

Squamish Lil'wat Cultural Centre in Whistler welcomes guests to commemorate National Day for Truth and Reconciliation on Saturday September 30.

**September 22, 2023, (Whistler, BC)** - The Squamish Lil'wat Cultural Centre in Whistler (SLCC) – the heart of Whistler's authentic Indigenous experience, **welcomes guests on Saturday, September 30 to commemorate** National Day for Truth and Reconciliation with a full day of immersive programming. The SLCC is grateful to be supported by Proud Partner CIBC offering Free Admission on Saturday, September 30 along with programming supported by the Fairmont Chateau Whistler and the Resort Municipality of Whistler.

September 30 will be a day of listening, learning and reflection at the SLCC, filled with programming throughout the Great Hall, Theatre, Galleries, and out on the Mezzanine patio. Visitors can hear the Guest Speaker Series, experience Spo7ez cultural sharing, carving demonstration, immersive crafts, First Nations-inspired cuisine and explore books for learning, authentic art and keepsakes.

In commemoration of the day of observation, guests can experience the extended programming on Saturday, September 30, or on Sunday, October 1 guests will be welcomed for regular operations including guided tours of the Museum. The SLCC Ambassadors will take Monday, October 2 to rest and be with family, and the SLCC returns to regular operations on October 3rd, open Tuesday through Sunday 10 am – 5 pm.

The SLCC has experienced unexpected flooding caused by a broken pipe that urgently requires repairs, and is forced to **temporarily close starting Sunday, September 24 through Friday, September 29**. The SLCC sincerely apologizes for any inconvenience, and looks forward to welcoming guests to visit through Saturday, September 23, 5 pm and when it reopens at 10 am on Saturday September 30.

The SLCC welcomes community members and guests to show support by wearing orange to honour the children, survivors and families of Residential Schools for Orange Shirt Day / National Day for Truth and Reconciliation on September 30. The SLCC Gallery and Gift Shop offers Orange shirts - available for purchase in-store until 5 pm on September 23, and available for purchase online at <a href="slcc.ca/shop/orange-shirt">slcc.ca/shop/orange-shirt</a>, with pick up available on Friday, September 29. Purchasing at the SLCC Gallery & Gift Shop supports authentic Indigenous Artists and meaningful employment for members of the Squamish Nation and Lil'wat Nation.



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Tuesday, October 3 to Sunday, October 8 will be the final week for guests to see the feature exhibition <u>Unceded: A Photographic Journey into Belonging</u> - a moving exhibition showcasing the Skwxwú7mesh and the Lilwat7úl and their enduring presence and connection to the land. The <u>100 Years of Unity</u> exhibition celebrating the Amalgamation of Skwxwú7mesh Úxwumixw (Squamish Nation) compliments the Unceded Exhibition well for guests looking to learn the areas rich history.

Open today through Saturday, September 23
Closed Sunday, September 24 through Friday, September 29
Open Saturday, September 30 - National Day for Truth and Reconciliation
Open Sunday, October 1
Closed Monday, October 2 (Closed Mondays)
Open Tuesday, October 3 (Open Tuesday – Sunday)

Shop online orange shirts, books for learning and authentic keepsakes at <a href="slcc.ca/shop">slcc.ca/shop</a> To learn more about National Day for Truth and Reconciliation visit <a href="slcc.ca/ndtr">slcc.ca/ndtr</a> See the full programming schedule for September 30 at <a href="slcc.ca/ndtr-at-the-slcc/">slcc.ca/ndtr-at-the-slcc/</a> Stay updated on SLCC operating hours at <a href="slcc.ca/visit">slcc.ca/visit</a>

Huy Chexw (thank you) Wa Chexw Yuu (Take care) – Squamish Language Kukw`stumc`kalap (Thank-you all) – Lil'wat Language

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## **About Squamish Lil'wat Cultural Centre (SLCC)**

Spo7ez Cultural Centre and Community Society is a registered Canadian charity and the first centre of its kind in Canada. The Squamish Nation and Lil'wat Nation came together to celebrate and share our cultures with the world while creating meaningful employment opportunities for members of both nations. By sharing where we are from and where we are going, our visitors acquire a greater understanding of our Nations and the shared territories that Whistler resides upon.

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