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Feature Exhibition *Ta na wa Yúus ta Stitúyntsáḥ* / *skel7áwłh* opens Tuesday, April 30, 2024, at the Squamish Lil'wat Cultural Centre in Whistler, B.C.

April 26, 2024, Skwxwú7mesh / Lil'wat7úl (Whistler, BC) - The Squamish Lil'wat Cultural Centre (SLCC) invites guests to experience its latest exhibition: *Ta na wa Yúus ta Stitúyntsáḥ* / *skel7áwłh* (*The person who protects the land / Steward of the land*)

The SLCC's spring feature exhibition shares that the Skwxwú7mesh Úxwumixw and Lil'wat7úl have been caring for their territory since the beginning of their creation stories. Their stories are written on the land, they use their stories to teach their history and virtues. The *Ta na wa Yúus ta Stitúyntsáḥ* (The person who protects the land) of the Skwxwú7mesh Úxwumixw and the *skel7áwłh* (Steward of the land) of the Lil'wat7úl are roles shared by all of the responsible and respectable people of their Nations. Historically, there were some who specialized in certain areas but it was a role shared by all. In recent years the roles have been taken up by the Administration Departments who work with partners to care for the land.

This exhibition shares some of the work done to help restore the balance and harmony in the Skwxwú7mesh Úxwumixw (Squamish Nation) territory and the Lil'wat7úl (Lil'wat Nation) territory with our neighbours and partners.

Curator Mixalhítsa7 Alison Pascal shares "It has been very interesting to learn more about the roles and responsibilities that we as Lil'wat Nation members have in caring for the land and to learn more about Squamish practices. I look forward to learning even more as people come in to visit the exhibition and connect to it from their own perspectives."

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The Squamish Lil'wat Cultural Centre invites Media, Nation Members, SLCC Allyship Partners, and SLCC Members to a Curator Tour on Tuesday April 30, at 3pm. Guests can view the exhibition in Gallery 3 of the Museum, opening on Tuesday, April 30, 2024, and running until June 30, 2024. Guests can join a public Curator Tour at 1pm on Friday May 3.

The SLCC is open Tuesday through Sunday, 10am – 5pm (Closed Monday), and occasionally closes early for private events - plan your visit at slcc.ca/visit

To learn more visit: <https://slcc.ca/exhibits/steward-of-the-land/>



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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. www.slcc.ca



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