Ch'ich'élxwí7k̲w

Seymour I.R. No. 2

Sk̲wx̲wú7mesh Úxwumixw
Squamish Nation

NCH'KAY̓

Hiy̓ám̓ Housing

1. A Potlatch Village

Ch'ích'elxwi7k̲w has historically been a place of gathering and cultural hospitality. This was the last village where a Sk̲wx̲wú7mesh potlatch was held before the Indian Act banned this ceremony.

"It is said that the longhouses here were quite large...200 foot long tl'e7enkáẃtxw (Potlatch House)."

2. Birth of the Orcas

Members tell stories of the time when ecological networks were healthy and in equilibrium. Orcas would breed at the mouth of the Ch'ích'elxwi7k̲w river and calves could be spotted from the village.

3. Inlet Life Meets the Shore

Abundant aquaculture observed in the Inlet – Herring, Whales, Blackfish, Sea Lions, Salmon, Oysters, Clams. Members tell of traditional uses of aquaculture and fishing, and the cultivation and harvesting of plants.

"...Welcomed visitors from up and down the coast, that would come here in their canoes."

4. Green Fingers: Habitat Corridors

Celebrate the landscape of kinship and foster abundance through designs that improve the connectivity and health of ecological networks.

"It is all interwoven. If we don't look after the least of things it will have a ripple effect."

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"Protection of the environment is very important. Our rights are short term unless we protect and enhance them. The right to hunt and right to fish are not worth anything if we don't have fish, if fish can't survive in the environment. If we want to fish we must have abundant and clean water..."

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