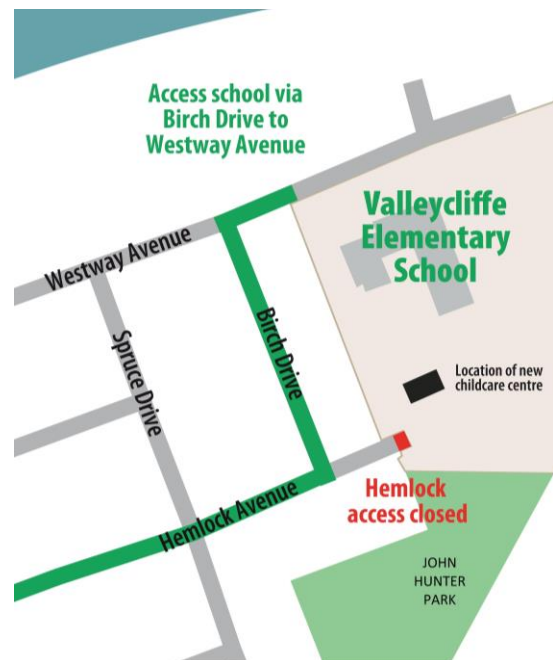


Valleycliffe Child Care Centre Project Update December 2023

Dear Valleycliffe Elementary School Community,

This letter provides an update for the new Valleycliffe Child Care Centre project co-located at Valleycliffe Elementary School at 38425 Westway Avenue. The project schedule has been adjusted as follows, following delays due to archaeological permitting requirements.

- **Preparations for Construction in 2024:** Detailed building and servicing design are complete and municipal permitting is underway. Site servicing and construction are anticipated to begin in February 2024. In January the construction area will be fenced off for safety and security as well as setting tree protection areas along the property and site boundaries. Site visits by municipal staff, professional consultants and contractors will continue in preparation for construction.
- **Birch Drive school access during construction** The Hemlock Avenue school access will be closed at the start of construction. The alternate safe route to school is via Birch Drive (shown at right). Signage will be installed on Hemlock Avenue indicating this alternate routing. Please see further *Construction Impact Mitigation* details in this letter. Also see the Valleycliffe Active and Safe Routes to School Map: <https://squamish.ca/our-services/transportation/safe-routes/>
- **Childcare Access.** Principal access to the future childcare will be from Hemlock Avenue. Area improvements will include a new fire hydrant to improve fire response, adding a light to an existing pole on Hemlock Avenue, as well as an improved accessible pathway leading into the school. With all neighbourhood-based childcare centres, active travel (walking and biking) is encouraged and will be supported with bike storage at the centre. Childcare drop-off and pick up parking will be designated and signed within the District's lands at John Hunter Park.



Neighbourhood Construction Impact Mitigation

The District is committed to ensuring the safety of pedestrians, cyclists, and motorists, and that the disruptions to the community and traffic associated with construction activity are minimized in line with our [Construction-Impact-Mitigation-Strategy-Guide.pdf \(squamish.ca\)](https://www.squamish.ca/construction-impact-mitigation-strategy-guide.pdf)

- Short-term access impacts (+/-5 days) to the end of Hemlock Avenue will be required for off-site civil works for sanitary and water service installation. This District will work with affected property owners with advance notification.
- Construction trailer and contractor parking will utilize the municipal John Hunter Park parking lot Mon-Fri 7AM to 4PM; some public parking in the park will remain accessible but will be intermittently impacted.
- Truck routing for deliveries to the construction site will be from Westway to Spruce Drive to Hemlock Avenue.
- Construction hours will follow allowances within the District's [Noise Regulation Bylaw](#).



Project Background and Details

- In 2023, the District of Squamish received \$2,526,474 in funding from the B.C. Childcare BC New Spaces Fund to build and co-locate a municipally-owned childcare facility at Valleycliffe Elementary School. This is in partnership with School District 48 and Sea to Sky Community Services Society.
- The facility will create 36 new full-time spaces - 12 Infant/Toddler spaces plus 24 group care spaces (30-months to school age) in a new 260m² stand-alone building in the southeast corner of the site. Creation of new spaces and improving access to early learning are urgently needed and high priorities for Squamish, as set out in the *Squamish Child Care Action Plan*.
- Community updates on the facility's progress will be posted to the District's Childcare resource page www.squamish.ca/childcare, including the future registration process for child care services once determined with Sea to Sky Community Services Society (long-term operator).

For questions or to discuss any aspects of the project, please contact staff at the coordinates below.

Kind regards,

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1	2023 July 13	ISSUED FOR COSTING
2	2023 Oct 20	ISSUED FOR COORDINATION
3	2023 Dec 21	ISSUED FOR BP
4	2023 Dec 30	ISSUED FOR TENDER

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CIVIL CONSULTANT: BINNIE
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Project No: 1923
VALLEYCLIFFE DAYCARE

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Valleycliffe Elementary School

BEST ROUTES

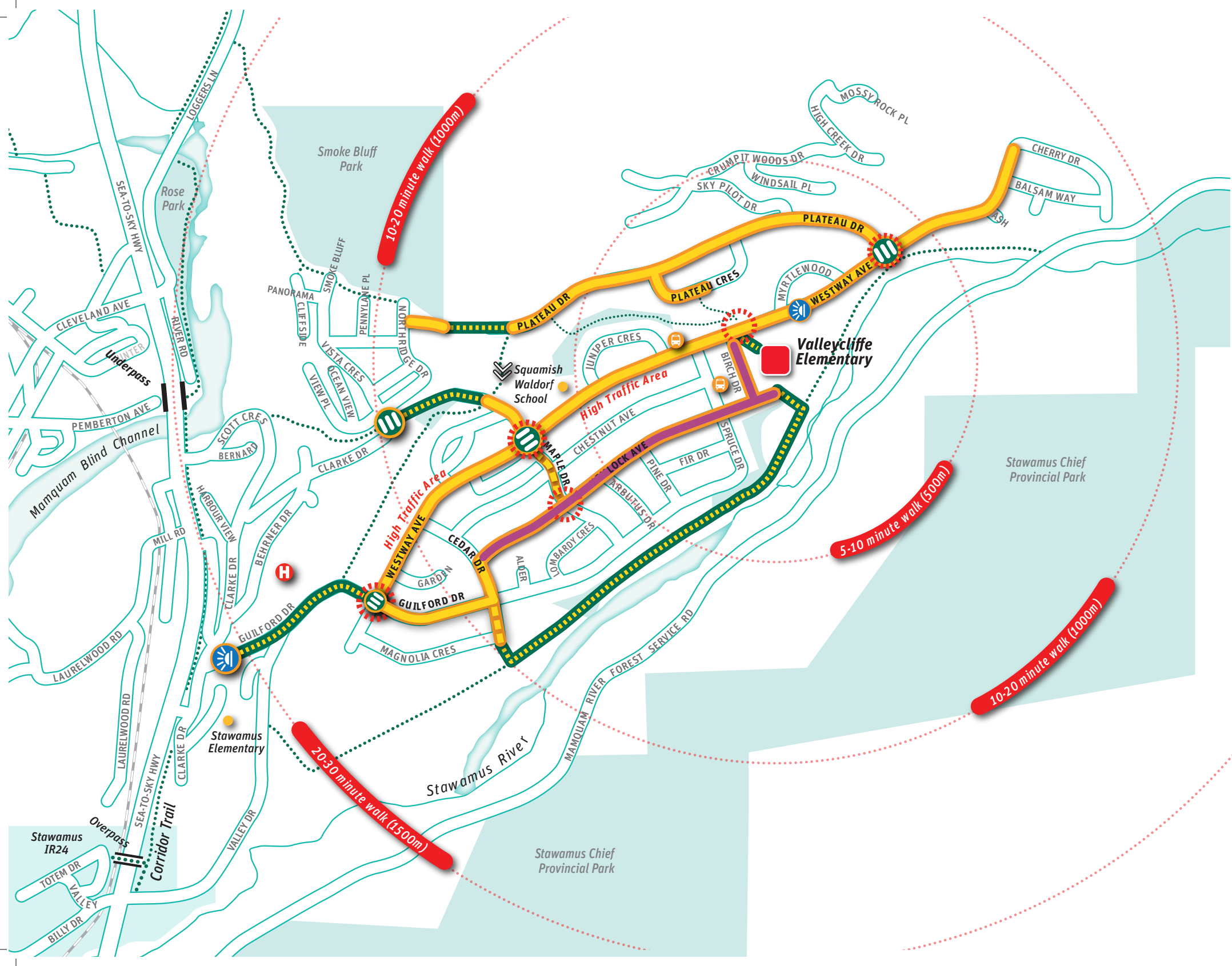
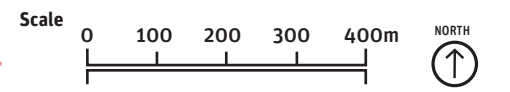
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-  Route Connector
-  Neighbourhood Way
-  Caution
-  Bus Stop - (closest to school)
-  School

Wildlife Aware - wildsafebc.com

-  Traffic Signal
-  Marked Crosswalk
-  Flashing Beacon
-  Trail / Walkway
-  Steep Trail
-  Hospital

July 2021

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SUPER Road Cycle Safety

Signs: Use your hand-signals when turning, slowing down or stopping. Follow all posted signs and obey the traffic laws.

Urban Awareness: See and be seen! Be aware of your surroundings and always leave one door length of space when riding next to parked cars. Wear light or bright coloured clothing, and use your lights and reflectors in low-light and at night.

Protection: It's the law to wear your helmet when riding – plus it protects your brain!

Eye Contact: It's key! Make eye contact with other road users such as drivers and cyclists, especially when crossing intersections.

Right Hand Side: Ride single file and as far to the right hand side of the road as practical.

Use Your Street SMARTS

Sidewalks: Walk on the sidewalk, if possible. Stay on the inside edge, and stand back from the curb when waiting to cross the street. No sidewalk? Walk facing traffic so you can see approaching vehicles.

Music-Aware: Remove an ear piece before you cross the street, walk in less populated areas, or on a trail where there may be wildlife.

Attention: Look out for moving vehicles at driveways, back lanes, and in parking lots.

Road Crossing: Always cross at an intersection or crosswalk if available. Make eye contact with the drivers to make sure you are seen. Be bold, extend your arm to indicate you want to cross!


Team-Up: It is safer and fun to walk to school with other family members or friends.

Stranger-Aware: On no account ever go with a stranger. Practice and remember a special family password that only a trusted adult knows. With your family, identify safe places to go for help.

Best Routes to School are developed based on information we've received from parents, your school community and the District's transportation department. They are chosen to use the safest crossing points and to enable more people to walk and cycle together.

Your School Neighbourhood

DRIVE TO FIVE — MINUTES OR MORE WALK TO SCHOOL

 Too far to walk and cycle? Help relieve traffic congestion around your school and park legally at least five minutes away from the school entrance.

RIDE TRANSIT

 LOOK FOR BUS STOPS CLOSE TO SCHOOL ON YOUR BEST ROUTES TO SCHOOL MAP

Transit can be fun! Families can take the route together a few times before it becomes a solo trip. Remember the bus driver is your friend, sit close to them and they can help.

For transit to school, work or play visit BC Transit at bctransit.com/squamish/home

BIKING EVERYDAY

Let's bike, rain or shine!

Improved bike infrastructure is helping make biking possible everyday. Follow the Super Road Cycle Safety rules, and use Squamish Trails and Bikeways if they are on your route to school.

Skip the traffic and enjoy a little extra active time outside in our scenic mountain surroundings.



BE BRIGHT AT NIGHT

Fall and winter means darker days and the need for extra vigilance as students and families walk, bike and drive. The District of Squamish has installed more countdown timers at crosswalks to help pedestrian safety, and dressing in light and bright colours as you walk and bike helps too.

SEE TRACKS? THINK TRAIN!



Be especially careful at railway crossings. Remember to look both ways and don't linger on the tracks.

Why Walk or Bike to School?

BENEFITS FOR STUDENTS

BEING ACTIVE BUILDS HEALTHY BONES AND MINDS. Walking or biking to school is not only a great way to be healthy and keep moving but has also been shown to increase alertness and grades at school.

FAMILY AND FRIEND TIME

TIME SPENT WALKING TOGETHER allows families and friends to connect without stressful distractions. It is a time to unwind, play or share stories about each other's day.

COMMUNITY LIVABILITY

KNOW YOUR COMMUNITY. Walking and cycling is a great way to meet your neighbours. People feel safer when they know other people in their community.

CARE FOR OUR EARTH

VEHICLE EMISSIONS ARE THE LARGEST CAUSE OF POOR AIR QUALITY IN BC and are individual Canadians' greatest source of green house gas emissions. Every vehicle trip replaced by walking reduces our contribution to climate change.

To find out more about safe, active trips to school visit



HASTe: hastebc.org

National: saferoutestoschool.ca

District of Squamish: squamish.ca/saferoutes



If you have comments or suggestions related to this pamphlet, please email engineering@squamish.ca.

Best Routes to School



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