

## The Official Community Plan



The OCP was adopted at the June 15, 2010 Council Meeting replacing the former community plan, adopted in 1998. The Official Community Plan is the primary vision document for the District, establishing long-term policy objectives and directions on a variety of issues related to the growth and evolution of the community.

"This document is one of the leading Official Community Plans in the province and something the whole community can be proud of," said Mayor Greg Gardner. "While it is a 'living document' and there will be changes to it as time moves forward, it is the visionary document for our community and will guide our future decisions."

The completion of the new Official Community Plan is the result of Council's renewed commitment to update and finalize the 2007 Draft and incorporates new legislative changes and recent policy directions by Council into the Plan.

Council's sustainability commitment for the future and guiding principles prepared by the Citizen Advisory Committee are included throughout the Plan and include growth management strategies, reductions, targets and actions to reduce green house gas emissions.

For over a year, workshops, consultations and Council workshops were held to obtain input from the community on the draft Plan and to discuss a range of issues and land use designation request changes. The results added several new policy sections and refinements that make up the final Official Community Plan.

The overall goal is to protect and enhance the livability and sustainability of our community and to embrace and benefit from the opportunities before us creating a complete community where resident can "live, learn, work and play" in harmony while maintaining the nature of our town as the Outdoor Recreation Capital of Canada.

To view the Adopted Official Community Plan, visit [www.squamish.ca](http://www.squamish.ca).

## Squamish Sports Legacy Trust Funds

The District is soliciting proposals for the use of the \$750,000 Squamish Sports Legacy Funds. The Vancouver Olympic Organizing Committee provided the funds to the community of Squamish in support of community sport and recreation facilities in the District.

The Squamish sport legacy trust recognizes the past, current and future support, time and resources that Squamish provided the 2010 Games in the Sea to Sky region. Proposals do not necessarily need to be proponent built. The District is open to receiving project ideas that may be constructed by the District.

Further information and/or Proposal documents may be obtained from Municipal Hall at 37955 Second Avenue. The deadline to submit proposals is September 30, 2010.

## Service Squamish Initiative



The District recently launched the Squamish Service Initiative that will redefine how the District of Squamish provides the core services of local government. It is about envisioning, defining, and achieving excellence in local governance for residents, investors, Council, and employees.

The seven primary elements to reach the goal of excellence in local government in Squamish are to: Align Resources; Provide Strong Leadership; Streamline Processes; Provide Effective Communications; Create Long-term Strategies; Provide Strategic Financial Management and Accountability.

The first step in the new Service Squamish Initiative is realigning the organizational chart to mirror community and stakeholders needs and provide synergies that can increase capacity and efficiency in the organization. This new structure reorganizes and aligns different departments into five new business units each managed by a General Manager.

Each department will go through a core service review process to streamline processes and optimize resources. The core service review will result in a final report with recommendations to improve performance, to balance service levels, to streamline processes, to combine processes and to improve morale.

The Service Squamish Initiative can be viewed online at [www.squamish.ca](http://www.squamish.ca).

## Community Parks

### Come Out and Play!

Several parks in Squamish now have new playground equipment designed for children ages 2-12.

Kids can enjoy climbing walls, overhead parallel bars, teeter totters, stand up spinners, slides and more.

Check out the new playgrounds at:  
Arrowhead Park - Brackendale  
McNaughton Park - Valleycliffe  
Jura Park - Garibaldi Highlands  
Porcupine Parks - Garibaldi Highlands

Stan Clarke Park is now more accessible with roll-over curb access to the picnic area.



## Summer Construction Around Squamish

This summer Squamish is going to be busier than normal for road construction; meaning there will be road construction delays. Your patience through this busy season is much appreciated.

Some tips to help you get through the summer road construction season.

- Listen to Mountain FM for traffic delay information and for regular updates visit [www.squamish.ca](http://www.squamish.ca)
- Remember traffic control people are there to ensure everyone's safety and to ensure safe travel through the construction zone. In B.C., fines are more than double for people who ignore flaggers and speed through construction zones.

Thank you for your patience and have a safe, happy summer. Any questions please contact Brian Barnett at [bbarnett@squamish.ca](mailto:bbarnett@squamish.ca) or 604.815.6878.

## Skyline Drive and Skyline Place

*Funded – DOS Capital Fund*

This project includes reconstruction of the road base, improvements to the storm water system and a new retaining wall to address slope stability issues. Part of the project is the installation of a new watermain to improve fire flows in the area.

## Downtown Squamish

Traffic Calming – Buckley Avenue

*Funded- 2010 Capital Fund*

There have been a number of pedestrian safety concerns on Buckley Avenue in the residential area and near the Squamish Elementary School. The District of Squamish intends to install traffic-calming measures to improve pedestrian safety in the area.

## Garibaldi Estates

Government Road Trunk Sewer

*Funded – Three Government Partnership 1/3 Federal, 1/3 Provincial and 1/3 Municipal*

A large section of the existing main sewer line on Government Road will be replaced with a larger line to accommodate future flows and allow the District to eliminate an old pump station. The new pipe will be installed between Mamquam Road and Harris Road.

This will result in traffic disruptions. The contractor will be required to execute a tightly controlled traffic management plan to minimize congestion. Staff will work with local residents, businesses and the school to minimize disruptions.

## Valleycliffe

Mamquam River Watermain Crossing

A major watermain crosses the Mamquam River in the upper section (near the kayak whitewater gates). This is a critical piece of infrastructure and is an essential component of our distribution system.

This project includes repairs to the existing concrete support structures and a new pipe section over the river at a higher elevation to avoid further damage by logs and high water flows.

## Asphalt Maintenance Program

The annual asphalt maintenance program identifies roads throughout Squamish that require improvements to maintain a safe and comfortable travel surface. The program resumes this summer with a number of roads identified. The final schedule will be posted on [www.squamish.ca](http://www.squamish.ca).

## 2031 Multi-Modal Transportation Study

A 2031 Multi-Modal Transportation Plan Study has been launched to help define Squamish's Long Term Transportation Objectives and the District is looking for public input.

The study will result in a plan that is both visionary and strategic that balances the community's aspirations with its physical and fiscal constraints. The Study will take approximately 12 months to complete and will deliver a plan that includes all modes of transportation up to the year 2031 and beyond.

The 2031 Multi-Modal Transportation Plan will be the overarching transportation policy document for the District of Squamish. It is a fundamental document supporting the long-term vision established by the new Official Community Plan (OCP).

In addition, it will enable and inform several other policy and strategic initiatives including the amendment of the District's servicing standards, and the Development Cost Charge Bylaw.

It is also the principal document that will inform strategic and fiscal planning with respect to future transportation infrastructure and the 20-year roads and capital plan.

Several opportunities have been planned for the public and stakeholders to inform the study and to provide their ideas for the best solution for Squamish's transportation future. More information on the study, as well as details on how to become involved can be found at [www.squamish.ca](http://www.squamish.ca).

## Ring Creek Road Now Open

Ring Creek Road is now open to the public. The road was closed in the fall when part of the road washed out. The road has since been repaired and came through under budget. Any questions regarding Ring Creek Road please contact Brian Barnett at 604.815.6878.

## FireSmart

**Be proactive, be practical, and be FireSmart.**



“Wildland forest fires are capable of spreading at an astonishing rate. Crowning forest fires often spread at up to 5.5 kilometres per hour, with spotting as far as 2 kilometres ahead. Wind blown grass fires can spread at speeds up to 8.5 kilometres per hour.

**The time to reduce the threat of wildfire is now, not when a fire is at your doorstep.**

### Changes to Campfire Regulations

New regulations restrict the size of campfires in British Columbia. The changes are being implemented to provide the public with consistent requirements aimed at reducing the risk of wildfires caused by escaped campfires. More information is available at [www.FireSafeBC.ca](http://www.FireSafeBC.ca) or at [www.BCWildfire.ca](http://www.BCWildfire.ca).

**To report a wildfire or unattended campfire, call \*5555 on your cellphone, or toll-free to 1-800-663-5555.**