

Hiỷáṁ Housing believes that every Skwxwú7mesh member deserves to be housed according to their individual needs. Our goal is to meet our members where they are at and ensure they feel valued and supported, regardless of their circumstances. We are committed to providing compassionate care to all our members.

Es<u>kék</u>xwi7ch tl'a Sp'á<u>k</u>w'us Place is a 27-unit development that will provide supports for vulnerable S<u>k</u>wxwú7mesh members. These homes will be exclusively for S<u>k</u>wxwú7mesh members: priority is given to vulnerable women and their children experiencing or at risk of homelessness. The second priority is for the homeless or at the risk of homeless who are families, elders, people with disabilities, and LGBTQ2SIA+.

Each tenant will receive ample support in these units to ensure long-term stability and wellness while paying the maximum shelter rental rates for Income Assistance. This development will include a mix of studio, one-bedroom, and two-bedroom units. There will be a community kitchen serving two cold meals a day, plus snacks, with one hot lunch provided monthly.

It will be built on two pillars: culturally supported housing and The Sacred Circle. Culturally supported housing includes traditional medicine gardens, teachings, and gathering, Elders and cultural mentor support, access to traditional foods, and traditional skills building. Before colonization, our people believed in and lived The Sacred Circle, in which our children and youth were at the centre and our entire focus. This pillar will include parenting support programs, talking circles, and support groups with a focus on addressing, healing, and preventing family violence.





How to apply for Affordable Homes with Supports at Eskékxwi7ch tl'a Sp'ákw'us Place:

Location: Siyich'em Reserve

41139 Government Road Squamish, BC V8B 1E2

Step 1 – Get a copy of the housing application

- 1. You can download a copy of the application on our website at www.hiyamhousing.com/apply-for-housing/
- 2. Pick up a copy of the application at the Hiýám Housing Society
- **3.** Call our office at 604-210-9126, and we can have the application emailed or mailed

<u>Step 2 – Fill out the application form</u>

- **1.** Type in your information, or you can handwrite your information
- 2. Please make sure all the information is filled in
- **3.** If you need help with the application, please call our office at 604-210-9126

*Important: If your application is missing information, a Hiýám Housing Society staff member will contact you directly via phone or email, and it remains inactive until all required information is received.

<u>Step 3 – Submit your application in one of these ways:</u>

- 1. In person during office hours at 336 West 4th Street, North Vancouver; or
- 2. By email: applications@hiyamhousing.com; or
- 3. By regular mail to 336 West 4th Street, North Vancouver, V7M 1J1

<u>Step 4 – What to expect after you submit your application:</u>

- 1. You will receive a letter confirming we have received your application, and it will have a reference number.
- **2.** If you are missing information on your housing application, we will contact you by mail, email, or phone.

Applications MUST be received in the office by 4:30 pm on September 29, 2023

Before you send us your application, please make sure to:

- 1. Answer all questions to the best of your ability
- 2. Clearly print if you are filling your form in by hand
- **3.** Give us a mailing address or email address so we can send you a "Letter of Confirmation"