

**Community to Community Forum
Squamish Nation and District of West Vancouver
Squamish Nation Recreation Centre, North Vancouver, BC
February 3, 2005**

Squamish Nation Representatives:

Chief Bill Williams, Chairman of Council; Floyd Joseph, Chief and Councillor; Dale Harry, Chief and Councillor; Julie Baker, Chief and Councillor; Dennis Joseph, Chief and Councillor; Ann Whonnok, Councillor; Anthony Moody Sr., Councillor; Donna Lyn Billy, Councillor; Alroy Baker, Councillor; Krisandra Jacobs, Councillor; Harold Calla, Councillor, Surveyor of Taxes; Glen Newman, Band Manager; Toby Baker, Department Head, Business Administration and Services; Ruth Nahanee, Land Management Project Manager; Tim O'Hara, Land Project Officer; Judy Baker, Permits/Taxation; Denise Jensen, Administrative Assistant; and Tom Becker, Planning Consultant, Uma Engineering.

District of West Vancouver Representatives:

Mayor Ron Wood; Councillors Rod Day, Victor Durman, Jean Ferguson, Pamela Goldsmith-Jones, and Bill Soprovich. Staff: Rick Beauchamp, Director of Administrative Services; R. Laing, Director of Finance; S. Nicholls, Director of Planning, Lands and Permits; K. Pike, Director of Parks and Community Services; Susan Ney, Director of Human Resources and Payroll Services; Sheila Scholes, Municipal Clerk; Josie Chuback, Manager, Community Services; Doug Leavers, Manager, Park Services; Brent Dozzi, Manager, Public Works and Transportation; Doug Trussler, Fire Chief; S. Armstrong, Inspector OIC Operations, West Vancouver Police Department; M. Malcolm, Executive Assistant; and L. Henderson, Manager of Operations, West Vancouver Memorial Library.

The Community to Community Forum commenced at 3:30 p.m.

1. (a) **Opening Remarks and Introduction by Squamish Nation**

Chief Bill Williams welcomed everyone to the first Community to Community Forum and described the format for the meeting. Alroy Baker conveyed a welcoming prayer.

(b) Opening Remarks by District of West Vancouver

Mayor Ron Wood, on behalf of Council and staff, expressed appreciation for the Forum and the host venue in the Squamish Nation Recreation Centre, and provided a brief summary of the information topics that District staff would present during the Forum.

Participant introductions were then provided.

2. Governance Models Presentations (Roles, Responsibilities, Contact List)

District of West Vancouver:

Rick Beauchamp (Director of Administrative Services) conveyed regrets from David Stuart (Municipal Manager) who was unable to attend due to illness.

R. Beauchamp provided a PowerPoint presentation and described the local government structure in West Vancouver, including:

- Mission Statement
- Mandate
- Governance principles
- Goal setting and monitoring
- Organizational chart
- Corporate contacts.

Additionally, he provided a brief overview of the District's 3-year corporate business plan. Copies of the presentation, list of corporate contacts and the District's 3-Year Corporate Business Plan were distributed.

Discussion ensued regarding the following questions:

- What is the relationship between the RCMP and the West Vancouver Police? What are the jurisdictional boundaries?
- The interim servicing agreement needs to be reactivated; what is its anticipated timing?
- Garbage collection service is needed in the new subdivision east of Lions Gate Bridge; how will the service be provided?

Squamish Nation:

Harold Calla, Councillor (Surveyor of Taxes) described the history of the Squamish Nation from its amalgamation of 16 of 17 villages in 1923, noting that from 1923 to 1981 the Squamish Nation had a traditional council of 16 who were council members for life or until they chose to leave.

From 1982 forward, the council consisted of hereditary chiefs together with 16 members elected for 4-year terms. Councillor Calla described the Squamish Nation's government, including:

- its objective is to put things into a collective pot for the benefit of the community as a whole, noting land is held by a collective interest, e.g. revenue from the Park Royal Shopping Centre goes into general revenue
- general meetings are held as consultation process with the community, e.g. the physical development plan
- traditionally, the community dealt with matters as families; now they have a Band Manager whose role also encompasses that of an ombudsman, and manages programs of the Squamish Nation
- in many cases responsibilities are the same as local government
- the Council looks after the rights of its members
- the Squamish Nation employs 350 of its own members; manages a \$450-million annual budget; manages 150 different programs and services
- the Squamish language is taught in their school which is fully funded by the Squamish Nation
- described Judy Baker's role in Permits and Taxation; Toby Baker's role in Business Administration and Services, and Ruth Nahanee's role in Land Registry
- there are 197 First Nations in BC
- commented on the fiduciary gridlock experienced with the Department of Indian Affairs and the efforts of the Squamish Nation to break through the gridlock's barriers
- the government structure flows through the community to council; the Chief and Council have an administrative staff
- the government structure is growing and developing through work with other organizations, such as the District of West Vancouver, and the Squamish Nation looks forward to developing their capacity in governance within the reality in which they live; and hope that the governments are able to complement one another instead of dealing with competing interests
- they need to work in an environment that can support a sustainable, regional economy
- described the 2 regions namely: the Squamish Valley which encompasses five regions in the Squamish Valley with approximately 1/3 of the population of the Squamish Nation; and the Squamish on the North Shore which includes 2/3 of the Nation's population. The Nations' services are replicated in the Squamish Valley. There is also a village on the south coast near Gibsons, and near the Kitsilano area.

Discussion ensued regarding the following questions:

- Is there a ward system for the council elections?
- Is a mail in ballot service provided?
- How are council decisions communicated?
- What is the total population of the entire Squamish Nation?

3. Community Update (Progress Report on Last Five Years and Current/Future Initiatives/Issues)

District of West Vancouver

Mayor Ron Wood provided an update on the District of West Vancouver community with the aid of a PowerPoint presentation regarding The State of the District, including:

- Progress over the past 5 years (commencing in 2000 with the corporate business plan "Charting a new course")
- Challenges over the past 5 years (including economic factors, expansion of BC Ferry terminal in Horseshoe Bay, GVRD and TransLink major projects, Sea to Sky highway upgrade, renewal of recreation facilities, implementing the new Community Charter)
- Opportunities in 2005
- Our challenge
- Council's Goal.

Copies of Mayor Wood's presentation were distributed.

Discussion ensued regarding the following questions:

- What is the source of the capital funds for all the projects?
- Location of the new Gleneagles Community Centre?
- Would DWV share their environmental strategy once it has been implemented?
- With respect to the provision of elder care services, would DWV consider partnering with the Squamish Nation for such a venture or facility in Ambleside?
- What is the anticipated timing to renew the interim servicing agreement?
- How will DWV get youth involved in the 2010 Olympics?
- Has DWV applied to the federal government for funds from the gas tax?
- Has DWV considered as one of their goals, a better working relationship with the Squamish Nation?

Squamish Nation

Harold Calla, Councillor (Surveyor of Taxes) described a number of projects and initiatives including:

- Seymour Creek project, noting that they hoped to be able to break ground in 2006
- Park Royal expansion, noting that both the Squamish Nation and DWV benefit from the shopping centre
- Construction of a gas bar in the Squamish Valley across the street from the Squamish Nation gymnasium
- Development of a land code that will allow the Squamish Nation to engage with other parties in their own right. The land code development is a fundamental piece of work on how the Nation will manage their lands
- Agreements reached with: BC Rail to create Squamish estuary, and with the Province to obtain lands at Porteau Cove, to develop market housing
- Squamish Nation could also acquire lands within the Whistler corridor for future development
- Cited the Delgamuuk decision and its impact
- Olympic plans that have resulted in discussions with the Province. An aboriginal person is sitting on the IOC VANOC.
- Signing of a protocol agreement between Squamish and Lilloett Nations; agreed to share in the benefits in the shared territories.
- Resort Municipality of Whistler invited Squamish and Lilloett Nations to participate in development of a cultural centre in Whistler as a joint initiative.
- Impact of traffic through Squamish Nation lands and concerns regarding the Taylor Way and Marine Drive intersection
- Agreements reached with the Province regarding travelling through Squamish land on the Sea to Sky Highway
- Looking at how to sustain forest industry within their lands.

The Forum adjourned at 6:45 pm for dinner and reconvened at approximately 7:50 pm.

4. Land Use Plan Presentation

District of West Vancouver

Steve Nicholls (Director of Planning, Lands and Permits) provided a PowerPoint presentation describing the District's new Community Plan, adopted by Council in 2004. Mr. Nicholls noted the Plan's key planning principles: promote a healthy community; create and enhance neighbourhoods; provide for a diversity of housing types; engage our citizens in civic decision making; support a vibrant and diverse local economy; reduce auto dependency; promote environmental stewardship; take an active role in planning for the future of the region. Mr. Nicholls also reviewed the Plan's policy sections: housing; community recreation; natural environment; governance and civic participation; local economy; arts, culture and library; built form and character; heritage; safety and emergency preparedness; upper lands; social planning, transportation and mobility; parks and open spaces; schools, municipal utilities, and financial framework.

Squamish Nation

Chief Bill Williams introduced the IR5 Master Plan and described the consultation process regarding potential land development.

Tom Becker (Planning Consultant, Uma Engineering) described the master plan including:

- the history of the lengthy process to arrive at the master plan for IR5 Capilano
- plans and issues related to the federal government lands immediately east of Lions Gate Bridge, including negotiations for an overall plan, flood plain issues near Capilano River, adjacent commercial operations at Vancouver Wharves
- indicated proposed development areas (illustrated and notated on plan boards displayed) noting the master plan had to balance the land needed for the Squamish Nation, and for economic development and that Deloitte Touche had been hired to review their economic options
- the master plan was accepted by the Council in December 2004
- the master plan includes areas for Squamish Nation use, primarily for housing, which may include multi-family housing; and for recreation and cultural facilities
- road access issues, and possible solutions regarding the lower level road
- the issue of hydro and power lines and rights of way on reserve lands which erodes the land quality

- Ambleside Park which encroaches on Squamish Nation land
- new river crossing along the rail line, then directed up towards Marine Drive
- Capilano Road would become a cul-de-sac, connected to Welch Street, and terminated at the eastern boundary
- technical and environmental issues associated with master plan components
- ultimate population could reach between 9000-12,000
- inclusion for opportunities to generate revenue on Squamish Nation lands in the master plan.

Discussion ensued regarding the following questions:

- sequence of development
- Larco's lease at Park Royal Shopping Centre
- Consideration of connection from Taylor Way to the lower level road
- Whether consideration would be given to retaining the pond area in Ambleside Park
- Timeline for Ambleside Park development
- Low level road connection to 1st Street
- Low level road termination at Marine Drive
- Federal government's involvement regarding the low level road
- Direction for main access road.

5. 2010 Olympics

District of West Vancouver

Kevin Pike (Director of Parks and Community Services) provided a PowerPoint presentation regarding West Vancouver's 2010 Olympic/Paralympic select committee and reviewed its establishment by Council, membership components, purpose, mandate, opportunities being explored and next steps. Copies of the presentation slides were distributed.

Squamish Nation

Chief Bill Williams described the Squamish Nation's interest and involvement to date including project development, funding, employment noting approximately \$7-million of employment for members of the community to be trained and \$3-million to train youth. Currently, a group of youth are training to be snowboard instructors and once their training is complete, they will provide training to other communities. Many also hope to become competent enough to compete.

Chief Williams noted that the Lilloett and Squamish areas will also share in the use of land and described its use for economic opportunities, to create homes and jobs, and described the long term opportunities for the communities. Chief Williams also noted that they have 10 ambassadors who are in training to learn who they are as aboriginal people.

6. Closing Remarks

Mayor Ron Wood expressed appreciation to all the participants in the Forum and noted the District looks forward to the next Forum, noting September 2005 as a possible timeframe.

Chief Bill Williams thanked everyone for attending the Forum. Alroy Baker conveyed the closing prayer.

The Forum concluded at 9:00 pm.

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Statement of Costs

Facility Rental	\$ 812.50
Caterer	750.00
Recording/Transcribing Proceedings	645.00
Presentation Preparation/Copying	<u>300.00</u>
Total Expense Incurred	\$2,507.50
(Budget estimate - \$3450)	
UBCM 50% of Expense Incurred	\$1,253.75
Less January/05 UBCM Contribution	<u>862.50</u>
Balance Payable to District of West Vancouver	\$ 391.25

COMMUNITY-TO-COMMUNITY FORUM

District of West Vancouver / Squamish Nation

Thursday, February 3, 2005 Commencing at 3:30 pm
Squamish Nation Recreation Centre on Welch / Capilano Roads

1. (a) **Opening Remarks and Introduction by Squamish Nation**
Chief Williams and Chief Jacob 8 minutes
- (b) **Opening Remarks by District of West Vancouver**
Mayor Ron Wood 8 minutes
2. **Governance Models Presentations (Roles, Responsibilities, Contact List)**
West Vancouver Presenter: Rick Beauchamp, Director of Administrative Services 10 minutes
Squamish Nation Presenter: Harold Calla 10 minutes
Q & A's
3. **Community Update (Progress Report on Last Five Years and Current/Future Initiatives/Issues)**
West Vancouver Presenter: Mayor Wood 20 minutes
Squamish Nation Presenter: To be announced 20 minutes
Q & A's
4. **Land Use Plan Presentation**
West Vancouver Official Community Plan
Presenter: Steve Nicholls, Director of Planning, Lands & Permits 20 minutes
Squamish Nation Capilano I-R 5 Master Plan
Presenter: Ruth Nahanee 20 minutes
Q & A's
5. **2010 Olympics**
West Vancouver Update:
Presenter: Kevin Pike, Director of Parks & Community Services 15 minutes
Squamish Nation Update: Chief Jacob 15 minutes
Q & A's
6. **General Discussion/Other Topics (Time Permitting)** 20 minutes

Dinner – 6:30 pm

7. **Closing Remarks**
West Vancouver: Mayor Ron Wood
Squamish Nation: Chief Williams and Chief Jacob

