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to Squamish People**

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BUILDING PROSPERITY

Housing application process launches at Seńákw

This spring, Nch'kaý, the Squamish Nation, and Hiýám Housing reached a major milestone in returning our Skwxwú7mesh families to Seńákw.

We have now opened the housing application process to Squamish People who want to live in our ancestral village and expect to welcome the first residents into all three housing pathways this summer:

- ✓ 1. Hiýám Housing Homes
- ✓ 2. Affordable Homes
- ✓ 3. Market Housing

In March, with our leasing and property management partners, rennie and Fitzrovia, we hosted three Community Information Sessions to support our people through this process and answer questions about the homes, rent, and amenities of our modern Skwxwú7mesh village. Our hearts are full from all the interest shown in Seńákw and in returning to our urban reserve in Vancouver.

PHASED APPLICATION ROLLOUT, PRIORITIZING SQUAMISH PEOPLE

With the application process for Skwxwú7mesh People well underway, we have also begun inviting members of other Indigenous Nations to submit their applications for remaining Affordable and Market Homes, ahead of the general public. Unit tours continue to be available to all Skwxwú7mesh People, with other Indigenous Peoples joining in the weeks to come.

Interested in living at Seńákw?

Learn more about the application process, move-in dates, homes, rents, and amenities in the Living at Seńákw Guide on our website.





Sḵw̓xwú7mesh art rises to the top in elevator cabs at Seḥáḵw

Seḥáḵw kicked off 2026 by unveiling its very first Sḵw̓xwú7mesh art installation inside the Tower 1 elevators.

Created by Ryan Johnston, a proud Squamish Person, the Coast Salish-designed piece reflects the circle of life under the North Shore Mountains, transformed from a digital design into a permanent glass installation.

Featuring Ch'ích'yúy Elxwíḵn (also known as the Two Sisters/Twin Sisters or The Lions), along with salmon, eagles, and bears on custom-etched glass and mirrored finishes, it is the first of many Sḵw̓xwú7mesh artworks that will soon adorn the village — a proud declaration that this is, always has been, and always will be Sḵw̓xwú7mesh land.

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This opportunity — I feel like it's definitely a big push for our Nation, sharing our culture and our artistic side through our people.

Ryan Johnston
Sḵw̓xwú7mesh Artist

Seḥáḵw is social!

There are now more ways to connect with our modern Sḵw̓xwú7mesh village than ever. Follow Seḥáḵw on Facebook and Instagram for updates on the rental homes, amenities, and other news and stories from the community we're building together:

f [facebook.com/senakwvillage](https://www.facebook.com/senakwvillage)
@ [@senakwvillage](https://www.instagram.com/senakwvillage)

You can also register to receive these updates by email:

✉ senakw.com/register

S̓k̓w̓x̓w̓ú7mesh artist in residence outside Museum of Vancouver

The Squamish Nation's Christina Capilano has become Seńákw's first artist-in-residence, occupying a Mobile Artist Studio near the village beside the Museum of Vancouver and H.R. MacMillan Space Centre's Observatory.

Christina, who comes from the Mathias family, is designing an area rug for common space in Seńákw's Tower 3 and a metal inlay that will be embedded in the grounds, visible from the Burrard Street Bridge.

Christina is an illustrator, beader, weaver, carver, and more. For her Seńákw installations, she's translating her conceptual and hand-drawn art into digital designs inspired by S̓k̓w̓x̓w̓ú7mesh legends, land, and history.



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I want to bring forward the connection to who we are as stewards of the land. I want people to be able to look at the work and say, 'This is Seńákw, this is Vancouver, this is home.' I want it to feel comfortable and welcoming.

Christina's residency began in early March through a partnership between Nch'kaý, FLEET Mobile Artist Studios (an initiative launched by the non-profit Other Sights for Artists' Projects in response to a loss of artist spaces in the city) and the Museum of Vancouver.

Working in the studio facing Seńákw's towers has become a meaningful part of her creative process. "It's amazing. I can hear them building it — it just feels very connected. Being by the water and on the land, watching Seńákw go up is a huge part of the process when creating this art."

Christina is on site every weekend through May 3.

Save the date:

Meet the artist! See Christina Capilano in action during a Community Drop-In Day on her last weekend in residence and learn more about her upcoming installations at Seńákw.

📅 **Sunday, May 3**

📍 **FLEET: Foreshore,
1100 Chestnut St.,
"Vanier Park"**

🕒 **1 p.m. – 3 p.m.**

BUSINESS LEADERSHIP

New breakwater gives safety boost to Mosquito Creek Marina



Installation of a new breakwater has begun along the south side of Mosquito Creek Marina.

This major upgrade marks a key step in revitalizing the marina, providing protection and flexibility in undertaking future improvements.

As part of this process, a dozen steel piles and eight concrete floats have been installed, and two of the existing barges will be removed from the marina's waters — a notable visual improvement for those who call the marina home and enjoy recreational use of the North Shore Spirit Trail.

We thank all our marina customers for their patience throughout this process and advise that construction activity may continue to be visible throughout the spring.

Spotlight on Squamish Business

For Sx̱wálhkin Pete Natrall, lacrosse is a natural extension of his identity as a Squamish Person.

After more than 25 years playing, he turned his passion into a business — RePete Productions — about eight years ago.

“It’s a great opportunity to share that we’re a lacrosse community but also tell the story of who we are as Coastal people playing K’əxwa7 — lacrosse — visually in some of the sticks and graphics that I do,” Pete said.

RePete Productions offers a variety of services connected to the game, including Indigenous inclusion support, corporate gifting, and custom graphics for lacrosse apparel. Pete also customizes, designs, and strings both plastic and wood sticks, the latter of which hold a special place in his heart:

“It reconnects us to Mother Earth when you hold the wood stick. Whether it’s buffalo, bear, or deer — all these different types of hide that are put into the leather are reborn into the stick.”

It’s a labour of love; Pete’s work is in high demand with requests pouring in from places like New York, Hawaii, and Washington, DC. His advice to aspiring Indigenous entrepreneurs:

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Follow your own instincts. There will be a lot of naysayers and somebody telling you, you can’t do it because they don’t think it’s a big enough demographic, but if you put your passion and dedication into your work, it will shine through. You’ll create opportunities and open doors for yourself that you didn’t think were possible.



SPORTING EVENT THIS SPRING?

Request a customized lacrosse stick, garment, or service from Pete by email or phone at pete.natrall@gmail.com or 778-898-9732.

Interested in joining the Squamish Nation Community Business Directory?

Reach out to our Nch’ú7mut Contracting team or scan the QR code to visit the Directory and fill out an application today:

- ☎ 604-329-1752
- ✉ applications@nchu7mut.com
- 🌐 nchkay.com/directory





COMMUNITY

Nch'kaý Annual Gathering brings Squamish People together

More than 175 Skwxwú7mesh People came together to connect, share, and learn at our Annual Gatherings, held late last year at Chief Joe Mathias Centre, Totem Hall, and — for the first time — online via Zoom.

The Annual Gathering is a chance to share all about the work we do on behalf of the Squamish Nation to build long-term wealth and prosperity for our community. It's also an opportunity to strengthen our relationships with Squamish People, answer questions, and hear important feedback that helps guide us in the year ahead.

Every time we get together with our people, we emerge feeling grateful, motivated, and filled with purpose. We want to thank everyone who joined us for a meal, presentations, the information stations, fabulous prizes, and more. Our team members appreciated all your thoughtful questions, comments, and encouragement as we grow and evolve in our pursuit of sustainable opportunities that put us on a path to generational prosperity.

Don't want to miss the Annual Gathering next year?

Sign up for emailed updates from Nch'kaý today.







Sqomish Forestry gives back through seedling, wood donations

Sqomish Forestry hosted its first Squamish Nation Community Firewood Day of the year on March 22, cutting and distributing eight truckloads of wood to 14 Squamish Valley community members, delivering another five truckloads to local Elders, and bringing six truckloads down to the North Shore to supply Elders, the sweat lodge, and Seymour Longhouse.

Recently, the team also shared about 1,000 western red cedar and yellow cedar seedlings with our friends and neighbours at the Nation's Nexwsp'áyaḱen ta Úxwumixw (Community Operations), Ta na wa Yúus ta Stitúyntsah (Rights & Title), and Elders teams, the St'a7mes School, and Don Ross Middle School.

The seedlings will be planted across these locations, bringing learning opportunities and new life to the land. Working with Ta na wa Yúus ta Stitúyntsah, the team also provided a canoe log to the St'a7mes School, where students will work together on carving their very first race canoe.

These special moments were highlighted in an article in *The Squamish Chief* in March, quoting Sqomish Forestry Special Projects Superintendent Roger Lewis and Nch'ka'y Vice President of Forestry & Sustainability Molly Hudson.

Scan the QR code to read it!



PEOPLE & OPPORTUNITIES

Celebrating Skwxwú7mesh success

We want to congratulate two Skwxwú7mesh team members who were recently promoted at our Operating Businesses:



Whitney Nahanee was promoted to permanent full-time Business Opportunities Manager at Nchú7mut Contracting after serving in the position on an interim basis for eight months. In this role, she supports the Skwxwú7mesh Úxwumixw through relationship management, assessing potential contracting opportunities, and the development of innovate strategies for Squamish participation in procurement opportunities within the traditional territory.



John Yelton secured a permanent full-time Forestry Technician role at Squamish Forestry after completing a four-month internship with the team based in the Squamish Valley. In his new role, he will support Squamish Forestry's safety and land stewardship initiatives, including wildfire prevention, road and bridge maintenance, and more.



Supporting career growth through professional development

At Nch'kaý, we're proud to support the career growth of our team members and help them achieve their professional goals.

In 2025, 124 of our team members participated in various training programs, learning opportunities, and professional certifications, 62 of whom were Indigenous and 48 of whom were Skwxwú7mesh.

These initiatives varied from hands-on training — in areas such as first aid, chainsaw operation, boating, and wildfire prevention — to advanced course work in project management, leadership skills, and rental property management licensing.

We're also pleased to share that 16 individuals pursued post-secondary training in accounting, public relations, advanced leadership, and business administration from the universities of British Columbia and Victoria.

Here we grow again

There are enriching career and contracting opportunities for people with a variety of educational backgrounds, skills, and life experiences at Nch'kaý.

Opportunities for qualified Squamish People are our priority when hiring, followed by other Indigenous candidates, then non-Indigenous candidates.

Since our last Quarterly Update, a few new faces have joined our Head Office and Operating Businesses. Please join us in welcoming:

- **Andrew Edwards** (Lílwat Nation), Property Specialist, Ch'ich'iyúy LP
- **Cassidy Le Troy** (Métis), Marketing Manager, Head Office
- **Caitriona Feeney**, Real Estate Development Manager, Head Office
- **Garrett Phillip Jones** (Pacheedaht First Nation), Marina Security Guard, Mosquito Creek Marina
- **Henry Baker** (Squamish Nation), Utility, Sqomish Forestry
- **Hugo Lansford**, Senior Financial Analyst, Head Office
- **Jay Neal**, Retail Operations Manager, Head Office
- **Julie Chandra**, Senior Manager, Financial Planning & Analysis, Head Office
- **Masahito Yamada**, Maintenance Labourer, Ch'ich'iyúy LP
- **Rob Jeffrey**, Human Resources Director, Head Office
- **Scott Jacobs** (Mohawk of Akwesasne), Maintenance Labourer, Ch'ich'iyúy LP
- **Steven Su**, Senior Financial Analyst, Head Office
- **Sydney Kessel** (Squamish Nation), Maintenance Labourer, Ch'ich'iyúy LP
- **Tara Topps**, Corporate Communications Manager, Head Office
- **Tyler Garrison** (Michel First Nation), Business Development Director, Head Office



Interested in joining our team?

Email HR@nchkay.com to start the conversation or scan the QR code to view and apply to current postings, including our 2026 Internship Program — now accepting applications in Finance, Real Estate, IT, and Forestry.

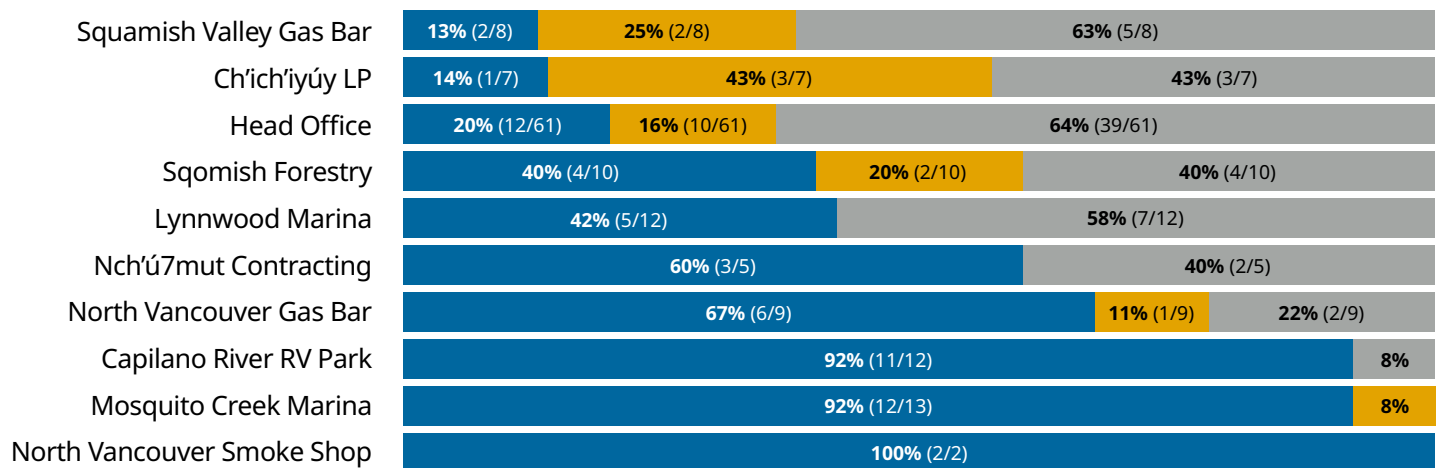


Strong Indigenous Representation

We're proud to have strong Indigenous representation throughout our workforce. Across the Nch'kaý Group, 41% of our team members are Słwxwú7mesh and another 14% belong to other Indigenous Nations.

Below is a breakdown as of March 15, 2026

■ Squamish Nation ■ Other Indigenous ■ Non-Indigenous





Procurement opportunities

If you're an established business owner interested in procurement opportunities at Seḥákw or any of our other projects, consider applying to our Nch'ú7mut Endorsed Business Registry (NEBR). Our Nch'ú7mut Contracting team is available to provide bidding support to Squamish Person-owned and -partnered businesses on the NEBR, in exchange for certain revenue-sharing, employment, and performance obligations.

Email applications@nchu7mut.com to learn more.



Looking for training or other work opportunities?

The Stitsma Career Centre offers employment and training services to Indigenous Peoples of all backgrounds.

Email stitsma_career@squamish.net to learn more or scan the QR code to visit their Community Job Bank.



Squamish People interested in long-term training and education can contact Nexw7áystwaý, the Squamish Nation's Training & Trades Centre, at tradescentre@squamish.net, or apply to the Nation's post-secondary program at post-sec@squamish.net.



Nch'kay Development Corporation was established in 2018 as the wholly-owned economic development group of the Skwxwú7mesh Úxwumixw (Squamish Nation). Nch'kay is responsible for developing, managing, and growing businesses that generate sustainable wealth and opportunity for the Squamish People. Guided by Skwxwú7mesh values and teachings, Nch'kay works to support long-term prosperity and community well-being for current and future generations.



Learn more at nchkay.com or scan the QR code to register for emailed updates.



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