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shíshálh Nation Commits Five-Year Funding Support to Arrowhead Clubhouse

SECHELT, BC (April 27, 2026) Arrowhead Clubhouse is honoured to receive a five-year funding commitment from the shíshálh Nation, strengthening a longstanding relationship rooted in community, mutual learning, and shared care for mental health and wellbeing.

The shíshálh Nation has committed \$25,000 annually for five years, providing Arrowhead with stable funding that will support its programs and allow for long-term planning. A cheque was recently presented to Arrowhead staff and members, marking an important milestone in the partnership.

“Our relationship with the shíshálh Nation is very important to us here at Arrowhead, and we are proud to play a role in the ongoing work of reconciliation, healing, and justice,” said Arrowhead Clubhouse Project Lead Foy Hatton. “Many of our members are also Nation members, and we learn so much when the Nation hosts workshops and gatherings at Arrowhead. This five-year commitment gives us stability and hope. We asked the community for support, and the shíshálh Nation stepped forward immediately — and generously.”

Arrowhead Clubhouse is a community-based program where adults can access support, develop life skills, and build meaningful relationships in a safe, welcoming environment. The program follows a recovery-oriented approach that emphasizes belonging, purpose, and participation in daily activities. Over the past eight years, the Arrowhead community has intentionally created space for honest conversations about intergenerational trauma, addiction, and mental health, contributing to a more inclusive and reflective clubhouse culture.

Today, 23 per cent of Arrowhead’s regular attendees identify as Indigenous, including 11 per cent who are members of the shíshálh Nation.

“For many of our shíshálh Nation members, Arrowhead Clubhouse has been a place of support, connection, and healing,” said hiwus kwa’saʔlahuet Warren Paull. “We recognize and thank their team for the important role they continue to play in the wellbeing of our community.”

Arrowhead staff are committed to making the clubhouse a safe and welcoming space for First Nations members, volunteers, and visitors. In recent years, Arrowhead has worked closely with Calvin Joe-Mayes, Alfonso (Sito) Salinas, and Jasmine Joe from Red Cedar Woman Studio to host workshops on cedar weaving, Devil’s Club, and shíshálh Nation history and culture.

“We also want to extend a special thank you to Arrowhead member Calvin Joe-Mayes, now a Mental Health Program Assistant with the shíshálh Nation,” said Hatton. “Calvin shared his lived experience and Arrowhead journey with Chief and Council, helping bring this partnership to life.”

Arrowhead looks forward to continued, meaningful dialogue with the shíshálh Nation about how best to support shíshálh people and, as a trusted community hub, contribute to wellbeing, connection, and belonging.

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