



**WHAT WE'VE HEARD** We have been engaging Community Members since 2021 to inform the Chiyáxw Child and Family Law and service model. This page provides a summary of the Squamish culture and teachings we've heard about so far.

## CEREMONIES



- Ceremonies mark individual, family, and community milestones
- Practicing ceremonies can teach and honour families
- We need to include ceremonies in services and staff training

## HISTORY



- History is passed down from Elders orally. This includes our history of the land, identity, families, and colonialism

## LANGUAGE



- Our language is grounding
- We need to change language that stigmatizes, triggers, and traumatizes families
- We need to use Squamish terms and supportive language
- Law and policies need to be understandable by all family members



# OUR WAYS

## TRADITIONAL LAWS & TEACHINGS

- Our Traditional Laws are taught by speaking and practiced by doing
- We have teachings about multigenerational living, family roles, raising children, and practicing customs within families
- We need to make Squamish teachings, values, and spirituality the foundation of Chiyáxw, including: families helping families, teaching children our culture, and focusing on healing



## ENGAGEMENT PROGRESS

We have been engaging Community Members through information sessions, family meetings, interviews, and surveys. Your feedback is playing an important role in shaping our Squamish law and services.

Engagement will continue throughout this fall and winter. Stay tuned!

## ADVISORY GROUPS

Our Advisory Groups are continuing to work hard to develop the Chiyáxw law. To the right is a summary of our Advisory Group members - feel free to connect with them to provide your thoughts on Squamish child and family welfare.



## Knowledge Keepers Advisory Group



**Back L-R:** Kathy Nahanee Kwaltenat, Orene Johnston St'alalu, Henry Williams Chap7lana, Linda George Nekwsaliya, Dianne Natrall Skawlkin Tanat

**Front L-R:** Dave Jacobs Paitsmek, Andrea Jacobs Sla'wiya, Roberta "Jackie" Williams Tiaoutenaat

**Missing:** Kathy Carpenter, Kanani Nahanee Kelkach

## Members Advisory Group & Secretariat



**Back L-R:** Susanne Paull (Secretariat), Jessica Natrall, Evelyn Lamont, Anjeanette Dawson Spelexilh, Renee Campbell (Secretariat)

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