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## Squamish Connect

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## New Comment

### Lilian Shams-Amiri (Squamish Nation) posted a comment

*Hello Josh,*

*On behalf of the Squamish Nation, we appreciate the opportunity to provide comments on the proposed updates to the Official Community Plan in response to recent provincial housing legislation. Please note these are our preliminary reviews based on the referral letter submitted.*

*Our preliminary review identifies the following priorities and considerations:*

- 1. Housing & Social Infrastructure: Ensure safe, equitable, and affordable housing options for Squamish Nation members within new developments, including assisted living homes and elders' centers.*
- 2. Economic Development: Incorporate procurement opportunities for Squamish-owned businesses in construction and services, and provide employment and training programs for Squamish members.*
- 3. Cultural Recognition: Commit to Snichem naming for streets, parks, and public spaces; include Squamish artists and cultural signage in design guidelines; and require cultural training for staff involved in planning and implementation.*
- 4. Climate & Sustainability: Reference Squamish Nation's Climate Legacy Strategy and adopt net-zero building standards (clean energy, renewables, water conservation, stormwater management). Ensure environmentally safe materials for any in-water or structural works.*
- 5. Environmental & Archaeological Considerations: Require Archaeological Overview Assessments for all areas with ground disturbance potential and implement environmental monitoring by a QEP during construction and maintenance (up to five years).*
- 6. Connectivity & Services: Improve transportation links to reserves for access to amenities and ensure health and emergency services are accessible to Squamish members.*
- 7. Referral Process: Upload individual project referrals for any construction or ground*

*disturbance under this initiative for Squamish Nation review via Squamish Connect. We look forward to continued engagement on these updates and request confirmation that these considerations will be integrated into the planning process.*

*Thanks,  
Lilian*

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– Engagement Plan/Referral Process

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