

PARKS AND RECREATION MASTER PLAN PUBLIC FORUM

OUTDOOR SPORTS AND ATHLETICS

What are the most important components of outdoor sports in Squamish?

- Wind, water (white), Chief
- Self-Propelled
- Trails (Hike, Bike) & Adj. Parks
- Easy Access
- Boat storage & Ramp
- Low environmental impact
- Close to snow
- X country
- Yacht Club
- Covered Riding Arena

What sports and athletics do you, or your family, participate in? Are there adequate opportunities for all ages?

- Mountain biking (Racing)
- Kayaking sea, river
- Horse Back – comp/Trail/Dressage etc.
- X country
- Soccer
- Kite boarding...etc
- Sailing

Are there adequate opportunities for all ages? Are there any barriers to participating in sports?

- Limitations – channel needs to be dredged
- For kids + teen transition
- Cost
- Access
- Exp. if parents don't participate
- Programming/events to attract use
- LTAD components missing
- Facilities lacking..
- Off season esp.
- District Support

What activities, program, or facilities would you like to see more of?

- Indoor BMX
- Boat storage (Kayak Canoe)
- Sportex events
- Equestrian Indoor facility
- Indoor multi-use sport venue
- Ice surface #2
- Nordic training
- Multi-use track

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What type of events or competitions would you like to see more of (if any)?

- All associated with above

How does the title ("Outdoor Recreation Capital of Canada" relate to athletics in Squamish?

- Home to many champions/mentors'
- Incubator
- Standard of how much activity in one area
- Communications/planning needed
- Need to back up the concept
- Goal/work in progress/potential
- "A sign put up in the middle of the night"

How do you find out about sports opportunities in Squamish?

- Radio/paper
- FB
- Web generally
- Brennan Park webpage

What are the most important athletic fields+ sports facilities in Squamish?

- Soccer fields
- Brennan Park
- BMX track
- Mtn. bike trails
- Sailing
- Kayaking
- Slo pitch
- Hiking
- Lacrosse

Barriers

- Time
- Field closure
- Hours of operation
- Lighting
- Lack of facilities
- Weight room
- DOS support facilitation
- Volunteers never enough
- Paid leadership
- Dialogue needed re: user needs – capital & Operation \$
- Improve insurance
- Long term planning re. activity compatibility

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More of

- Lacrosse field/box
 - Waterfront small boat storage
 - Lighting skate park
 - Indoor running track
 - Outdoor running track
 - Mountain bike skills park
 - Indoor riding
 - Lighting for exercise – other facs.
 - Universal access to rink viewing
 - Public golf course
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- Marquee event multi-sport
 - E.g. BC Summer Seniors Games
 - Crank works – spin – offs
 - Mom. /Tough mudder
 - Long term planning, re. events off season events.

How do you find out

- Word of mouth
- Program no longer mailed
- Sometimes DOS website
- WWW too many sites – need one portal
- Radio/paper
- School

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What outdoor athletic facilities are lacking or need improvement?

1. Accessibility/availability/afford
 - ~ Natural env.
 - ~ Mtn biking
 - ~ Matching fac. & Demand
 - ~ Bike Lanes (on pavement)
 - ~ Multi-use/shared use
2. Soccer/Base Ball, Hiking, biking, skate B. dragon boat, watersport – kayaking, canoe...all
3. No, facilities lacking – slo-pitch
 - ~ Competing demand
 - ~ Lack of lighting – available hours
 - ◆ Water access & facilities, lack of connectivity to/from downtown
 - ◆ Muliti-use accessible trails ease of accessible trails, ease of access to downtown
 - ◆ Safe connections (for ped & cyclists)
 - ◆ Cycling lanes → downtown
 - ~ No golf for kids (under 12)
 - ~ No soccer for over 18 girls (18-30)
 - ~ No bathrooms
4. Field maintenance – expensive
 - ~ Costs – soccer fields not maintained
 - ~ Transportation
 - ~ Fortunate to have existing soccer fields (size – locations)
 - ~ Youth sports more subsidized
 - ~ Need vision
 - ~ Consultation needed every 1-2 years
 - ~ Communications for non-computer users
 - ~ Windsport access & facilities lacking
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5. Lights

- ~ Highlight & support local athletes
- ~ Training facilities
- ~ Start dragon boat race
- ~ Diversity – all levels, Healthy
- ~ Need event facilities
- ~ Competitive use
- ~ Focus on youth
- ~ Equestrian stable areas being developed
- ~ X country ski – popular in Squamish, need training here (biathlon, roller skate track)
- ~ Multi-sport approach across age range
- ~ Need competitive training FAC for it
- ~ Watersports
- ~ Need sport council, information
- ~ Exchange needed

6. Slogan has potential

- ~ No meaning
 - ~ Is our lifestyle
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1. Trails, access

- Venues/facilities
- Water access

2. Biking, hike, fish, football, soccer

- Sailing
- Mtn biking

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3. Young kids & biking → not enough easy trails
 - All season soccer surface (roof) lacking
 - Easy trails for seniors
 - Connectivity issues

4. Barriers..parking issues (end of Perth, Cherry Drive)
 - Blind channel needs dredging for sailboats

5. Bike skills bike
 - Dual slalom track (bike racking downhill)

6. Support for weekly events

7. Slogan...support for this
 - Represents lifestyle
 - Lifestyle 1st
 - Our rec takes place out-side of DOS boundaries
 - Coho, covenant trail head → important trail head
 - No name Mtn (N. of Garibaldi Highlands S. of Alice Lake)
 - Makes Squamish Mtn biking what it is

8. Word of mouth, Sorca (500 members), emal, online

9. Trail access → beyond Quest Uni. (important)

ARTS, CULTURE+ TOURISM *(Info & communication)*

What are the most important components in the arts+ culture scene in Squamish?

- Organizations + people (35)
- Events – locals + out of town
- Loggers Sports /festival – unique
- Environmental icons that have spiritual energy, story ...(Chief) – natural cultural anchor.
- Embrace + recognize the differences + components of the community
- Artists (visual) living in the community (bank of resources)
- Music of festivals (North A. draw)
- Outdoor nature is a cultural draw
- Outdoor recreation brand →aesthetic that goes with it
- Sub genres of music/support that a aesthetic

What activities, opportunities, and events do you like the best?

- Squamish Nation events
- Outdoor concerts
- Logger Sports/Dragonboat races
- Mtn biking events
- Horseback riding events
- Opportunity to explore heritage (aboriginal)...museum related to resources
- Knowledge based events
- Local theatre
- Regular jam events
- Farmers market events
- Relay for Life + other fundraising events
- Outdoor exp
- Multi-cultural events
- Nature based (estuary events)

What arts+ culture activities or facilities are lacking or need improvement?

- Expansion of Squamish Arts council
- Temporary/multi-use areas to support events/app. ethnical/flexible
- Look at existing facilities + how they can be used creatively
- School facilities is too expensive
- Eagle Eye Theatre is too expensive – small screen
- Space for a/c rentals is expensive
- Adventure Centre as central communication hub → (event marketing?) – Chamber? District? Tourism?
- Arts programming (specialty) rooms
- Arts program marketing →Rec centre guide opp.
- Oceanfront arts centre 500-600 seat performing arts
- Multi-purpose centre
- Installations downtown
- Downtown cultural “theme”
- Seniors Centre integration of users
- Logging sports
- Arts connection exp.
- Drummer look up to jam

ARTS, CULTURE+ TOURISM

Are there adequate opportunities for all ages?

- Might be a communication issue, but young/young kids interest in music – no
- Dance (folk) venue that is affordable + available
- Idea for facility inventory that are rentable (Arts Council tried to do this)
- Open data system
- Squamish (SAC) updating communication website
- Free/affordable activities/ fee
- 10 and under needed
- Need teenager activity
- Role for the schools to address this
- More focus on kids than adult opportunities

Are there barriers to participating in arts and culture?

- Awareness + Information
- Facility (lack)
- Affordability (sponsorship)
- Transit (weekend + evening)
- Lack of outreach
- Lack of programming (hip hop....)
- SAC driven by accessibility + need District Support
- More flexible drop in programs as opposed to fixed program dates

What should the priorities be for enhancing Squamish Arts & Culture?

- Room for the history of the town
 - ...get \$ tourism revenue
- Tell the story of Squamish in various ways
- By supporting it...help communicate it
- By helping organizational development
- Simplifying event application process
- Authenticity
- Culturally relevant program
- Targeted demographic marketing
- Space for people to use, showcase
- Studio space/music practice jam space
- Arts space sales in public space + targeted at local artists. “Art in the Park”
- Ensure international arts are profiled...to lure tourists

Do you support more events+ festival s?

- Yes
 - SAC is creating a community events calendar to piggy back → look to collaborate (ex: “Into the woods” leveraging SAC- Logger Sports
 - Events that extend our “brand”

ARTS, CULTURE+ TOURISM

What kind?

- All
 - Squamish can do better to annualize events – large * appropriate scale events
 - Dedicate the summer months
 - Calendar to specific events
- Viewscape insurance policy

If new programs or facilities are added, how should cost be paid? (by increasing user fees, through taxes, by reducing other services, through non-profit organizations, through private companies?)

- Integrate it all → shared costs
- Depends on Ind. Activity
- Grants
- Corporate sponsors
- Benefactor
- District supported not lead led – facilitator role
- User pay
- If there is a clear ROI to Squamish, tax ↑ is justified, if not then user pay

What's the role of Arts+ Culture in relation to the 'Outdoor Recreation Capital'?

- Needs to be balanced + separate
- Extend existing events – heritage + cultural opportunities
- Integrate local artists into signage
- Natural environment inspires artists
- Recreation has its own culture + own arts forms
- Again, an extension to the brand so the type of art, music that mountain bikers + dirt jumpers listen to take in ... needs to be room for diversity.

How do you find out about arts+ culture events and programs?

- On line
- Squamish
- Word of mouth
- Fliers
- SAC Listserve
- Facebook
- Radio
- Newspaper
- Social media

NATURAL ENVIRONMENT & TRAILS

What's your level of satisfaction with Squamish's natural areas and trails?

- Very
- Potential to make it better
- Mix bag
- Concerned about future (logging, directions) (Brought back to trail standard after)
- Within DOS need repair –signage, maint., T.L.C.
- Improve connectivity in areas & Continuity
- Improve trails walking Estuary
- Safety – on trails etiquette-more trucks on road
- Lights on corridor trail
- Be more like Whistler (trails)
- Engage Estuary Group
- Mtn. bike loop for all ages (Flat)
- More multi-use horse trails
- Log house
- Commuter trails
- Land base maintained as development occurs
- Places to sit & relax make parks more park like, look at coherent materials
- More access
- Access to Ocean for boating - river

What activities do you do in Squamish's natural areas?

- Mountain bike
- Fishing
- Tubing
- Canoe/kayak
- Climbing
- Biking
- Sailing
- XC ski
- Sledding
- DH/XC
- Dogs off leash
- Swimming
- Dog waking
- Running
- Hiking
- Trail running
- Horse back riding
- Snow shoe
- Kite board
- Back country skiing
- Wake boarding
- BMX
- Motorbike
- Skateboard

NATURAL ENVIRONMENT & TRAILS

How do you use trails in and around Squamish (e.g., hiking, cycling, horseback riding, dog walking)?

- Rec
- Exercise
- Commuting
- Tourism
- Maint.
- Dog
- Bird watching
- cycling

Is there adequate access to nature?

- More connectivity
- Self-propelled
- Maintain green corridor
- Access points in each area neighbourhoods
- Ramp for H2O access
- Storage kayak
- Dredging
- Family beach access
- Well signed
- Dyke issues
 - Brackendale
 - DIC
 - All self-propelled
- Green Space Presentatation

What are the barriers to using the nature parks and trails? Lack of signage (length)

- Lack of signage
- DOS funded maint/gov't
- Private land access
- Crown land
- Right of way
- Elevation for kids (Kamloops shuttle/bike ranch)
- Lack of interesting beg. Trails
- Dump trails aka Whistler (open trails)
- Lack of Education through website etc. DOS/TS
- Information/accessibility
 - Trail info to user groups for each (work with) portal
- Ramp dredge
- Parking lots
- ↑ ways to work less
- Kids
- Connectivity of Dykes
- Cougars
- Bears
- Red tape (races)
- Fear of getting hurt
- Accessibility for DOS Facilitators for events

NATURAL ENVIRONMENT & TRAILS

Are there areas that need better management or focus?

- Maint Plan
- Funding maint/capital
- New trail planning
- Skills park
- Estuary
- Support of grass roots planning
- Develop of skills
- Waterfront
- Involvement in doing
- Access to info
- Dykes
- Clarity on trail use (sport activities)
- Back country info access
- Mapping of lands- recreation
- Access points trail head-clear areas formulation Above i.e. loop off Perth Drive

What natural areas should be the foundation for the "Outdoor Recreation Capital of Canada"?

- Outside DOS Bound
- Entrench TOM
- Estuary
- SMP
- Chief – Climbing
- Waterfront
- Lakes/Rivers/Alice
- Alice Lake to Stawamus rivers – Garibaldi Park as E Boundary
- Multi-sport environment
- Many affordable things to do
- Access to Cat Lake
- Access Upper Mamquam
- Climbing

How do you find out about nature parks and trails?

- Talk to locals
- Maps
- Website
- Social Media
- Getting Lost
- Do it
- Events
- Outdoor shops
- You tube
- Smart phone apps
- Guide books
- Word of mouth
- DOS links on website
- Portal/DOS events hub

NATURAL ENVIRONMENT & TRAILS

Where are the critical access points to the 'back country' for hiking, wilderness camping, climbing, etc.

- Garibaldi Park Rd.
- Crumpit
- Squamish River
- Paradise valley
- Mamquam kayak site
- Spit
- Community wants to ride dirt bikes from house
- University access
- Alice Lake
- Gondola
- MBC
- Coho
- FSR – Endowment
- Mamquam FSR

- Squamish Valley Road
- Westside Squamish River
- Echo Lake
- Ashlu to the north
- Lake Lovely Water

PARKS

Squamish Junction Park/Stan Clarke. Park connection to waterfront (D.O.S. to embrace it) tangible for downtown.

- Need to improve trails & park connections system
- Signage + way finding
- People don't know where all the parks are
- Maintain view corridors
 - Diamond head
 - Mamquam massive
 - Chief
 - Waterfalls to Sq. R.
- Walking corridor
 - Blind channel
- Connect dt to chief
 - (pedestrian over pass)
- Vandalism (cottonwood Pk)
- Need resilient play equip
- Nature play
- Youth outreach ↓ vand.
- Smoke bluffs need neighborhood park
- Neighborhoods watch to improve safety + ↓ Vand..
- Waterpark (people going to whistler)
- Pitch n putt/mini golf
- Need more activities in the parks
- Diff. parks attract diff. ages
- Enable use of parks 4 events
- Money issue w/improving parks – compare to what?
- Anything in Kingswood?
 - Ensure parks go into new dev. Areas →not exchange for elsewhere
- Waterfront near Brackendale or along dyke
 - Incl. places to hangout picnic/BBq/Seating
 - Pavillions to rent

PARKS

- Playground equip is good but drainage issues everywhere.
- Parkland that is underutilized or not even developed or unknown
- Allow space for older kids + informal sports + programming + play
- Brennan Park → mtn. bike skills 10-16 yr olds
- Pat Good + Coho Pk. Connection
- Batting practice
- Create central area at Brennan Park for youth drop-in sports w/café for parents seating.
- Good improvements in the past few years.
- Highlands → nowhere close to play informal sports
- Improve maintenance
- Pump track
- Improve info on parks w/photos + maps on dist. Website
- Ongoing feedback opportunities
- Trail connections
- New dev. On Tantalus Rd.
 - What have they cont. to park?
- Drainage in All parks
- Add programming + amenities
- Windbreaks to mitigate wind (Brennan)
- Consider ↑ play areas downtown
- Cottonwood park needs ↑ grade
- Downtown destination park
- Oceanfront park is a great opportunity

PARKS

Parks (R3) (~7)

- Valleycliffe is underserved
 - School is primary playground
 - McN pk needs attention
 - John Hunter park was flooded & never redibe
- Add park & entrance to V.C. @ hospital
- No park between government & highway →eagle run area
- 4/10 Score
- People drive to Alice Lake instead of local parks
- We don't use parks in s. area except Smk. Blf.
- No shortage of plastic playground
 - Need more nature play
 - (Alice Lake plgr. Forexample or Waldorf school)
 - Cheaper incorporates habitat, bike pk, etc.
- Incorp. Outdoor fitness equip. near playgrounds for parents
- McN → dogs & trees = no grass and lots of mud
- Nexon is unofficial dog pk and dyke
- Water Pk → not enough + too expensive
- Use natural water assets
- Need equitable distribution of funds (example →skate park pays for own lights??)
- Skate park →use adj shrubbing areas, add mtn. bike skills area (sequential skill levels)
 - Its accessible from downtown
 - Improve participation
 - Lights
 - Undercover skills area.
- Not enough use of outdoor fitness because of weather
- Why is L.S. area only used 1 weekend per year?
 - not enough use.
- McN park
 - Work on trails behind tennis court
 - Need crush
 - Back trails are flooded +muddy

PARKS

- Need to look at Logger sports area
- John Hunter → mow more often
- Add waterpark (Brennan?)
- Bike skills park (wooded area SE corner of Brennan)
- Better playground at Brennan
 - Need something for siblings of sports players
- Campground is good for tourneys etc in summer
- Lacrosse
- More combo indoor/outdoor areas
- Park Safety
 - Only one exit/entrance
 - (argyle)
 - No visibility in park
 - “corridor” entrances
 - put parks on corners,
 - not hidden, no sign
 - lack of vis = vandalism
 - Dentville is non – existent
 - Need better info on website – trails/park
 - Add water fountains
 - Address dogparks – official areas off –leash
- Skate Park
 - Lights
 - Contact w principal kids help clean
 - Garbage cans
 - Washroom access from outside?
- Area near garbage dump for dog park?
- Not enough info on parks
- 5/10 park rating
- Website showing parks & connections
- Coho to A.L. connection
- Pat Goode Park drainage (tall)7

PARKS

- Connect all parks
- Improve signage & visibility
- Upgrade trail signage
- Look for partnerships
- More natural play areas
- Spider web
- Ropes course
- Waterpark
- Accessible playgrounds
- Plays, community events in parks
- Games nights in parks
- Waterfront → park @ Nexen Beach
- Access to Tiempo?
- Disc golf (example Canmore)
- Public golf/par3/whiffle ball
- Bike skills park
- Maintenance
- Marketing
- Mapping
- Kids fitness area outside & roof
- Wilson Slough “water trail” → all around downtown, minimize portages
- Use dyke as trail all the way