



June 5, 2009

June 8 - Graduation Day for 14 Squamish Fire Rescue Volunteers



On June 8, fourteen dedicated community members will join the volunteer ranks with Squamish Fire Rescue. The graduation ceremony will mark the end of close to 200 hours of firefighter recruit training, and mark the beginning of ongoing weekly training sessions and countless emergency call outs.

Fire Chief Ray Saurette said, "Squamish is the beneficiary of the tireless work and commitment of highly trained and professional volunteers who dedicate countless hours to the safety and well being of this community."

For more on this story visit www.squamish.ca

Town Hall Meeting- June 23, 2009



District of Squamish to Host Town Hall Meeting

District of Squamish Council will be hosting a Town Hall Meeting on Tuesday, June 23, 2009 at 7 p.m. at the Eagle Eye Theatre at the Howe Sound Secondary School.

This Town Hall meeting will have an open Q & A with Council providing a setting for the public to discuss local issues with Council members.

District Council is also asking the Community for comments and feedback on these two issues:

Sustainability Block - The Sustainability Block project proposes that a specific block (or cross-section of blocks) be redeveloped as a showcase of design innovations for streetscapes, landscapes, and technologies.

Community Power Project - tell us what you think about the possibility of Squamish partnering on an energy project.

The 2008 Annual Report will also be available to the public.

****Please note the date change from last week's email to June 23****

Squamish Emergency Program



SEP is Hosting a **Drive-In Theatre** event in partnership with the Squamish Coast Guard Auxiliary

Sunday, June 7, 2009

Showing Indiana Jones - Raiders of the Lost Ark
New Location - All Weather Fields at Brennan Park Recreation Centre

Gates open at 7:30 p.m.

Show starts at Dusk

Admission by donation

Squamish is working towards becoming a Disaster Resilient community.

SEP has been providing Emergency Social Services, Emergency Communications, and Search and Rescue in the Squamish area for over 30 years.

Squamish Rocks 2010



Squamish Rocks 2010 Event

Sunday, June 14, 2009

12 p.m. - 3 p.m.

Squamish Adventure Centre, 38551 Loggers Lane

The District of Squamish and the Vancouver Organizing Committee for the 2010 Olympic and Paralympic Winter Games invite you to a celebration of Squamish athletes, volunteers, recreation and culture. Featuring:

Local national team athletes including gold medallist Aleisha Cline

Entertainment with Dana Marie, The Jocelyn Band, Bitterly Divine and The Paperboys

Interactive sport demos and kids' activities

Sneak peek at the 2010 Olympic Torch

The 2010 Winter Games mascots – Miga, Quatchi and Sumi

**Don't miss a very special announcement with
Mayor Greg Gardner and Dan Doyle,
VANOC Special Liaison to Squamish
at 1:45 p.m.**

Council Meeting Brief



PROCLAMATIONS

June 13, 2009 - Wheels in Motion Day

Council proclaimed June 13, 2009 as Wheels in Motion Day in the District of Squamish. Council was challenged to include a team and to open the event.

Greener Footprints

Tracy Saxby advised Council and the community of the kick off of the plastic bag reduction – reusable bag initiative launch and announced bags will be delivered door-to-door.

Community Futures: Howe Sound Re: Sea to Sky Multi-Cultural Networking Project

The District of Squamish supports the Sea to Sky Multi-Cultural Networking Project with a contribution of \$22,500 for office space, subject to the office space being rented in the amount of \$22,500 from the Adventure Centre and subject to availability of office space at the Adventure Centre

Greyhound Bus Route Elimination

Council opposed the application by Greyhound Canada to eliminate the route between Coquitlam and Whistler/Pemberton and will send a letter of opposition to the Passenger Transportation Board.

Billboard Signage During the 2010 Olympics

Council agreed for staff to investigate the opportunities for revenue from Billboard signage during the 2010 Olympics from July 2009 to end of March 2010. Council also asked staff to bring back a list of municipally owned properties suitable for locating billboard signage on the highway and to investigate ways to accommodate locating billboard signage on the highway during the 2010 Olympics from July 2009 to end of March 2010, either through an amendment to the Sign Bylaw or through a temporary use permit.

Fire Rating High



The recent balmy weather pushed Squamish into a “High” forest fire hazard rating this week, much earlier in the year than normally expected.

Squamish Fire Rescue is monitoring conditions continuously and, with the assistance of the BC Forest Service, Fire Warden campfire patrols in and around Squamish will be conducted over the weekend. Please help us make sure a pleasurable campfire evening does not trigger a devastating forest fire.

With the forest fire season already upon us with the Tyaughton Lake fire, Chief Saurette asks that the public take extra precaution while enjoying the outdoors. If you are planning on camping, please make sure your campfire is never left unattended, have enough water on hand to put out a fire and make sure it is completely extinguished and “cold to the touch” before leaving. For those that smoke and walk the trails, please refrain from discarding your smoking material on trails; one small ember could easily destroy our valued green space.

Campfires for Squamish and area are permitted. This will change based on the BC Forest Services available resources, fire activity levels within the Province and the hazard rating for our region.

Enjoy the Outdoors, Keep Our Forests Green, BE FIRE SMART

Phase 3 - Water Conservation



Even numbered street addresses:

Lawn watering twice a week between
4:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m. & 7:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.
Wednesdays and Saturdays.

Odd numbered street addresses:

Lawn watering twice a week between
4:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m. & 7:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.
Thursdays and Sundays.

Water Smart Tips

- Water your lawn only when it needs it;
- Water only during the cool part of the day, this is better for your lawn and reduces evaporation loss;
- Deep soak your lawn rather than applying a light sprinkling;
- Do not over water – a good rule of thumb is ½ inch of water (measured in a tin can or other container) twice a week.
- Use a broom, not a hose, to clean driveways and sidewalks;
- Do not run the hose while washing the car;
- Install inexpensive nozzles on all hoses to allow you to use water only when you need it;
- Check for leaks in pipes, hoses, faucets and couplings to keep them drip free.

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