This marriage of an unsurpassed location and industrious people has produced a community teeming with activity.
Welcome to the most amazing little city in B.C..

Fueled by limitless adventure and inspired by our dynamic surroundings, proximity to Vancouver and the Pacific Rim, and energized by our youthful, bold and inventive human capital, Squamish is a town burgeoning with energy and opportunity.

Our community is deeply connected to our environment; it is why we choose to live here, it’s what inspires us when we work and recreate, and it’s what brings out our collective creativity.

There are few places in BC or even Canada where lakes, ocean, mountains, rivers and trails unite to provide limitless world-class outdoor opportunities. Where paddleboards and mountain bikes are sometimes primary modes of transportation, where the afternoon summer winds are like clockwork and the trails are never lonely.

We are youthful, creative and forward thinking. We embrace innovation and cherish our environment, and we are never far removed from the activities and lifestyle that have made Squamish the incredible destination community that it is. We appreciate and understand that investment in the arts, culture, recreation, sport, parks, nature, biodiversity and public transit add to our capacity and livability as a community, and that Squamish is a superlative place to start and grow a business, to raise a family and to age in place.

Foundational to our sense of place are the peoples and traditions of the Squamish Nation who have drawn inspiration from our surroundings for time immemorial. Our strong partnership is essential and deeply valued as we together realize a very inspiring future.

Our community has proud roots in farming and forestry too, and we’re home to two universities, the Squamish Valley Music Festival, the Canadian Epic Test of Metal mountain bike race, and the world famous eagles of Brackendale to name just a few of the wide variety of happenings throughout the year. And we are fast becoming one of British Columbia’s most talked about tourist destinations.

Our community is growing. Our new brand was built upon a lifestyle that is envied around the world, and one that is attracting new residents, new businesses and new investment. We are hardwired for adventure in every way.

Welcome to our town. And as you can imagine, I’m pretty proud to call this incredible place home.

Mayor Patricia Heintzman
District of Squamish
Unparalleled Location & Lifestyle

The lifestyle in Squamish is truly the envy of recreation enthusiasts from all over Canada.
Where the Coast Mountains Meet The Pacific Ocean

We are a proud and active West Coast mountain town located only a short drive from the metropolis of Vancouver, and home to a growing number of young families, business entrepreneurs, and outdoor enthusiasts.

As cities battle with congestion and affordability, Squamish promises room to breathe and a coveted lifestyle that offers all the benefits of a quaint small town with close proximity to the neighbouring trade markets of Vancouver, Seattle and Whistler.

Located in the southwest corner of the Province of British Columbia, Squamish sits in a spectacular setting at the north end of Howe Sound, halfway between downtown Vancouver and the four-season resort of Whistler. Offering West Coast mountains alongside expansive oceanfront, Squamish is a unique and enviable place to work, live, and explore.

The District of Squamish is located in the Squamish-Lillooet District, adjacent to the Lower Mainland. Other municipalities within the Regional District include Whistler, Pemberton, Lillooet, and several unincorporated areas.
A Rich History

The first contact between the Squamish Nation and European explorers was 1792.

The name Squamish (Skwxwú7mesh) is adapted from Sko-mish, the name of the First Nation’s people that occupied the valley for thousands of years. The name has a general meaning of “strong wind” or “birthplace of the winds” in Coast Salish, and is testimony to the winds that rise from the south before noon and blow steadily until dusk.

The Squamish Nation had settlements throughout the Squamish and Cheakamus Valleys, and around Howe Sound. Settlements were often seasonal as native fishermen and hunters followed the food sources. The first contact between the Squamish Nation and European explorers was in 1792 when Captain Vancouver sailed up Howe Sound and traded with the local Sko-mish people.

The first permanent settlers of European descent as well as the first tourist visitors began to arrive around 1888 with the completion of the transcontinental Canadian Pacific Railway. Many other settlers relocated to the Squamish Valley in the ensuing years and by the early 20th century, forestry had surpassed agriculture as the primary economic activity.

Until 1956, the only way to travel between Squamish and Vancouver was by boat. That was the year when the rail link was constructed, followed in 1958 with the construction of the Seaview Highway (now called the Sea to Sky Highway). Starting in the late 1960s, the growth of the ski resort at Whistler increased the number of people travelling up the highway, and the number of outdoor enthusiasts who would pass through Squamish. With Squamish’s incredible natural landscape that encompasses mountains, ocean, rivers and lakes, the town’s reputation as a world-class site for outdoor recreation evolved organically. With Whistler to the north and Vancouver to the south (both only 45 minutes away), Squamish is perfectly positioned to offer new businesses, residents, visitors and students the benefits of small town living coupled with easy access to urban conveniences and the number one ski resort in North America.

Squamish is a dynamic community in the midst of rapid socio-economic transformation. In our highly active, multicultural, and family oriented community exists emerging opportunities in tourism, knowledge-based industries, education, manufacturing, forestry, and wood products.

Squamish has grown to an estimated population of more than 17,158 people and is spread over 95.4 square kilometres (36.8 square miles). It continues to evolve into a spectacular destination to live, work, learn, play, and grow.
West Coast Climate

Squamish has a moderate West Coast climate with mild, wet winters and warm, dry summers.

Source: www.climate.weatheroffice.ec.gc.ca
A Flourishing Population

Squamish has one of the fastest growing youth populations in the province.
Squamish Population Statistics
Between 2006 and 2011, Squamish’s population was one of the fastest growing in the province.

Rapid Population Growth
Squamish’s 2011 population of 17,158 is an increase of 14.67% since 2006 compared with the national growth rate of 5.9% and a provincial growth rate of 7% for the same period. This positions Squamish among the fastest growing communities in the province, according to the most recent census.

Population Characteristics

Gender
In 2011, Squamish had slightly more males than females in its resident population, which is opposite to metropolitan Vancouver and the rest of British Columbia.

Female 8,440
Male 8,715
Total 17,158

Age
Squamish has a younger age profile than the rest of British Columbia. Almost 60% of its population is under the age of 40, compared to 49% in metropolitan Vancouver and 47% in the rest of British Columbia. Between 2006 and 2011 Squamish had one of the fastest growing youth populations (under the age of 14), growing at 8%.

Aboriginal Population
Seven percent of the Squamish population has an aboriginal background, slightly higher than the provincial average.

Aboriginal Identity 1,105
Non-Aboriginal Identity 15,800
Total 100

Please note that as per Statistics Canada procedures, numbers are rounded at random
Source: Statistics Canada http://www12.statcan.gc.ca/
Housing in Squamish

Squamish remains relatively affordable when compared to Greater Vancouver.
Housing Stock by Structural Type

More than 50% of Squamish’s population lives in single-detached houses, which is close to 20% higher than Vancouver residents. Apartment buildings with fewer than five stories are the second most occupied housing type in Squamish.

**Semi-detached house:** One of two dwellings attached side by side (or back to back), but not attached to any other dwelling or structure.
**Row house:** One of three or more dwellings joined side by side.
**Apartment or flat in a duplex:** One of two dwellings, located one above the other.

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<td>Single-detached house</td>
<td>53.4 %</td>
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<td>&lt;5 storey apartment building</td>
<td>14.6 %</td>
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<td>13.2 %</td>
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<td>8.5 %</td>
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<td>Other dwellings</td>
<td>6.6 %</td>
<td>0.8 %</td>
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<td>Duplex apartment</td>
<td>3.7 %</td>
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<td>5+ storey apartment building</td>
<td>0.0 %</td>
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<td><strong>Total occupied dwellings</strong></td>
<td>100.0 %</td>
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Source: Squamish data - FP Markets, Canadian Demographics 2011
* Data for Greater Vancouver and B.C. is from 2006 census; accurate comparisons cannot be made to Squamish figures
Source: Vancouver/BC data - www12.statcan.ca/english/census06/data/profiles/community

Housing Prices

These benchmark housing prices are for detached houses and the chart describes the estimated sale price of a benchmark property. Benchmarks represent a typical property within each market.

In 2014, a detached house in Squamish cost 46% less than a house in the Greater Vancouver area.


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<th>% Change</th>
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<td>$384,466</td>
<td>-</td>
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<td>$406,500</td>
<td>5.7 %</td>
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<td>$446,697</td>
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<td>$567,896</td>
<td>27.1 %</td>
<td>$742,490</td>
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<td>$543,788</td>
<td>-4.2 %</td>
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<td>January 2010</td>
<td>$472,813</td>
<td>-13.1 %</td>
<td>$770,842</td>
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<td>January 2011</td>
<td>$451,600</td>
<td>-4.5 %</td>
<td>$840,400</td>
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<td>January 2012</td>
<td>$505,700</td>
<td>12%</td>
<td>$930,200</td>
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<td>$485,000</td>
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<td>January 2014</td>
<td>$505,700</td>
<td>2.8%</td>
<td>$931,400</td>
<td>3.2%</td>
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Rental Rates

The average apartment rental rates in Squamish are significantly lower compared to Vancouver and the rest of the province. Although Squamish has recorded some of the highest rental increases over the past six years, in 2014 rent in Squamish continued to be over $200 per month lower than the B.C. average and over $300 per month below the Vancouver average.

The average rental rates of private row homes (townhouses) in Squamish for 2014 were lower than the average in Vancouver and B.C..

Source: Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation Rental Market Report – BC Highlights Fall 2014

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Private Apartment Average Rents

Townhome Average Rents
Squamish is Growing

Post-Olympics, Squamish is seeing a resurgence of development.
Development Activity

**Overall New Development Applications Approved 2005 - 2014**

Almost half of the new development in Squamish between 2005 and 2014 has been in the residential sector (49%), with the highest number of approvals in 2009. Although the number of commercial, industrial and institutional developments is lower than residential, the number of approved applications in 2013 almost doubled those approved in 2005.

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**Total Building Permits**

The total value of building permits in Squamish was more than $60 million in 2014, a 38% increase over 2013. While building permit values are a useful indicator of construction and development activity, they will vary considerably from year to year in smaller communities according to the number of larger projects initiated each year.

*A Building Permit is an approval that authorizes the construction, addition, alteration, and demolition of a building or structure to proceed based on evaluation against Provincial Building Codes, and Municipal Bylaws.*
Residential Building Permits

Although the total value of residential building permits decreased from 2007 to 2011, the value of construction has started to recover from 2011 to 2014. The value of single family construction permits increased by $24,422,000 from 2013 to 2014, adding more single family dwellings to the Squamish portfolio.

Residential Building Permits 2007 - 2014 (in 000's)

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<th>Totals</th>
<th>2007</th>
<th>2008</th>
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<td>Single Family</td>
<td>85</td>
<td>16,976</td>
<td>104</td>
<td>16,138</td>
<td>65</td>
<td>8,698</td>
<td>67</td>
<td>9,762</td>
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<td>Duplex</td>
<td>7</td>
<td>2,645</td>
<td>18</td>
<td>6,924</td>
<td>1</td>
<td>54</td>
<td>6</td>
<td>439</td>
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<td>Multi Dwelling</td>
<td>18</td>
<td>31,608</td>
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<td>5,977</td>
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<td>51,229</td>
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<td>35,655</td>
<td>84</td>
<td>22,818</td>
<td>87</td>
<td>16,178</td>
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Residential Building Permits 2007 - 2014 (in 000's)
Commercial, Industrial and Institutional Building Permit Values

Commercial Building Permit Values (in 000's)

Commercial building permit activity in Squamish was valued at more than $2 million in 2014. Although lower than 2013, Squamish saw a major focus in industrial development vs. commercial development in 2014.

Industrial Building Permit Values (in 000's)

Industrial building activity is typically one of the most volatile components of total building permit values. In 2014, industrial permits peaked at $8,594,000. This is an 89% increase from 2013.

Institutional Building Permit Values (in 000's)

Institutional and government building permit values reflect public sector development activity and will vary from significant projects to virtually no activity from one year to the next. In 2014, institutional and government building permit values decreased, however were still 55% higher than the 2010 statistic.
Commercial building permit activity in Squamish was valued at more than $2 million in 2014.
Development Cost Charges

Development Cost Charges (DCCs) are monies that municipalities and regional districts collect from land developers to offset that portion of the costs related to services such as water, sewage, drainage, improving parkland and highway facilities that are incurred as a direct result of new development. Developers pay DCCs to avoid burdening taxpayers who are not creating the demand and are not benefiting from the new infrastructure.

Using DCCs, local government can apply a common set of rules and charges to all development within a community. DCCs are applied as one-time charges against residential, commercial, industrial and institutional developments. They are usually collected from developers at the time of subdivision approval or at the time of issuing a building permit.

**Development Cost Charges - Comparison**

The chart below shows the DCC relationships between Squamish and four other smaller municipalities in B.C.:

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<th>Pitt Meadows</th>
<th>Kamloops</th>
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<td><strong>Residential</strong></td>
<td>per unit</td>
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<td>$3,226 -</td>
<td>$10,273</td>
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<td>$4,849 -</td>
<td>$16,299</td>
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<td>$15,024 -</td>
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<td>$3,300 -</td>
<td>$6,308</td>
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<td>$10,166</td>
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<td><strong>Commercial</strong></td>
<td>per m²</td>
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<td>$44.46</td>
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<td>$40.37 - $179.39</td>
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<td>$73.96</td>
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<td><strong>Institutional</strong></td>
<td>per m²</td>
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<td>$44.46</td>
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<td>not available</td>
<td>$43.44</td>
<td>$9.14</td>
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<td><strong>Industrial</strong></td>
<td>per ha or m²</td>
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<td>$106,000</td>
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<td>$43,283 - $161,559</td>
<td>$20.87</td>
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DCC’s are difficult to compare across municipalities as each community has its own bylaws and regulations and may calculate fees differently. Consequently, there are large ranges in some of the categories of charges for some communities.

**Squamish 2011 Development Cost Charges**

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<th>Water</th>
<th>Sewer</th>
<th>Storm</th>
<th>Roads</th>
<th>Parks</th>
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<td>Residential – Low Density</td>
<td>Res. units</td>
<td>$933</td>
<td>$2,195</td>
<td>$849</td>
<td>$5,125</td>
<td>$1,171</td>
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<td>Residential – Med Density</td>
<td>Res. units</td>
<td>$542</td>
<td>$1,647</td>
<td>$532</td>
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<td>Residential – High Density (1)</td>
<td>Res. units</td>
<td>$351</td>
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<td>Commercial Institutional</td>
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<td>Industrial</td>
<td>Ha. of lot</td>
<td>$46,856</td>
<td>$42,384</td>
<td>$22,915</td>
<td>$38,555</td>
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*High Density (1):* means a dwelling unit in an apartment dwelling that is not a townhouse dwelling, each as defined in the Zoning Bylaw, and that has a unit floor area in excess of 600 square feet.

*High Density (2):* means a dwelling unit in an apartment dwelling that is not a townhouse dwelling, each as defined in the Zoning Bylaw, and that has a unit floor area of 600 square feet or less or a secondary suite in a single family dwelling.

Source: District of Squamish – Development Cost Charges Bylaw

**Business Licence Activity**

The number of new businesses registered in Squamish has remained fairly steady over the past five years. However, in 2014, 300 new businesses were added in the Squamish portfolio. This is the highest number to date.
An Educated Community

More than half of Squamish residents have a post-secondary qualification.
Levels of Education and Fields of Study

The education of Squamish residents compares very similarly to other communities. More than half of all Squamish residents (55%) aged 15 and up have some post-secondary qualification (degree, certificate, or diploma from a university, college, or trade school).

**Education Levels of Total Population Aged 15+**

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<td>University certificate, diploma or degree</td>
<td>2,535.0</td>
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<td>University certificate or diploma below the bachelor level</td>
<td>620.0</td>
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<td>College, CEGEP or other non-university certificate or diploma</td>
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<td>18.4</td>
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<td>Apprenticeship or trades certificate or diploma</td>
<td>1,955.0</td>
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<td>Educated high school</td>
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<td>Total population 15+</td>
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**Major Field of Study**

There is potential for growth in the personal, protective, transportation services and health, parks, recreation, fitness and education sectors with more Squamish residents educated in these areas compared to the provincial average.

The major field of study of almost 12% of Squamish’s population is in architecture, engineering and related technologies. This is slightly above the average of Greater Vancouver and the rest of the province.

Furthermore, 9% of Squamish’s resident population that have a post-secondary certificate, diploma or degree studied outside of Canada.

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Closest Post-Secondary Institutions

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Local Elementary and High Schools

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<td>Coast Mountain Academy</td>
<td><a href="http://coastmountainacademy.ca">http://coastmountainacademy.ca</a></td>
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<td>Ecole Les Aiglons</td>
<td><a href="http://aiglons.csf.bc.ca">http://aiglons.csf.bc.ca</a></td>
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<tr>
<td>North Vancouver Outdoor School</td>
<td><a href="http://www.sd44.ca/ProgramsServices/OutdoorSchool">www.sd44.ca/ProgramsServices/OutdoorSchool</a></td>
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<td>School District 48</td>
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<td>Brackendale Elementary</td>
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<td>Don Ross Secondary</td>
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<td>Garibaldi Highlands Elementary</td>
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<td>Valleycliffe Elementary School</td>
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<td>Squamish Montessori School</td>
<td><a href="http://www.smsed.ca">www.smsed.ca</a></td>
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Local Other Education Options

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<td>Training Innovations</td>
<td><a href="http://www.training-innovations.com">www.training-innovations.com</a></td>
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A Strong Local Workforce

Squamish provides diverse opportunities across a range of industries.
Labour Force by Industry

The construction industry is the largest employer of Squamish residents, accounting for 14% of the community’s experienced labour force in 2011. This is a much larger share than the industry has in either the Greater Vancouver metropolitan area or in British Columbia as a whole. Retail trade ranks second in Squamish, while accommodation and food service, which ranks third, also employs more people locally in comparison to Vancouver and provincial averages.

Labour Force by Occupation

Over a quarter of Squamish residents work in sales and service occupations. These are also the most common occupations for residents of metropolitan Vancouver (24%) and throughout British Columbia. Trades, transport, and equipment operators rank second in Squamish and employ more people in relation to the rest of the province.
## Largest Squamish Employers

### Public Sector (# of employees)

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<th># Employees</th>
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<td>Municipal government</td>
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<td>Public Administration</td>
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<td>Social Services</td>
<td>Sea to Sky Community Services <a href="http://www.sscs.ca">www.sscs.ca</a></td>
<td>Individual and family services</td>
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### Private Sector (# of employees)

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<td>Recreation</td>
<td>Sea to Sky Gondola <a href="http://www.seatoskygondola.com">www.seatoskygondola.com</a></td>
<td>Tourism, retail and restaurant</td>
<td>130</td>
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<td>Retail</td>
<td>Walmart <a href="http://www.walmart.ca">www.walmart.ca</a></td>
<td>General Merchandising</td>
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<td>Retail</td>
<td>Nesters Market <a href="http://www.nestersmarket.com/squamish">www.nestersmarket.com/squamish</a></td>
<td>Grocery Stores</td>
<td>105</td>
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<tr>
<td>Manufacturing/ Full Service</td>
<td>Howe Sound Inn &amp; Brewing Company <a href="http://www.howesound.com">www.howesound.com</a></td>
<td>Brewery, Pub/Restaurant/Inn</td>
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<td>Retail</td>
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<td>95</td>
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<td>Transportation</td>
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<td>Retail</td>
<td>Home Depot <a href="http://www.homedepot.ca/">www.homedepot.ca/</a></td>
<td>Lumber and other building materials</td>
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Place of Work
75.2% of all employed Squamish residents had a regular place of employment in 2011. A further 15.5% had no fixed workplace address, which is typical of industries like construction and some service industries where the actual work site continually changes.

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<th>Places of Work</th>
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<td>Worked at usual place</td>
<td>7,100</td>
<td>75.2</td>
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<td>Worked at home</td>
<td>850</td>
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<td>Worked outside Canada</td>
<td>35</td>
<td>0.3</td>
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<td>No fixed workplace address</td>
<td>1,460</td>
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<td>Total employed labour force 15+</td>
<td>9,440</td>
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Please note that as per Statistics Canada procedures, numbers are rounded at random

Unemployment Rate
As at August 2011, 8.1% of Squamish residents were unemployed. This rate is slightly higher than the British Columbia average of 7.8%.

Participation Rate
Squamish had a participation rate — the number of people employed or actively looking for work — of 70.8% which is comparable to the Provincial average and other south-western B.C. communities.

Mode of Transportation to Work
Almost 90% of the Squamish workforce travel to work by car, truck or van. Three quarters of the total employed labour force in Squamish are drivers and the rest are passengers. Only 4% take public transit, another 4% bicycle, and 5% walk to work.

Source: http://www12.statcan.gc.ca/english/census06/data/profiles/community
**Median Income (before tax)**
The median income of Squamish residents is $33,779. This is almost 20% higher than both the provincial and Greater Vancouver averages. The median (before tax) household income in Squamish is $72,751, which is higher than the province ($60,333) and Greater Vancouver ($63,347).

**Work Earnings**
Squamish residents working full-time and full year-round were paid a median income of just below $48,000 in 2011. This is similar to median earnings in Greater Vancouver and British Columbia.

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<th>Source Of Total Income</th>
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<td>Employment</td>
<td>356,123</td>
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<td>Pension</td>
<td>40,817</td>
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<td>Investment</td>
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<td>Self-Employed</td>
<td>30,312</td>
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<td>Other</td>
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<td>Tax Exempt</td>
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<td>Total</td>
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**Hourly Wage Rates By Industry**
The average hourly wage rates in B.C. increase annually in both the goods industry and the service industry.
Taxes & Assessments
Council is committed to maintaining provincially competitive light industry tax rates in Squamish.
Taxes and Rates

For 2014, Squamish’s municipal residential, light industry, and business property tax rates were similar to those of comparable Great Vancouver communities and the provincial rates.

When comparing property tax rates for different municipalities, property values must also be taken into consideration. Communities with higher property values will have higher overall taxes even with the same tax rate. Municipal rates are set by the District of Squamish; total tax rates also include Provincial and Federal taxes, e.g. library, hospital, and school rates.

Municipal Tax Rate

In 2014, municipal property tax rates for residential, light industry and business (commercial) properties increased, however, remain competitive with other provincial municipalities and the provincial averages.

Competitive Light Industry Tax Rates

In 2013, Council approved a tax policy to maintain competitive rates for light industry in comparison to the provincial average. This was their commitment in response to an increase in provincial school taxes resulting in an overall increase in light industry tax rates.

Historical Municipal & TOTAL* Tax Rates

*Total tax rate includes both municipal tax rate plus other provincially set rates including education and hospital tax rates.
Taxes and Charges on Residential Properties
The combination of 2014 residential property taxes with other charges for a representative house in Squamish is slightly higher when compared with other comparable communities. Other charges include water fees, user fees, and special taxes.

Property Tax Comparison 2013 vs. 2014
The total property taxes for single-family residence and commercial properties are both increasing. The property taxes for single-family residences increased by 5%. The taxes for commercial properties increased by 1.9%.

Average Assessed Value

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<td>$465,250</td>
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Community Services
Enhancing the livability and safety of our community.
Squamish Emergency Program

The Squamish Emergency Program (SEP) is managed by the District of Squamish and comprises Fire Rescue and Police Services. SEP is staffed by community volunteers and organized into three sections: Emergency Social Services, Communications, and Search and Rescue.

Emergency Social Services (ESS) staff are trained and organized to respond to community needs during emergency events such as flooding, earthquakes or events where citizens may be required to leave their homes. ESS provides services and amenities such as food, clothing, shelter, and personal needs. The ESS Communication Team manages communication and information technology systems during emergencies.

The Search and Rescue Team performs approximately sixty rescues per year including cliff, water, mountain, and ground rescues.

The Squamish Emergency Program is considered one of the best emergency organizations in British Columbia and received the Provincial Award of Excellence in 2004.

Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP)

Squamish RCMP are contracted through the Province of British Columbia for the municipality’s policing services. A Staff Sergeant heads up the Squamish RCMP detachment supported by seventeen municipal employees.

In 2010, Squamish was officially designated as Canada’s 60th, and B.C.’s 4th Safest Community.

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<th>2014 statistics compared to 2013</th>
<th>Residential Break &amp; Enter</th>
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<td>Theft under $5,000</td>
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<td>148</td>
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Fire & Rescue

Squamish Fire Rescue (SFR) comprises sixty on-call volunteers, five career firefighters, a Fire Chief, Deputy Chief, and one clerical position. SFR provides a wide range of fire prevention activities and First Responder Level 3 services at the request of B.C. Ambulance Service.

SFR operates two fire pumpers from the Clarke Drive Fire Hall, which also functions as a fire training facility. In addition, this station can respond with a 75 foot aerial fire truck, two additional pumpers, a support vehicle, and a highway rescue truck from the fire station located on Tantalus Road.

The fire suppression area reaches from Murrin Park to the south and Culliton Creek to the north of Squamish. Fire Rescue also services highway rescue calls outside District boundaries from Furry Creek to the Salt Sheds north of Squamish, as well points east and west of Squamish.
Hospital

The Squamish General Hospital opened the doors to its new emergency department expansion in February 2009. Complete with a new waiting area, security booth, trauma room, main nurse station, and three bed bays, the emergency department treats more than 15,000 patients a year. A second phase of the expansion included increasing the number of triage spaces from eight to twelve, whereas the third phased expansion included new observation rooms, and a laboratory station. The new facilities have increased capacity while reducing wait times and allow Hospital staff to better identify and respond to acute trauma cases.

The Hospital has twenty-one beds, seven emergency room stretchers, two labour and delivery rooms and two operating room suites. It provides the following services:

- Acute Care
- Ambulatory
- Cancer Care
- Surgery
- Endoscopy
- Emergency
- Obstetrics
- Kidney Dialysis
- Palliative Care
- Laboratory
- Radiology
- Long Term Care

The Squamish General Hospital provides some different Public Health Services such as:

- Home and Community Care Program Case Management
- Community Rehabilitation Services
- Environmental Health Program
- Public Health Nursing

Assisted Living

Hilltop House, located on the same grounds as Squamish General Hospital, provides 24-hour long-term residential nursing care for persons requiring support with activities of daily living. Recently, Hilltop House expanded to 110 beds to accommodate the growing elderly population. The new expansion includes four gardens, an open concept design and private rooms with transport lifts from beds to bathrooms.

In December 2010, Squamish opened the doors to the new 75-unit Shannon Falls Retirement Residence. The senior assisted living facility is located in the Downtown area of Squamish and offers both independent and assisted living accommodations for residents who require some assistance but not 24-hour professional nursing care.
**Library**

The Squamish Public Library is a key community resource that connects different ethnic and community groups, and works in partnership with a host of organizations to help facilitate cultural and informational exchanges. Whether welcoming new immigrants to Squamish, supporting Capilano University’s English as a Second Language program, or delivering literacy programs, the Squamish Library inspires the exchange of knowledge and engagement in our community.

The Squamish Public Library has approximately 13,000 members and holds more than 58,000 books, DVDs and CDs; 150 print magazines; 39 online database subscriptions; and 65,000 eBooks and eAudiobooks.

In 2013, the library had more than 113,000 in-person visitors, plus 258,635 items were borrowed, and 14,345 people attended 632 programs.

**Hours:**
- Monday – Thursday 11 p.m. – 8 p.m.
- Friday 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.
- Saturday – Sunday 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.
- Holidays Closed

*Library is closed on Sundays from June 1st to August 31st*

For more information and current hours, visit the Squamish Public Library website at www.squamish.bc.libraries.coop.

**Transit**

Funding for the Squamish Transit System is cost shared between the District of Squamish and B.C. Transit. Decisions about fares, routes and service levels are made by the District, based on information and planning provided by the Municipal Systems Program of B.C. Transit.

At the time of publication, fares were:

- Adults: $1.75
- Students (to Grade 12) $1.25
- Seniors: $1.50
- Children < 4 no charge

Residents are also able to obtain day passes and monthly passes or a book of 20 tickets at reduced rates. Passes can be purchased at the Squamish Municipal Hall or at Brennan Park Recreation Centre.

For more information about maps, schedules or other information about Transit Services in Squamish, please visit the Squamish Transit System website at www.busonline.ca/regions/squ.
Recreation, Arts & Culture

As well as being a Mecca for outdoor recreation, Squamish boasts the second highest number of resident artists in Canada.
World Class Rock Climbing & Mountain Biking

The Stawamus Chief is a magnificent Canadian landmark as well as a world-class rock climbing and bouldering attraction, famous for its sticky granite and crack climbs. At present, there are more than 3,500 climbing routes and bouldering problems in the Squamish area. Equally impressive is the extensive network of more than 200 kilometres of cross-country, all mountain, and downhill mountain bike trails that are scattered throughout Squamish.

> Serving up more than 200 kilometres of singletrack, Mountain Bike Magazine rates Squamish as one of the top 25 wildest and most exotic places to ride in the world.

> Squamish was named the Best Place To Ride In Canada by Pedal Magazine

Water Sports Abound

There are precious few spots in the world where wind, water and land combine to provide flawless conditions for wind surfing and kite boarding. The Squamish Spit at the mouth of the Squamish River is one of those places with warm wind and sunshine. Further inland, the surrounding freshwater rivers and lakes are teeming with a wide variety of fish. The rivers including the Mamquam, Cheakamus, Squamish, and Elaho have been known to run thick with all five Pacific varieties of salmon, as well as Dolly Varden Char and Cutthroat Trout, and attract recreational and competitive fly-fishing enthusiasts from around the globe.

Whether you are looking for an adrenaline rush or spectacular scenery and pristine wildlife, there are several white water and flat water rafting tour options serving Squamish, as well as easy access to lakes, rivers and the ocean for kayaking, canoeing and stand-up paddle boarding.

Attractions for the Whole Family

From historical sites such as the Britannia Mine Museum to local farmers’ markets and parklands with breathtaking scenery, to the perfect winds for kite-boarders and golfing for all ages, Squamish has something for all of the family and all types of adventurers to enjoy.

Areas To Visit
- Alice Lake Provincial Park
- Garibaldi Provincial Park
- Murrin Provincial Park
- Shannon Falls Provincial Park
- Smoke Bluffs Park & Crumpit Woods
- Squamish Estuary & Spit
- Stawamus Chief Provincial Park
- Upper Lakes & Brohm Ridge

Major Attractions
- Brackendale Art Gallery
- Brennan Park Recreation Centre
- Britannia Mine Museum
- Garibaldi Springs Golf Resort
- On The Farm Country Market
- Squamish Adventure Centre
- Squamish Valley Golf & Country Club
- Tenderfoot Creek Fish Hatchery
- West Coast Railway Heritage Park
- Whistle Punk Hollow Adventure Golf
**Culture**
Squamish is becoming known for its vibrant eclectic arts scene and is home to many resident artists. The diverse and thriving arts and culture community encompasses visual arts, music, theatre and heritage museums, and is supported by the Squamish Arts Council, a non-for-profit umbrella arts organization. There are also a number of talented local musicians and performers who perform regularly in Squamish, regionally, and internationally.

**Embracing Different Ethnic Groups**
Squamish is now home to many ethnic groups including First Nations, Punjabi, Filipino, Japanese, Chinese, Australasian, German, American, and generations of British Columbians and Canadians from other provinces. To support this melting pot of cultures, Squamish offers several immigration support networks, language programs, community outreach services, and training programs for its residents.

**Cultural Places & Amenities**

**Events**
Squamish is bursting with close to 60 events year-round, from world-class sporting competitions and music festivals to community markets and fairs. Signature events include:

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<td>Test of Metal Series</td>
<td>May - August</td>
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<td>Squamish Mountain Festival</td>
<td>July 16 - 20</td>
<td>1,500 - 2,000</td>
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<td>Squamish Valley Music Festival</td>
<td>August 6 - 9</td>
<td>35,000</td>
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<td>B.C. Bike Race</td>
<td>June 28 - July 5</td>
<td>580</td>
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<td>Squamish Days Loggers Sports Festival</td>
<td>July 31 - August 4</td>
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Brennan Park Recreation Centre
Brennan Park is Squamish's main indoor recreation facility. The facility includes an ice arena, auditorium, activity rooms, and the Aquatic Centre. The Aquatic Centre includes a lap pool, shallow teaching and play area with water features, a children's pool, whirlpool, and a sauna.

Centennial & Hendrickson Fields
Located at the Brennan Park site, the Centennial Fields are the main athletic fields for the residents and visitors. The fields include:

- Two baseball diamonds
- Four fastpitch diamonds
- Seven portable minor ball diamonds
- Four full size, two three quarter size and four small soccer fields
- Two all weather dirt practice fields with lights
- One all-weather artificial turf field
- 450 parking stalls including those for the adjacent Brennan Park Recreation Centre
- Field concession stand operated by the local sport organizations

Recreational Facilities

Brennan Park Recreation Centre
- skating
- swimming
- sports fields
- tennis
- outdoor gym
- BMX track
- mountain bike skills park

Squamish Valley Golf Club
- 18 hole public course
- squash courts
- 4-sheet curling rink
- fitness room

Squamish Seniors' Centre
- lawn bowling
- billiards
- gardening
- activity rooms
Utilities for a Sustainable Community

The District of Squamish ensures its residents live in a safe, highly functioning, and livable community.
### Waste Disposal & Diversion
The District of Squamish has a contract with Carney’s Waste Systems to provide residential garbage pick-up within the District of Squamish. With bi-weekly curb-side garbage and recycling services, the Community is significantly reducing the Municipal Greenhouse Gas Emissions. All municipal approved dwellings are eligible for bi-weekly pickup of garbage and recycling from the curbside in the sixty-five gallon bear-proofed totes supplied by Carney’s.

The District of Squamish also provides a landfill located on Landfill Road at the North end of the community. It is open daily from 9 a.m. – 6 p.m.

For more information about Sanitary Landfill Tipping Fees, please visit the District of Squamish website at www.squamish.ca or contact the District of Squamish.

All totes/bins in Squamish are bear proof.

### Squamish is Bear Smart
The District of Squamish was accredited with Bear Smart Status by the Ministry of Environment in 2010. This award was in recognition of the efforts made by the District to reduce human-bear conflicts within the community. These efforts are on-going through initiatives such as: bear proofing the community’s waste infrastructure, constructing an electric fence around the landfill, providing an educational community out-reach program, and by implementing bylaws and decision making documents. Squamish is keeping the “wild” in wildlife and is ensuring a safe community for all.
**High-Speed Internet & Wifi**

High-speed internet service is available for homes and businesses via fibre optic, T1, cable or digital subscriber lines (DSL) throughout the District of Squamish. Competitive services are provided by various Canadian telecommunications companies. Complimentary wifi is also provided by several Squamish businesses to better serve their resident and out of town customers.

**Natural Gas**

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http://www.fortisbc.com/NaturalGas/Homes/Rates/Pages/Lower-Mainland.aspx

**Water Utility**

The major source of water for the District of Squamish is Powerhouse Springs Wells. 100% of the population is served from this source.

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<td>275 l/s at PHS; 210 l/s throughput</td>
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<td>14.865 ml/day (winter)</td>
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<td>$290 flat rate per home annually</td>
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Comments: For specific information, please contact the District of Squamish.  
Source: District of Squamish
## Electricity Rates

### General Service (Commercial): Under 35 kW for 2 months

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<th><strong>Basic Charge:</strong></th>
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<td><strong>All kWh:</strong></td>
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### General Service (Commercial): 35 kW and Over for 1 month

Retail stores, medium industry, manufacturing, schools, office buildings, supermarkets. Demand is 35 kW or over and a demand meter is usually installed. Schedules 1200, 1201, 1210, 1211 of the Electric Tariff.

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<td>Next 115 kW at $4.69 per kW</td>
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<td><strong>Energy Charge:</strong></td>
<td>First 14,800 kWh $0.0927 per kWh</td>
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<td>All additional kWh $0.0451 per kWh</td>
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<td><strong>Discounts:</strong></td>
<td>1.5% on entire bill if customer's electricity is metered at primary potential.</td>
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<td>$0.25 per kW if customer supplies transformation from a primary to a secondary potential. If a customer is entitled to both discounts, the 1.5% discount is applied first.</td>
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<td><strong>Minimum Charge:</strong></td>
<td>50% of the highest maximum demand charge billed in any month within an on-peak period (1 November to 31 March inclusive) during the preceding 11 months.</td>
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### Industrial: Transmission Service


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<th>$6.263 per kVA of billing demand</th>
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<td><strong>Energy Charge:</strong></td>
<td>$0.03261 per kWh applied to all kWh up to and including 90% of the customer's baseline load (CBL) in each billing year. $0.07360 per kWh applied to all kWh above 90% of the customer's baseline load (CBL) in each billing year.</td>
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Squamish is connected to the world by rail, deep sea port, air and highway.
Provincial Highway 99, also known as the Sea to Sky Highway runs from the US/Canada border through Vancouver and Squamish.

South of the US/Canada border, Highway 99 becomes Interstate 5.

Squamish is within easy trucking distance of major centres on the U.S. West Coast, as well as the heavily populated Lower Mainland of British Columbia and its entire major transportation infrastructure, including ports, airports and rail and intermodal facilities.

**Routes and Distances to Major Centres**

- **Squamish**
- **Whistler, B.C.** 58 km or 36 miles
- **Victoria, B.C.** 174 km or 108 miles
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Bus Service
The Squamish Transit System provides local transportation services to residents and visitors in the District of Squamish. In addition to local transit, two coach line companies connect Squamish with other Sea to Sky communities, as well as Downtown Vancouver and Vancouver’s International Airport.

Car Pool & Commuter Programs
Several corporate and community services provide both Squamish residents and Squamish employees traveling to Squamish affordable and more flexible alternatives to public transportation.

Deep Sea Port
Squamish Terminals Ltd. is a deep-water, break-bulk terminal located in Squamish and has been serving customers in Western Canada, across North American, and around the world since 1972. Squamish Terminals offers efficient handling of forest products, steel, break-bulk, and project cargos for loading to or from ocean vessels and barges. Stevedoring services are available by arrangement. Squamish Terminals is a wholly owned subsidiary of Star Shipping AS (based in Bergen, Norway).

Rail
Squamish is served by CN Rail, which is the only railroad that crosses the continent east-west and north-south serving ports on the Atlantic, Pacific, and Gulf coasts while linking customers to all three NAFTA nations. Together with Squamish Terminals, it is part of a multi-modal transportation system.

Source: www.sqterminals.com

Squamish Terminals
Services Available: Pilotage, Tugs, Quarantine, Communications, Lifts & Cranes, Longshore, Provisions & fuel supply
Site Location: Squamish
Type of Entry Point: Deep Water Seaport
Source: www.sqterminals.com

Air Transportation Service
Squamish has its own municipal airport and water access for floatplanes. Flights between Squamish and Vancouver, Vancouver Island, and to other destinations in BC are provided by Sea to Sky Air, Glacier Air, and Blackcomb Aviation.

Squamish Airport (YSE)
Location/City: Squamish
Located Within the Community: Yes
Runway: 2,400 ft.
Service: Scheduled, charter, private aircraft, flying clubs
Source: District of Squamish

Vancouver International Airport (YVR)
Distance to Airport: 77 km
No. of Weekly Non-Stop Flights to:
Asia Average of 99 /week
Europe Average of 63 /week
Mexico Average of 23 /week
United States Average of 535 /week
Comments: YVR is Canada’s second busiest airport, with some 17 million passengers (including same plane transit), approximately 223,900 tonnes of cargo and 228,193 take-offs and landings (2011). Source: www.yvr.ca

Source: District of Squamish

CN Rail
Services Available: Freight Transport
Site Location: Squamish
Type of Entry Point: Deep Water Seaport
Source: www.cn.ca
Thriving Industries

Squamish’s proximity to Vancouver coupled with its outdoor lifestyle make it an appealing location for various industries.
Tourism Industry

Squamish’s tourism industry has experienced unprecedented investment particularly in the accommodation, arts, entertainment, and recreation sectors. The 2010 Winter Olympic Games, hosted in neighbouring Vancouver and Whistler, attracted investments that doubled Squamish’s fixed roof accommodation capacity to 579 with the arrival of two new flagship hotels. The Games were also a key catalyst in attracting millions of dollars for the renewal and expansion of two Squamish area heritage attractions – the Britannia Mine Museum and the West Coast Railway Heritage Park. More recently, the new $25 million Sea to Sky Gondola has been a huge boon to Squamish’s tourism industry and seeks to attract 500,000 of the 9.5 million visitors that travel the Sea to Sky Highway annually.

Sport continues to play an ever-increasing role in attracting visitors to Squamish. As a nationally and internationally recognized destination for rock climbers, mountain bikers, and kite boarders, there is a steady flow of outdoor adventurers who visit Squamish during the peak summer months. Over the last two decades, in particular, regular visitors to Squamish and Whistler have decided to call Squamish home, many of whom have contributed to the tourism industry by starting their own local businesses.

Another significant attraction for visitors is Squamish’s growing calendar of events. In 2014, Squamish hosted more than sixty event, primarily during the summer months, including the Test of Metal Series, The Mountain Festival, the Squamish Valley Music Festival, and Squamish Days Logger Sports Festival.
Knowledge-Based Industry

A young and educated community, outdoor recreation lifestyle, leading-edge technology infrastructure, higher education opportunities, and population growth are converging in Squamish. The result is a prime situation for immediate and future investment in knowledge-based industries in Squamish.

Squamish is also home to Inside Edge, a network of Squamish-based businesses and individuals that are together striving to foster innovation, inspire learning, and facilitate economic development in Squamish through the growth of the Knowledge Based Industry. Visit www.insideedgebc.ca for details.

GeoTech & EnviroTech

GeoTech / EnviroTech includes a wide range of engineering, research, and testing combined with hands-on field efforts in the natural and physical sciences. More specifically, environmental industries and ‘EnviroTech’ are an excellent fit with the community’s knowledge base and resources. These categories both show in the Canada Business Patterns Data as areas of genuine strength and significant existing presence for Squamish. Concentrations of these businesses are already higher in Squamish than in many other areas of the province, representing a strong foundation upon which to build.

Animation, Film & Television

Incentives for production companies to locate in Squamish, coupled with ease of access and proximity to the core industry in Vancouver make a ‘best of both worlds’ scenario. Although the concentration of these businesses in Squamish is slightly lower than the provincial average, Squamish is home to a number of key resources for this sector, which shows strong potential for additional growth.

Squamish averages around 30-40 enquiries per year resulting in approximately 15-20 productions annually. Since 2009, we have seen a 931% increase in filming days per year with 2012 being a banner year for Squamish. In 2012, there were 22 film productions, which is a 57% increase over 2011. The Film & Events Manager at the District of Squamish provides location services and can assist with coordination of film permitting and access to District property.

Recreational and Sporting Technologies (Rec Tech)

RecTech is the development, deployment, and use of recreational technologies, and is a growing multi-billion dollar global industry. This industry links innovations in engineering, design, materials science, performance measurement, and a host of other endeavors to the testing and production of recreation products.

Squamish presents itself as a perfect arena for this industry, with inspiring outdoor testing and training areas, a passionate and professional community including photographers, filmmakers, professional athletes, product designers, sporting events, and world-class recreation venues as testing grounds.

Interactive New Media

With Vancouver growing as Canada’s new media hub and the ever-increasing work-force demands for improved quality of life and recreational opportunities, Squamish presents an appealing and affordable alternative for businesses and employees.

In 2013, a local interactive digital agency received several industry accolades and awards, including a Best In Show Davey Award, for their mobile website design for a leading North American bike manufacturer. Several other industry professionals and agencies call Squamish home.
Education Services Industry

The Education Services sector in Squamish has experienced steady growth over the last decade. Both the public and private sector education service providers are investing in the future with the development of some of Canada’s most innovative programs.

Howe Sound School District’s international student program has experienced steady growth with close to 120 international students enlisted. Private, not-for-profit elementary education providers are also expanding operations in the community. There are also a number of seasonal service providers that provide outdoor experiential education for elementary grades. Squamish is also home to a new university-preparatory school for students in grades 7 through 12 that applies a unique 21st-century educational approach to encourage well-rounded and engaged learning. The new secondary-level academy will be located at Quest University.

Squamish boasts two post-secondary education service providers.

Quest University Canada is a private, secular, not-for-profit, undergraduate university founded in 2002 with a focus on liberal arts and sciences. The University is situated on a 60-acre mountaintop campus on the edge of Garibaldi Provincial Park and currently accommodates up to 800 students. Quest has established Academic International partnerships with eighteen leading universities around the world and is in the process of initiating reciprocal student exchange programs. Since opening its doors, Quest has seen a 750% increase in enrolment, has expanded its faculty and staff to more than 100, and has topped the National Survey of Student Engagement (NSSE) three years in a row. In 2014, Quest opened additional campus residences to support their ongoing increase in new enrolments.

The Squamish campus of Capilano University opened in 1973 and focuses on Tourism, Outdoor Recreation and Adult Basic Education. Currently, the Tourism and Outdoor Recreation Faculty offers B.C.’s first bachelor’s degree in tourism, Canada’s only professional scuba dive certificate, and North America’s first mountain bike operations certificate. The Squamish Campus offers a number of programs including business administration, business in tourism, and wilderness leadership.
Manufacturing Industry

Driven by globalization, the Manufacturing sector in Squamish has undergone dramatic restructuring over the past decade, transitioning away from large single industry employers to smaller emerging diversified industry producers.

More and more small firms are choosing Squamish for their manufacturing business since the community offers several competitive advantages including:

**Port and rail transportation connections.**
Squamish Terminals provides excellent access to deep-sea shipping, primarily for break-bulk items (i.e., large, bulky items not shipped in containers). Rail connections provide access to many North American markets.

**Surplus labour currently commuting to Greater Vancouver, Whistler and beyond.**
Although commuting data by industry of employment is not currently available, many Squamish residents who work in the hospitality industry in Whistler have a similar skill profile as manufacturing labourers and assemblers. Skilled trades people and technicians labor force has grown in Squamish over recent years and may be available for more skilled manufacturing positions. It is estimated that approximately 3,000 skilled workers commute daily from Vancouver and Whistler to Squamish.

**Relatively affordable land compared with major urban centres, including Greater Vancouver.**
Within a regional context, industrial space in Squamish competes with industrial and business parks in Greater Vancouver. Squamish currently has a cost advantage over most of these competing locations.

**Lifestyle appeal, including lower cost of living.**
Again compared with Greater Vancouver, Squamish offers manufacturing owners and workers the opportunity to live in a smaller community with ready access to a tremendous array of world-class recreational opportunities.

Source: Squamish Retail, Commercial and Industrial Trade, Investment and Marketing Strategy March 2005
Forestry and Wood Products

The Sea to Sky Forest District in which Squamish is situated comprises a total land area of more than one million hectares. The Timber Harvesting Land Base, or “working forest”, consists of about 125,000 hectares. The Sea to Sky Land & Resource Management Plan (LRMP) approved in 2008 provides direction for future planning and management of natural resources, and a framework to resolve land use issues in the region.

The current Annual Allowable Cut (AAC) of the District is approximately 665,000 m³ per year. Due to the varied topography and ecological diversity within the District, which includes coast-interior transition zones, a wide variety of tree species are found. However, the majority of the timber harvest is made up of Douglas fir, Western red cedar, hemlock, Amabilis fir, and cypress. First Nations and local firms own most of the timber rights within the region. Only a very small portion is owned by integrated firms with manufacturing plants. The timber harvest is managed predominantly by “market loggers”.

Regional timber is sorted and prepared for delivery to processing plants from four major dry land log handling facilities at Squamish. In addition to a larger scale cedar sawmilling operation, a variety of smaller custom processing facilities are found in the valley.

Squamish is well situated for forest product logistics – including marine (shortsea and deep sea facilities), railway and truck transport possibilities – for importing feedstock for remanufacturing, and shipping to markets around the world.

Squamish hosts a growing cluster of firms in glulam, timber frame and panelized wood building systems, supported by advanced kiln drying, and CNC processing facilities here. Squamish is also home to a strong and diverse community of wood artisans in the fields of architectural millwork, furniture, sculpture, and all aspects of wood design.

A local culture of wood can be seen in a number of reference buildings throughout the municipality (including the Adventure Centre, Environmental Learning Centre, and O’Siyam Pavilion) showcasing advanced wood design and building systems. Squamish was the first community in B.C. to formally adopt a “Wood First” policy resolution (2002), promoting the use of wood in public buildings.

Squamish is located in close proximity to several research and development institutions in the fields of forestry and wood products, and has hosted numerous field research, testing, and demonstration projects over the decades.
Major Projects

Squamish is attracting large national and international developers.
Squamish Oceanfront - Largest Development Opportunity in the Region

With its ability to drive economic revitalization and reconnect the community to the water, this land represents a profound redevelopment opportunity unparalleled anywhere in the region.

Set at the northern tip of Howe Sound, mid-way between Vancouver and Whistler and surrounded by dramatic terrain and iconic landmarks, Squamish has a rich geography to match its history. At the nexus of land and water sits fifty-nine acres of former industrial land, plus forty-four adjacent acres of submerged water lots, owned by the Squamish Oceanfront Development Corporation (SODC), a wholly owned corporation of the District of Squamish. This land, extending from downtown Squamish, forms a peninsula fronting Howe Sound, the Mamquam Blind Channel and the Cattermole Slough. With its ability to drive economic revitalization and reconnect the community to the water, this land represents a profound redevelopment opportunity unparalleled anywhere in the region.

In early 2013, the Squamish Oceanfront Development Corporation (SODC) completed the global marketing program for the Oceanfront Lands, resulting in worldwide interest for the site and multiple expressions of interest in the property submitted.

In late 2013, SODC worked with the real estate firm of Cushman and Wakefield to complete an extensive Request for Expression of Interest (RFEI) process in a search for purchasers or partners for the development site.

In August of 2014 The District of Squamish and the Squamish Oceanfront Development Corporation (SODC) signed two important agreements required for the sale of the Oceanfront Lands. The District and SODC have agreed to terms with Matthews Southwest and Bethel Lands Corporation (MSB) on the Purchase and Sale Agreement and the Limited Partnership Agreement. MSB and the District began work on the planning and infrastructure agreements required for construction activity to begin on the Oceanfront Lands.

• $15 million cash purchase price paid by MSB for the SODC Lands including a $1,000,000 deposit;

• A partnership with MSB; the District retains a 25 per cent interest in the partnership with no financial risk;

• MSB commits to building the existing Oceanfront Sub-Area Plan, which was established with extensive community involvement, with a 20-year timeframe for development;

• The on-site infrastructure will be paid for by the developer; the off-site infrastructure required to support the development, and the growing downtown, will be paid for upfront by the developer, with costs recovered from future development over the 20-year build out. Tax payers will not be burdened with costs for infrastructure.

• The District will continue as normal to build and maintain infrastructure and services for the rest of the community;

• Construction will proceed immediately following the completion of the transaction in April 2015, beginning with the Oceanfront park;

• Development of the SODC Lands will expedite the installation of required infrastructure and key upgrades to the downtown core;

• A final transaction completion date of April 2015; in the interim, completion of several planning and infrastructure agreements to be adopted by Council in order to meet the terms and conditions of the agreement.

• Details of the Memorandum of Understanding, the Purchase and Sale Agreement and the Limited Partner Agreement are available for viewing and download from the SODC website.

For more information, visit www.squamishoceanfront.com
The projected positive impacts of the project are significant and represent a boon to the broader Squamish community and all levels of government.

Recently, a feasibility development plan was completed that incorporated community goals. In summary, the plan incorporates the following:

- Creates an Oceanfront Park, trail network and community amenities;
- Complements the downtown;
- Generates significant new income and employment opportunities;
- Invites a university to be part of the community;
- Provides more than 1,100 new homes to help accommodate Squamish’s growing population; and
- Makes money and minimizes risk.

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Protecting Our Future

Balancing the protection of the environment with the needs of a growing population and economy.
Smart Growth Principles

The District of Squamish Council is guided by a commitment to develop in a manner that is sustainable – environmentally, fiscally, economically, and socially – so that our children and our grandchildren can satisfy their needs in the future and continue to enjoy the opportunities and amenities that Squamish offers. This commitment entails balancing the protection of the environment with the needs of a growing population and economy. This sustainability commitment provides a foundation for the Official Community Plan; and the principles, objectives, and policies contained within the plan reinforce this commitment.

As a major step in moving in this direction, Council adopted, in principle, the following set of Smart Growth Principles:

1. **Each community is complete.** The Downtown maintains its role as the vibrant heart of the community, with a variety of housing, educational facilities, culture, shopping, and employment in close proximity. Services, facilities and housing options are also located throughout the community and in existing neighborhood centres.

2. **Options to the car are emphasized.** Enhanced connectivity between roads, trails, and other corridors, through a road network that provides east-west connections as an alternative to Highway 99 and a comprehensive trail network with improved road crossings for pedestrians, cyclists, and local traffic.

3. **Work in harmony with natural systems.** A proposed green network that provides connections between parks and natural features and that protects ecologically sensitive areas.

4. **Buildings and infrastructure are greener, smarter, and cheaper.** A variety of elements are included such as green infrastructure for roads and lanes, increased tree canopy coverage through the community and the mitigation of impacts from transportation corridors on adjacent ecosystems.

5. **Housing meets the needs of the whole community.** A range of housing choices throughout the community will be encouraged through infill opportunities and new developments that reflect the character of the existing neighbourhoods.

6. **Jobs are close to home.** Infrastructure improvements that support and attract employment sources are recommended. Improvements to the transit system and dedicated routes for the movement of goods.

7. **The spirit of the community is honoured.** A ‘made in Squamish’ vision of a smarter, more sustainable community that reflects the local character, references the local industrial heritage, and respects sacred sites of the Squamish Nation.

8. **Everyone has a voice.** Extensive and meaningful community participation and contribution into the planning process.

*The Smart Growth Principles can also help guide the preparation of new land use policies and plans.*
Global Warming Action Plan

In February 2007, Council approved Squamish’s Global Warming Action Plan that includes a 12-Step Pledge to reduce greenhouse gas emissions through the following resolution:

The District of Squamish will strive to meet and ideally exceed Kyoto Protocol targets and timelines for reducing global warming pollution by taking action in our own operations and our community by committing to initiating and achieving the following:

1. Prepare an inventory of municipal and community-wide global warming emissions, set reduction targets and prepare an action plan.

2. Adopt and enforce anti-sprawl land use policies.

3. Promote alternative transportation options through policies and programs, and adopt transportation policies that reduce greenhouse gas emissions and improve air quality.

4. Encourage and increase the use of clean, alternative and renewable energy sources.

5. Make energy efficiency a priority.

6. Use Energy Star (or equivalent) equipment and appliances for municipal use, and develop programs that encourage residents to become more energy efficient and reduce the use of plastic bags.

7. Retrofit municipal buildings and facilities to become more energy efficient.

8. Improve the fuel efficiency of the municipal vehicle fleet and encourage fuel alternatives in the community.

9. Improve efficiency in municipal water and wastewater systems, encourage water conservation, and maximize the use of existing infrastructure.

10. Increase recycling throughout the community.

11. Maintain and encourage healthy urban forests and tree management.

12. Educate the community (residents, businesses, and industry) about the importance of reducing global warming emissions.

These commitments have greatly influenced the preparation of the Official Community Plan policies and goals that will guide the evolution of the community in the years to come.

For more information, visit squamish.ca.
Community Resources

A valuable guide to Squamish clubs, organizations, and community services.
## Recreational Clubs

*Be sure to visit tourismsquamish.com for detailed information on Squamish activities.*

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<td>Contact: Debbie Vidas, 604.898.3485, <a href="mailto:stilldancingfun@hotmail.com">stilldancingfun@hotmail.com</a></td>
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**Arts & Music Organizations**

**Artisan Gallery**  
Artisan@SquamishArtsCouncil.org

**Between Shifts Theatre**  
www.betweenshiftstheatre.com

**Brackendale Art Gallery**  
www.brackendaleartgallery.com

**Diamond Head Legion Pipe Band**  
Contact: Luc Leblanc  
604.898.4260  
lucleblanc@shaw.ca

**Foyer Gallery, Squamish Public Library**  
www.squamish.bc.libraries.coop

**Howe Sound Performing Arts Association**  
info@howesoundarts.ca

**Howe Sound Quilters Guild**  
Contact: Colleen  
604.898.2803

**Portico Art Gallery**  
www.porticogallery.ca

**Sea to Sky Singers**  
www.seatoskysingers.net

**Squamish Academy of Music**  
www.squamishacademyofmusic.com

**Squamish Arts Council**  
www.squamishartscouncil.ca

**Squamish Nation Artists and Online Galleries**  
www.squamish.net

**Squamish Nation Dance Group**  
www.squamishnation.net

**Squamish Spinners and Weavers**  
Contact: Shirley Wilson  
604.892.3373

**Squamish Writers Group**  
www.squamishartscouncil.ca

**Squamish Youth Theatre**  
Contact: Adriane Polo  
604.898.5930  
apolo@shaw.ca

**Visuals**  
The Squamish Valley Artists Society  
www.squamishart.com

**Community, Business, and Employment Resources**

**Tourism Squamish**  
101 – 38551 Loggers Lane  
Squamish, B.C. V8B 0H2  
604.815.5084  
www.exploresquamish.com  
Number of Members: 42

**Squamish Chamber of Commerce**  
102 – 38551 Loggers Lane  
Squamish, B.C. V8B 0H2  
604.815.4990  
www.squamishchamber.com  
Number of Members: 480

**Downtown Squamish Business Improvement Association**  
604.848.9526  
www.downtownsquamish.com  
Number of Members: 120

**Community Futures Howe Sound**  
Suite 102 – 1909  
Squamish, B.C. V8B 0T1  
604.892.5467  
www.cfhowesound.com

**Training Innovations Squamish**  
Squamish Employment Services  
302 – 37989 Cleveland Avenue  
Squamish, B.C. V8B 0A8  
604.815.4550  
www.training-innovations.com

**Inside Edge B.C.**  
Squamish, B.C. (web-based)  
www.insideedgebc.ca  
Number of Members: 243
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Want to get involved?
Reach out to some of Squamish’s great community organizations.

Al-Anon Club of Squamish
37878 3rd Ave., Box 1504
Squamish V8B 0B1
604.892.9044

B.C. Lions Easter Seal Camp
www.eastersealscamps.ca

B.C. Museum of Mining
www.bcmuseumofmining.org

Big Brothers Big Sisters Squamish
www.bigbrothersvancouver.com/about/sea-to-sky.php

BPOE Elks Lodge
Contact: Peter Harris
604.892.5335

Brackendale Farmers Institute
www.brackendalefarmersinstitute.org

Canada World Youth
www.cwy-jcm.org

Communities that Care Squamish
tcseatosky.com

Evans Lake Forest Education Centre
www.evanslake.com

Girl Guides, Brownies, Sparks, Pathfinders and Rangers
604.714.6636
info@bc-girlguides.org

Junior Forest Wardens
www.juniorforestwardens.com

Kinsmen Club of Squamish
Contact: Vic Loney
604.898.4708

Kiwanis Club of Squamish
Contact: Jose Oreamuno
604.898.5579

Rotary Club of Squamish
www.squamishrotary.com

Royal Canadian Air Cadets
Contact: Capt. David R Timms
898.892.5776
Timms.DR@cadets.net

Royal Canadian Legion #277
www.facebook.com/squamishlegion

Sea to Sky Canine Club
Contact: Sheri Newman
604.892.9809
sinewman@telus.net

Sea to Sky Children First
www.seatoskychildrenfirst.ca

Sea to Sky Community Services
www.ssces.ca

Sea to Sky Crime Stoppers Society
www.solvecrime.ca

Sea to Sky Freenet Association
www.seatoskycommunity.org

Senior Citizens Association Branch 70
Box 94 Squamish V8B 0A1
604.898.5463

SPCA Squamish Valley Branch
www.sPCA.bc.ca/branches/squamish

Squamish Amateur Radio Club
www.squamisharc.wordpress.com

Squamish CAN
Climate Action Network
www.squamishcan.net

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Squamish Days Loggers Sports Committee  
www.squamishdays.ca

Squamish Duplicate Bridge Club  
Contact: Erwin Tenta  
604.892.5828

Squamish Environmental Society  
www.squamishenvironment.ca

Squamish Farmers’ Market  
www.squamishfarmersmarket.com

Squamish Flying Club  
Contact: John Hurford,  
604.898.3129  
hurfordj@shaw.ca

Squamish Gardeners  
www.squamishgardeners.com

Squamish Historical Society  
www.squamishhistory.ca

Squamish Lions Club  
Contact: Mike Jenson,  
604.898.8279  
mikejenson@shaw.ca

Squamish Public Library  
www.squamish.bclibrary.ca

Squamish River Watershed Society  
www.squamishwatershed.com

Squamish Sound Off Toastmasters Club  
Contact: Maureen McBeath,  
mmcbeath@dccnet.com

Squamish Streamkeepers  
Contact: Edith Tobe  
604.898.9171

Squamish Virtues Society  
Contact: Alison Durosh,  
604.898.5033

Squamish Youth Centre  
www.sscs.ca/youth/youth-centre

Tantalus Senior Centre  
Contact: Ray Miles  
604.892.1066  
rayboy@shaw.ca

Tantalus Walking Club  
Contact: Joyce  
604.898.5594

Volunteer Connections  
www.seatoskycommunity.org

West Coast Railway Heritage Park  
www.wcra.org

Women’s Auxiliary Squamish Hospital  
Contact: Marion Mills  
604.898.5119