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To: ["Direct to Mayor and Council - DL"](#)

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Subject: Upcoming news release: Vancouver Book Award (September 23)

Dear Mayor and Council,

The City will be issuing the below news release on Tuesday, September 23 regarding the recipient of the 2025 Vancouver Book Award. Maria will share the Vancouver.ca and social links when these are live.

Thanks,
Donny

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Squamish Nation's *Tiná7 Cht Ti Temíxw: We Come From This Land* wins 2025 City of Vancouver Book Award



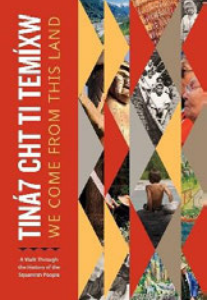
The City of Vancouver is proud to announce that the Squamish Nation has won the 2025 City of Vancouver Book Award for their book *Tiná7 Cht Ti Temíxw: We Come From This Land*.

The annual City of Vancouver Book Award has been recognizing authors of excellence in any genre since 1989. This year's finalists were selected by an independent jury representing the diversity of Vancouver's literary community: Hari Alluri, Tina May and Carolyn Nakagawa.

The jury shared the following reflection on the award-winning book: "*Tiná7 Cht Ti Temíxw: We Come From This Land: A Walk Through the History of the Squamish People* is a heft of achievement. Designed and illustrated beautifully, deeply informative and integrative of such richness, it carries millennia within its pages: ancient stories, colonial devastation, rigorous reclamation and contemporary expressions of culture steeped in relations between land, water and people. This is living history grounded in detailed knowing and where

knowledge comes from. Feel this book as a tradition of music, as crucial and stellar document, as artistic treasure to return to gratefully over and again. *Tiná7 Cht Ti Temíxw* will no doubt be both touchstone and inspiration to generations of future work."

About the winning book

	Title:	<i>Tiná7 Cht Ti Temíxw: We Come From This Land: A Walk Through the History of the Squamish People</i>
	Author:	Sk'waxwumixw (Squamish Nation)
	Publisher:	Page Two
About:	<p>A story of the Sk'waxwumixw (Squamish Nation): past, present, and future. One hundred years after Sk'waxwumixw (Squamish) leadership signed an amalgamation agreement that declared several communities in Squamish territory as one nation, this accessible history of the Sk'waxwumixw people traces our stories from ancient times to the present. <i>Tiná7 Cht Ti Temíxw: We Come from This Land</i> offers the culmination of generations of knowledge about the Squamish People and Sk'waxwumixw (Squamish People's Territory).</p>	

2025 shortlisted titles

In addition to the winning book, the following titles were shortlisted for this year's award:

- *Crash Landing* by Li Charmaine Anne (Annick Press)
- *Under the White Gaze* by Christopher Cheung (UBC Press, Purich Books)
- *The Tenants* by Pat Dobie (Anvil Press)
- *Cap City Swagger* by Mercedes Eng (Talon Books)
- *The Best Place* by Danya Fast (Rutgers University Press)
- *Crooked Teeth* by Danny Ramadan (Viking)

The winning book will be officially honoured at a City of Vancouver recognition event this fall alongside recipients of the [Awards of Excellence \[LINK\]](#) and the [Vancouver Heritage Awards \[LINK\]](#).

Learn more about the Vancouver Book Award, including the 2025 shortlist and information about the selection panel at [Vancouver.ca/BookAward](https://vancouver.ca/BookAward).

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