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Squamish Nation



Señákw Development Update

The Señákw Development is being led by a partnership created between the Squamish Nation, its economic development arm, Nch'kay Development Corporation, and Westbank, under the partnership name Senakw.

The project team is working closely with the City of Vancouver, Metro Vancouver, and the Vancouver Parks Board and will continue to do so throughout the development of the project. Moving forward we are committed to keeping you, as our neighbors, updated regularly as the Señákw Development progresses.

As part of that commitment, we are excited to share our latest update about work that has begun onsite, work that will occur over the next six weeks, and additional project information.

Site Preparation

- On August 12, the Squamish Nation held a Blessing Ceremony on the site. The ceremony was held to honour the Skwxwu7mesh ancestors who lived at Senakw and to honour the land and trees before altering the land.
- In preparation for construction of Phase 1, most of the land must be cleared to create room for site trailers, provision of temporary power and water, a construction access from 1st Avenue, laydown areas and other construction related uses. This will include the removal of most of the shrubbery, trees, and other materials within the Reserve. As part of Phase 1 construction, some trees located adjacent to the Phase 1 excavation within the licence area for the laneway through Vanier Park will also be removed.
- The area being used for construction of the laneway adjacent to the Reserve represents about 0.60 of one hectare (1.5 acres) and the laneway located on this land will be designed to meet City of Vancouver standards with street trees, sidewalks, street lighting and a separated bicycle lane that will connect to the existing cycling network and the Burrard Street bridge. The City of Vancouver will maintain the laneway as part of the Servicing Agreement. When completed, this publicly accessible laneway will be augmented by 2.4 hectares (6 acres) of open public space in the future development, including green spaces, walking trails, building plazas, and space beneath the bridge which will be programmed for recreation and sports.
- Protective fencing is being erected around the construction site to ensure safety for pedestrians and cyclists in the area and for the safety of site workers..

Señákw at a Glance

When Señákw is completed, it will be a vibrant community open to the public, much like the former Olympic Village has become with its plaza and parkland. Señákw will include:

- 6,077 much needed rental homes, with the vast majority designated as market rentals – 250 of the homes will be set aside for Squamish Nation community members
- 20%, or approximately 1,200 of the rental units, will be affordable
- Canada’s first Indigenous led large scale net zero carbon housing development
- the goal of being 100% GHG free for the operations phase, with Señákw’s heating and cooling to be produced by a new 10MW district energy system, and fed by waste heat from sewer infrastructure
- 4,181 square metres (45,000 square feet) of mass timber construction, which has 50% less carbon than typical concrete construction
- A 65-75 space daycare facility on site
- 2.4 hectares (6 acres) of publicly accessible open space throughout the site
- Retail spaces to serve the development and the wider community, including a planned grocery store, cafes and fitness centre

Sharing the Land

Señákw has always been a part of the unceded territory of the Skwxwú7mesh Úxwumixw, who were removed forcibly in 1913 when the land was annexed by the City of Vancouver. A court decision in 2003 returned a portion of Señákw to the Squamish People. As Indigenous Peoples, they have a right to live, be self-determined and create prosperity in their own territory.

The development of Señákw has the potential to begin to right the historic injustice against the Squamish People, create a legacy for future generations of Squamish People, and contribute to achieving their goal of economic independence.

The Squamish are coming home and sharing their land with Vancouverites.

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