



District UPDATE

July 17, 2009

FireSmart - Reduce the Risk to Your Property

FireSmart Community

Applying FireSmart preventative measures can help reduce the risk of fire damage to your property. To help showcase these standards, the Squamish Emergency Program (SEP) and community partners will 'FireSmart' one property in Paradise Valley.

The crew will come in advance and FireSmart one half of the property. On September 6, all Squamish residents will be invited to the property to see the 'before and after' and discuss FireSmart with SEP and community partners from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. During the event, SEP will hold a barbecue and provide burgers, hot dogs and beverages for everyone who attends. The crew will return to complete the work.

The Paradise Valley property will be chosen by random draw. To enter the draw, visit our website - www.squamish.ca - and follow the contest link. The winner will be announced August 13, 2009.

Squamish Emergency Program personnel will have an information booth set up at the Bailey Bridge on July 20, 21 & 24 from 3 p.m. - 6 p.m. to provide information about Emergency Preparedness and



the FireSmart event.

SEP would also like to take this opportunity to update the Paradise Valley Emergency Communications Plan and the emergency phone fan-out list.

For more information, call the Squamish Emergency Program office at 604.815.5060.

Adventure Centre Off-Ramp Opening



A New Off-ramp from Highway 99 Opened Thursday, July 16, 2009 Allowing Northbound Motorists Easy Access to the Centre.

“As the Welcome Centre for visitors to the Sea-to-Sky region, having easy access from the highway is paramount,” said Mayor Greg Gardner. “We anticipate the new ramp will have a significant impact on the number of visitors using the centre.”

“We have an amazing building in a great location, but because it’s not visible from the intersections used to access it, some visitors were missing us,” said Rob Kirkham, Chair of the Squamish Sustainability Corporation, located in the Adventure Centre. “We’ll now be able to draw those people in and do what we do best – showcase all that Squamish has to offer!”

The District of Squamish worked hard to achieve an exit off the highway to access the Adventure Centre and funnel traffic back to downtown.

The District of Squamish funded the project in its entirety – budgeting \$350,000 and bringing it in on budget.

The Squamish Adventure Centre opened to the public in the summer of 2005. It is operated by the Squamish Sustainability Corporation, a wholly owned entity of the District of Squamish. The Adventure Centre provides information and services to visitors and is currently home to Tourism Squamish and the Squamish Chamber of Commerce.

Thank You From Bear Aware

Human/bear Conflict Numbers are Down and the District of Squamish and Bear Aware Would Like to Thank All Residents for:

- Storing recycling totes where bears can’t gain access.
- Washing out all recycling to reduce odours.
- Using baking soda to reduce odours.
- Locking garbage totes at all times.
- Cleaning garbage totes to reduce odours.
- Placing garbage and recycling totes curbside only on the morning of collection.



The Bear Aware/Bear Smart program is a community-based initiative and it takes a community to effect change. Keep up the good work!

[For more information about Bear Aware click here](#)

Squamish Transit Ride to Win Contest



Squamish Transit Ride to Brennan Park and Win Contest

Celebrating the new bus service to Brennan Park, the District and Squamish Transit held a poster and essay contest to inspire kids to draw and write about alternative transportation options promoting a greener environment. The celebration also including a chance to win a fabulous family prize pack by just riding the bus to Brennan Park Recreation Centre during the first week of July.

On Friday, July 10 the winners were announced at the Brennan Park welcome celebration that included drinks and snacks (courtesy of Nesters Market).

Congratulations to all the winners and a big thank you to all the participants and we will see you at Brennan Park!

[Squamish Transit bus schedule](#)

Water Restrictions Reminder



Reminder - Phase 3 Water Conservation Plan is now in effect.

Even numbered street addresses – lawn watering twice a week between 4:00 am – 9:00 am & 7:00 pm – 10:00 pm on Wednesdays and Saturdays.

Odd numbered street addresses – lawn watering twice a week between 4:00 am – 9:00 am & 7:00 pm – 10:00 pm on Thursdays and Sundays.

For further update/notice please phone the Operations Department at 604.815.6868.

For water smart tips visit www.squamish.ca

Thank you for your cooperation

Public Meeting - Bike Lanes & Parking in Valleycliffe

PUBLIC MEETING

BIKE LANES & PARKING

**Please bring this notice
with you for voting.**

July 23, 2009

6:30 - 8:30 p.m.

Valleycliffe Elementary School

The District of Squamish invites the community to discuss the options for the planned bicycle lanes on Westway Avenue.

Engineering staff will be on hand to describe the options and answer questions.

*Light refreshments
will be provided.*



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