

# **DEVELOPMENT UPDATE**

Here's what we've been working on over the last few months:



#### Archeology Consultant RFP Process

We consulted with Squamish Nation on Environmental Assessment (EA) Certificate Condition 36 – Archeology, including what the work should include and which consultants Squamish Nation recommends to complete the work respectfully and in line with the Nation's archaeological process and standards. We awarded the assignment to EcoLogic Consultants Ltd. and are excited to see this important work advance through the rest of 2022 and into 2023.



#### Main Access Road and Highway Interchange

We have retained WSP, one of the most active transportation engineering firms in BC, to begin preliminary design of the access road and interchange. This includes geological evaluation of the mountain, understanding the EA Certificate conditions to design accordingly, and developing hydrological models so that the road design does not disrupt watercourses in the project area. This work will continue through to the end of 2022.



#### Referrals to Squamish Nation

We have submitted the draft Master Plan, and the draft report for EA Condition 22 – Biodiversity Retention and Environmental Management Plan to Squamish Nation for review. This is an important step for the project and we are excited to continue ongoing review and consultation with Squamish Nation on some of our formative documents.

### 5 THINGS YOU DIDN'T KNOW ABOUT THE CHIEF

- **1** The Chief was formed 100 million years ago in the early Cretaceous period
- 2 It is part of a pluton of a granitic rock formed by the slow cooling and solidification of molten magma deep below the surface of the Earth
- **3** Glacial erosion created the tall steep walls characteristic of The Chief (this area was under an ice sheet over 1 mile thick until the glaciers of the last Ice Age started to retreat over 10,000 years ago)
- 4 The mountain is called Siám' Smánit in the Skwxwú7mesh language (siám' is usually translated as "chief")
- 5 You know that black basalt formation that goes all the way up The Chief? Skwxwú7mesh legend says the striking black streak was left by the skin of Sínulhkay, a giant two-headed sea serpent



#### A COAST SALISH BED AND BREAKFAST IN FALL

This rendering portrays a Coast Salish Bed and Breakfast in the fall. As the natural world prepares for winter, different activities, foods, and experiences become available for resort guests and businesses. This rendering shows bed and breakfast accommodation designed based on Coast Salish forms, with Coast Salish furnishings and dining experiences. Outside, guests can enjoy guided interpretive walks to learn more about plants, animals, and the seasons, or simply enjoy the changing fall colours in the spectacular mountain setting.

Rendering by Derek Lee of PWL Architects Squamish Nation culture and history provided by Shamantsut Amanda Nahanee and Chief Ian Campbell

## SEPTEMBER 30<sup>TH</sup> IS THE NATIONAL DAY OF TRUTH AND RECONCILIATION

Friday, September 30<sup>th</sup> is the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation, also known as Orange Shirt Day, a day to commemorate the victims of the Canadian Indian residential school system. Orange Shirt Day began in 2013 inspired by Phyllis Jack Webstad of the Stswecem'c Xgat'tem First Nation, whose personal clothing - including a new orange shirt - was taken from her during her first day of residential school. Now, the orange shirt stands as a symbol of the forced assimilation of Indigenous children that the residential school system enforced.

To participate and learn more, here are a few resources and events:

- Free admission to the Skwxwú7mesh Lilwat7úl (Squamish Lil'wat) Cultural Centre September 30-October 2
- Intergenerational March to Commemorate Orange Shirt Day at UBC September 30th @ 11am-2:30pm
- OrangePath.ca and NCTR.ca