



# Sq'ewá:lxw Sqwélqwel









## The Newsletter of the Sq'ewá:lxw First Nation Vision Project

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### What is the Sq'ewá:lxw First Nation Vision Project?

Working together we will define our future. It is as simple as that. Chief and Council invite all members to participate in guiding our community to a future that is best for all of us.

The *Sq'ewá:lxw First Nation Vision* will:






-  Have its foundation in the inherent title and rights of the people;
-  Be inclusive of all community members;
-  Describe a long-term vision;
-  Honour the past;
-  Embrace change and evolve with time;
-  Address all aspects of community life;
-  Strengthen governance and build capacity; and
-  Include an action plan that will immediately set us on our path.



### Sq'ép (Gatherings)

The *Halq'eméylem* word *sq'ép* means a meeting or a gathering. With community participation being at the heart of this work, planning will take place within community engagement sessions which we will call *sq'ép*. Together we will learn from the past, evaluate the present, and envision the future. In order to give as many people as possible a chance to participate, *Sq'ép* will be on Saturdays following a luncheon meal.

### How Can I Get Involved?

-  Attend monthly *Sq'ép* and work with your friends and family;
-  Regularly review website and Facebook information and reply with your ideas;
-  Share your email address if you would like information to be sent directly to you;
-  Volunteer to take the lead on an issue of particular importance to you; and
-  Share your vision and make the *Sq'ewá:lxw First Nation Vision* your own.

For further information please contact Sharron Young our Sq'ewá:lxw Nation Vision Champion!

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## A Message from Chief and Council

Welcome to this first sqwélqwel (news) of our Sq'ewá:lxw First Nation Vision project.

We are ready and able to plot our own course into the future. We have initiated a process to create a future which is genuine for our people and supportive of a sustainable community. We are pleased to be moving forward on such an important initiative.

We encourage you to get involved and create the future you want to see for your children.

Chief Maureen Chapman  
Councillor Debra Schneider

## How Do I Learn More?

We will be reaching out via the Sq'ewá:lxw website, our Facebook page, postal mail-outs, this newsletter, and email.

Feel free to contact Sharron Young; she would be pleased to speak with you.

We encourage your involvement in whatever way suits you best.

## Save The Date! Saturday August 12th Noon at the Hall in Ruby Creek

We will have lunch and then discussions in the circle until 3 pm. More information on our first Sq'ép will be coming soon!

## Community Vision Statement

We, the Sq'ewá:lxw First Nation strive to achieve a healthy, proud and prosperous community for future generations and for ourselves. We will achieve the goal of building a self-sufficient community with the energy of our Council, the guidance of our community members, and the support of external partner organizations.

## Objectives of the Nation Vision Project

With this Nation Vision project, Sq'ewá:lxw has set out to:

- Empower all Sq'ewá:lxw members through direct involvement;
- Build the personal and collective strength of the people through coaching and mentorship;
- Bring forward and celebrate tradition and culture as a common thread in the work;
- Promote healing and reconciliation through positive action;
- Protect and enhance all manner of natural and cultural resources which support the community;
- Boost economic opportunities and entrepreneurship; and
- Facilitate the growth of a healthy and happy community on Sq'ewá:lxw land.

