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Governance is a large and complicated subject. At our September sq'ép on the topic of governance we used breakout groups to focus on the roles and responsibilities of Sq'ewá:lxw community members, leadership, and administration.

We heard the importance of leaders as role models and advocates for the community who have a responsibility for future generations. We discussed how administration organizes community operations and facilitates the sharing of information. We found consensus that community members should be active and engaged in the positive growth of the community.

We believe that the best outcome of the discussion was the new common understanding amongst members, staff, and leadership of each other's role and responsibilities. In the long run this is good for continuing to build good governance in the community. More immediately it is progress on good relationships and working together.



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If you missed our June economic development sq'ép, you will find a summary video at this link:
https://youtu.be/h_IPvckEFng



Don't miss our November sq'ép!

We will be sharing our design concept for the Vision Plan (CCP) and looking for your ideas.

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Language Mini-lesson

Throughout our Vision Project and at all of our sq'ép we have heard the importance of culture - the high importance of building culture into everything we do.

Acting on that guidance a language mini-lesson has been built into the sq'ép process starting with the September gathering.

Our very own Kecia Provost introduced us to the Halq'eméylem alphabet, worked with us on how to make the right sounds with our tongues, shared a few everyday words and a prayer to bless meetings.

Plist the Sq'ép

O Chichelh Siyam, plist the sq'eptset.
Ey kw'omkw'emcha teli s'olh sqwalewel
Xwlam kw'e it toti:lt telowayel. Ey kw'es
Hakw'elestset the s'i:wes the siye:lolxwalh.
Ch'ithometset lam kw'e mekw'stam.
Ey kw'es ste'as
Mukw'tel Stekaw



Blessing a Meeting

O Creator bless this meeting.
Give us Good strength from our soul toward what
We are going to study or meet about today.
It is good to remember our teaching from our forefathers.
We thank you for everything. Amen
All my relations



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Grand Opening at Syéxw Chó:leqw Adventure Park








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Prizes!

We have door prizes at each sq'ép. In addition we are offering a grand prize of \$1,000 at the end of the year with entries accumulated by members by:

-  Attendance at each sq'ép including attendance via Facebook Live;
-  Submission of the feedback form from each sq'ép;
-  Filling out surveys either online or in hardcopy;
-  Submitting pictures, stories, etc.; and
-  At the discretion of the planning champion in recognition of valuable contributions.

We also will be giving a guaranteed prize of \$50 for the ones who attend all meetings and complete all surveys.

Health Sq'ép - Saturday November 3rd, 2018

At our next sq'ép we will be exploring the health services available to members and how we might provide for future services.

Stó:lō Government House

We will come together at 11:30 am, have some lunch, and finish up at 3:30 pm.

