



**Skw̓xwú7mesh  
Úxwumixw**  
Squamish Nation



# **Skw̓xwú7mesh Úxwumixw (Squamish Nation) and City of North Vancouver Announce New Protocol Agreement**

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**July 13, 2023: North Vancouver, BC** – Skw̓xwú7mesh Úxwumixw (Squamish Nation) and the City of North Vancouver have agreed to sign a new protocol agreement reflective of the principles, values, and traditions of the Squamish People. The *Wa Iyím ta Skw̓xwú7mesh (Squamish Strong) Protocol Agreement* provides guidance on how Skw̓xwú7mesh Úxwumixw and the City of North Vancouver engage in advancing reconciliation. It commits both parties to the following Skw̓xwú7mesh principles to guide the reconciliation process:

- tkwáya7n iy nexwnewítm – Listen & Engage
- wa nexwniwnen chet ta nexwniw t'l'a Skw̓xwú7mesh – Follow the Ways of the Squamish
- texwlá' ns7eyx – Genuinely Care
- chet wa telnexw tina t'l'a snewiyelh t'l'a Skw̓xwú7mesh – Learn the Advice of the Squamish
- na wa nelhnilhtway ta úxwumixw – The People Go Through It Together
- we7us chet ta Skw̓xwú7mesh siyá'min – Protect the Rights and Title of the Squamish

While not legally binding, the agreement lays the groundwork for the development of a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) that both the Nation and City will work together on.

As a part of the celebrations of the 100-year anniversary of the Amalgamation of the Skw̓xwú7mesh Úxwumixw, the public and media are invited to attend the signing ceremony of the *Wa Iyím ta Skw̓xwú7mesh Protocol Agreement* between the Nation and City of North Vancouver.

**Date: Saturday, July 15, 2023**

**Time: 12:00 pm ceremony and signing**

**Location: The Shipyards, 125 Victory Ship Way, North Vancouver**

Media are advised to arrive in advance of the start time as there is no available parking on-site. There is public parking close to the location for both public and media to use.



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## Quotes

### **Spokesperson Wilson Williams (Sxwíxwtn), Skwxwú7mesh Úxwumixw**

“This agreement reflects who we are as a People and our deep connection to these lands and waters. We are pleased to work closely with the City of North Vancouver as we seek to establish a pathway towards true reconciliation. There is more to do, but this protocol will be our guide for the important work to come.”

### **Mayor Linda Buchanan, City of North Vancouver**

“Relationships are built on understanding and trust. This requires effort and a commitment to a shared vision for the future. As Mayor on behalf of Council, it is an honour to sign this new relationship agreement with the Skwxwú7mesh Úxwumixw. We are committed to strengthening government-to-government relations and building important community relationships on the basis of respect, reconciliation, and collaboration.”

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### **About Skwxwú7mesh Úxwumixw**

Skwxwú7mesh Úxwumixw (also known as the Squamish Nation) is a unity of the Squamish Peoples with an uplifting culture, rich history, and exciting future. The Nation is an innovative Indigenous government that uses its resources to provide, guide, and protect the Squamish territory and Squamish People. The Skwxwú7mesh Stélmexw (Squamish People) continue to reside in the area now described as the Lower Mainland of British Columbia. The largest proportion of Skwxwú7mesh Úxwumixw Members live in several urban reserve communities in the present-day cities of Vancouver, North and West Vancouver and the municipality of Squamish, BC. Over 47 per cent of the nearly 4100 Skwxwú7mesh Members live on-reserve, and membership is determined by guidelines set out in the Squamish Nation Membership Code. The Nation has never ceded or surrendered title to its lands, rights to its resources, or the power to make decisions within its territory. Learn more: [squamish.net/about-our-nation](http://squamish.net/about-our-nation).

### **About the City of North Vancouver**

Nestled between the sparkling waters of Burrard Inlet and the majestic North Shore mountains, and located on the traditional and unceded territories of the Skwxwú7mesh (Squamish) and səliiwətaʔ (Tseil-Waututh) Nations, the City of North Vancouver is a thriving, progressive and growing community. With a vision to be “The Healthiest Small City in the World,” we are focused on being a City for all People, firmly grounded in resiliency, connectivity, prosperity, and vibrancy.

Don’t let our modest size fool you—our 12-square kilometres are packed with amenities, attractions, supportive services, community-focused programming and flourishing industries like shipping, tourism, film production, manufacturing, and advanced technology. From scenic parks to top-rated restaurants to cultural festivals and bustling markets, the City of North Vancouver is a diverse community that draws new residents, visitors and businesses with its dynamic energy and unbeatable urban charm.