

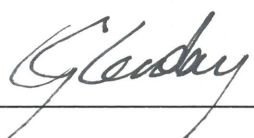


Squamish Healthy Community Collaboration Agreement 2019-2021

<p>Background & Rationale</p>	<p>According to a 2009 report from the Canadian Senate, some 10% of population health outcomes can be attributable to our physical or built environment with an additional 50% being related to social and economic determinants, many of which are deeply interconnected with environments. Evidence has also shown that local governments currently provide much of the essential social and physical infrastructure necessary to support individual and community health and well-being. With the growing levels of <i>preventable</i> chronic illness such as diabetes and obesity, both the health care system and local governments have a shared interest in reducing preventable diseases to improve the quality of life for residents. In 2011, the BC Ministry of Health launched <i>Healthy Families BC</i> to promote partnerships between provincial health authorities and the communities within their regions to improve population health. Improving overall population health in BC will result in reductions in both chronic disease and injuries; it will also help reduce inequities in health status and health outcomes and reduce the growth of health care costs¹.</p> <p>In 2015 the District of Squamish and Vancouver Coastal Health signed their first Healthy Communities Collaboration Agreement to stimulate local actions and policies to improve local health outcomes. Ongoing collaborations continue to build capacity for health planning at the local level, supported by health data and expertise to inform District policies, programs and decisions. Health is embedded and is a foundational goal in the District's newly updated Squamish2040 Official Community Plan. This 2019-2020 collaboration agreement updates the original agreement.</p>
<p>Common Purpose</p>	<p>The Collaboration Agreement between VCH and the District of Squamish aims to advance mutual objectives that will improve the health and wellbeing of all Squamish citizens while reducing health inequities. Working together, the parties will fulfill this objective by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Identifying priority health areas, initiatives and projects for collaborative action; ii. Sharing health data, evidence and best practices to support local planning policy; and iii. Contributing to evidence-informed decisions on matters affecting the health of the community.

¹ <https://www.health.gov.bc.ca/library/publications/year/2014/healthy-families-bc-policy-framework.pdf>

Healthy Community Principles	<p>Together through their collaborations the District of Squamish and VCH will acknowledge and apply considerations for social determinants of health and health equity in coordinating policies and actions. While actions must be universal, specific attention will be placed on addressing the underlying causes of health disparities experienced by vulnerable populations within Squamish in order to contribute to systems-level change.</p>
Identified Priority Areas for Collaboration	<p>The following health priority areas will be the focus for ongoing joint collaboration and action:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Healthy OCP Implementation [community health indicators annual monitoring and reporting, ongoing policy development] <input type="checkbox"/> Child & Youth Development [early childhood and middle years development, child care, youth services, engagement and built environment] <input type="checkbox"/> Food Security/Healthy Eating [food policy, agriculture planning, neighbourhood food assets and amenities, including community gardens and kitchens, urban agriculture, farmers markets, food hubs, edible landscapes; food service in community facilities; healthy eating and food education] <input type="checkbox"/> Physical Activity, Mobility & Accessibility [integrating health programming, services and facilities; active transportation priorities and road safety, safe routes to school, speed reduction initiatives, neighbourhood connectivity, and accessible, age-friendly built environment guidelines implementation] <input type="checkbox"/> Substance Use [aligning land use, regulatory and harm reduction approaches addressing regulated substances, including cannabis, tobacco, vapourizers and associated products; guidelines for public facilities; municipal smoke free by-laws, alcohol policy; local and regional substance and mental health tables]. <input type="checkbox"/> Development Planning & Health Impact Review [building understanding and protocols for coordinated development referrals and health impacts review; water and sewer servicing/access, business and child care licensing coordination; air, water quality and building monitoring] <input type="checkbox"/> Local Health Data: My Health My Community Survey 2.0 [Community engagement strategy and survey design, deployment, promotion and reporting; future data-driven collaborative action]
Communication, Priority Setting & Reporting	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Engagement & Frequency of meetings: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Regular (quarterly) joint meetings between VCH and District of Squamish key contacts b. Annual Special Meeting on Health – reporting and direction setting as well as annual ‘Sea to Sky Healthy Communities Congress’ event/forum

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> c. Project-specific meetings as required; d. Meeting chair function and minute taking to rotate between partners e. Inclusion of additional health partners as needed to ensure representation/informed discussion. <p>2. Other forms of communication:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. External Communication: The partners agree to provide press releases and other communications materials (e.g. press releases, website articles, publications, etc.) to one another prior to release. b. Internal Communication: Communication between VCH and DOS shall be directed through the designated contact persons.
Key Contacts	<p>Vancouver Coastal Health: Medical Health Officer: Dr. Geoff McKee Population Health Policy & Project Lead (Claire Gram)</p> <p>Local Government (District of Squamish): Community Planning (Sarah McJannet); Recreation (Tim Hoskin) Senior Director Community Services (Natasha Golbeck) Chief Administrative Officer (Linda Glenday)</p>
Annual Work Planning	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Partners agree to maintain a 2 year work plan and schedule for annual special meetings on health, as well as a partner and healthy community collaborator contact list.
	<p>Signed this <u>29</u> day of <u>April</u>, 2019;</p> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around; align-items: flex-end;"> <div style="text-align: center;">  _____ (VCH Chief Operating Officer) </div> <div style="text-align: center;">  _____ (Medical Health Officer) </div> </div> <div style="text-align: center; margin-top: 20px;">  _____ District of Squamish CAO </div>