connect our two events, we ran a broadcast of the events at each location such as a welcoming prayer and song from Spakwus Slolem Eagle Song Dancers and speeches from our CEO Mindy Wight, and Squamish Nation Council Spokesperson Wilson Williams.

In Squamish Valley, our guests enjoyed a delicious dinner of crispy baked chicken and oven roasted potatoes catered by The Works Catering Co. As they dined, our guests were treated to a special performance by Whyte Feather Band.

Meanwhile in North Vancouver, Bitterly Divine entertained the crowd while everyone enjoyed baked salmon, honey garlic chicken, macaroni salad and more catered by Raven Spirit Catering.

Chet kw'enmantúmiyap (we thank you all) for joining us! We're already looking forward to next year!

New Hires



We are delighted to Welcome

Shayne Ramsay as Executive Vice President, Real Estate and Development

Shayne brings decades of experience in real estate development expertise to his work. Prior to his role at Nch'kaý, he was the Chief Executive Officer of BC Housing, an organization dedicated to funding, developing, and managing affordable housing for British Columbians. Managing a team of 1,000 people and an operating budget of \$2 billion, he led the organization through a period of substantial growth, developing over 4,000 units of affordable housing per year and administering over 60,000 non-profit housing units.



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Lauren Hutchison as Director, Communications and Engagement

Lauren worked directly for the Nation when Nch'kaý was first being formed and was part of the team tasked with engaging membership leading up to the successful Señákw Land Designation and Business Terms votes in late 2019. Since then, the Nch'kaý team has seen significant evolution and growth, and we could not be happier to welcome Lauren and her deep expertise to the team.



CONSTRUCTION UPDATE



Construction has started on Phase 1 of Señákw.

Work includes: site preparation, soil remediation, installation of fences.

The Partnership team has been working with the contractor on Phase 1, Peak Construction, and the Squamish Nation Employment and Training Department to identify roles within construction, trades, and design. These opportunities are now being added to the Señákw website, you can find them here: senakw.com/careers. If you are interested in applying, please reach out via employment@senakw.com or through the Stitsma Training Centre.



PROJECT UPDATE

The District Energy System at Señákw has applied for the BC Utilities Commission to start the process to become a regulated public utility. This system will provide heating and cooling to each building. Over the next 30 years, the district energy system will reduce carbon emissions by 140,000 tonnes relative to a typical natural-gas based system - equivalent to planting 5,5 Stanley Parks, or 165,000 acres of trees.

“This partnership with Creative Energy is an important step in the Señákw Development,” said Mindy Wight, CEO, Nch’kay Development Corporation. “Sustainability always has been and always will be a priority for the Nation. This district energy system is key to this project achieving carbon neutrality and to our goal of having as little impact on our environment as possible. We look forward to working closely with Creative Energy to create innovative low-carbon energy infrastructure for Vancouver, that will help reduce the carbon footprint not only of this project but the city as a whole.”



Sewer Heat Recovery District Energy Plant
A District Energy Plant will serve the development, with capacity to expand and provide zero carbon thermal energy to the surrounding community

Reclaimed heat from wastewater will be gathered through a connection to Metro Vancouver’s sewer forcemain, and will serve as the primary energy source for the system

Looking ahead to the New Year, you can stay up to date on current project focus and milestones on the newly updated Website, as well as Nch’kay Development Corporation’s social media pages (LinkedIn, Facebook).

We look forward to updating everyone on Phase 2 start, as well as community events regarding Señákw as part of the Amalgamation Day events next July.

Project Timeline

Spring 2022

- Signing of Services Agreement
- Career Fairs in North Van and Squamish
- Archaeological Work Completed

Winter 2022

- Phase 2 100% Design Development

WE ARE HERE

Summer 2022

- Phase 1: Construction Loan Approval
- Phase 1: Construction start

To stay connected, please continue to check Senakw.com for updates or email Senakw@nchekay.com



Spring 2025

- Phase 3: Construction starts

Fall 2023

- Phase 2: Construction starts
- Phases 2-4: Infrastructure starts