

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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2040

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OFFICIAL COMMUNITY PLAN Discussion Draft

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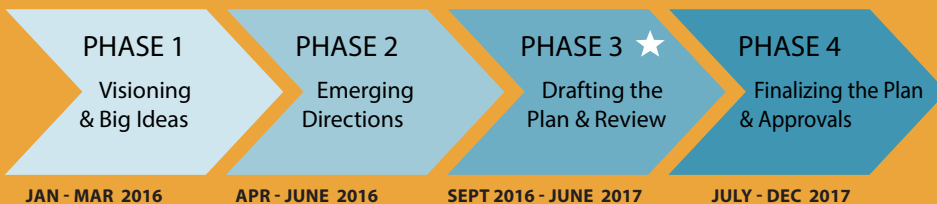
It's closer than we think!

The District of Squamish is in Phase 3 of the Official Community Plan update and needs your continued input.

Over 1,200 people have been engaged to date through public open houses, workshops, meetings, citizen-led "OCPizza Parties", online questionnaires and outreach throughout the community.

Using community ideas and feedback, as well as the many plans and strategies undertaken by the District, we have developed a Discussion Draft that will lead us to the final plan.


we are here



Let us know if we're on the right track. Read this Executive Summary and review the complete Discussion Draft at squamish.ca/OCP.

There are two ways to share your feedback:

 Visit squamish.ca/OCP and share your feedback through an **online survey**.

 Join us for a family-friendly **public event on May 24** at the Brennan Park Recreation Centre. Drop in anytime from 6 to 9 p.m.

Staff will also host **'pop-up' stations** from mid-May to mid-June to talk to people across town!

Vision

The Vision for Squamish2040 sets the foundation for the Plan. A clear, shared vision defines and brings meaning to what's important for our future.

In 2040, Squamish is a vibrant, inclusive, connected coastal mountain community with a big heart and a small town spirit. At nature's doorstep, Squamish is a leader and steward, sustaining ecological and human health while supporting resilient neighbourhoods and a thriving, diverse economy for all.

Goals

OCP objectives and policies are focused on supporting and achieving five big goals for Squamish:



About the Official Community Plan

What is an OCP?

The Official Community Plan (OCP) is our community's **highest level, overall plan for the future**. It sets out a clear vision for how Squamish will grow and develop over the next 25 years and guides decisions on planning, land use, community services, and more.

Why is it important?

Squamish continues to grow rapidly. We have also seen major demographic changes, increasing concerns around climate change and the environment, and shifts in our economy as society becomes increasingly digitized.

The OCP reflects the community's values and priorities as presented through its vision. By setting out a clear community vision today, we can shape our future growth in a way that is sustainable and provides a high quality of life for current and future residents. This will also offer **greater certainty** for residents, land owners, governments, agencies, community groups and investors about the direction and coordination of the **future growth** of Squamish.

Who uses it and how?

The OCP is used by many. Once adopted, the OCP is implemented by the District through ongoing planning, decisions, actions, and partnerships as guided through annual strategic planning. Progress is monitored and measured over time so we can see how well we're progressing towards our goals.

Policies are **flexible** to adapt to change and **structured** to provide clear direction.

- District Council and staff use it to guide **municipal decisions** such as budgeting, servicing, capital projects, land use and development proposals.
- Citizens, landowners, businesses, and developers use it to guide **property and investment decisions**.
- The School District and other agencies use it to guide **facility planning, program and service delivery**.

Priorities & Plan Drivers

Key priorities and values that have emerged from community input to date include:

Growth Management:

While protecting sensitive lands and preserving open spaces, we need to carefully manage and focus future growth to avoid sprawl, plan for efficient infrastructure and create complete, connected neighbourhoods where people can live, work, play and shop.

Housing Supply & Affordability:

Strong growth and rising housing prices in neighbouring regions are putting pressure on housing in Squamish and many residents are concerned about being able to afford or find suitable housing in order to stay in the community.

Economy & Local Jobs:

Squamish needs more local jobs to ensure we are more than just a bedroom community. This requires preservation of a range of employment and industrial lands to support a diverse and sustainable economy.

Local & Regional Transportation:

People need safe and accessible ways to get around Squamish and to neighbouring communities. Better options for walking, cycling and transit will help to reduce the need for single-occupancy vehicles and support a more active and affordable community.

Environmental Protection:

Squamish's natural environment is the backbone of our community; it supports natural habitats for fish and wildlife, as well as our own health and wellbeing. Protecting natural areas is essential to maintain valuable ecological services and responsibly manage our recreation, tourism and economic assets.

Community Health & Well-being:

Local food systems, food security, health services, and emergency preparedness are essential parts of a healthy, safe and equitable community.

GOAL 1: Resilient

What does Resilient mean for Squamish?

In 2040...Squamish residents, businesses, organizations, and government work together to adapt to change creatively and collaboratively:

- We are a climate action leader and adapting to the effects of climate change, and our citizens, services and facilities are increasingly self-reliant and prepared for emergencies.
- Natural hazard risks are managed to reduce the community's vulnerability.
- All citizens are supported and have access to food, housing, community services, and well-paying employment opportunities.
- Municipal plans and operations are forward-thinking, adaptive and promote collaboration.

OCP Objectives & Highlights

The following provides a selection of objectives and policy highlights that relate to the RESILIENT community goal. Policies have been summarized here for your convenience. For a complete list of policies, please see the full Discussion Draft online at squamish.ca/OCP.

| Objectives | Policy Highlights | Key Priorities |
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| <p>Demonstrate leadership in energy efficiency, reduction of fossil fuels, and renewable energy in buildings, vehicles, and infrastructure.</p> <p><i>(see Discussion Draft Section 18 for details)</i></p> <p>Encourage innovative development that conserves, recycles or creates energy, water, and other resources.</p> <p><i>(see Discussion Draft Section 18.4 for details)</i></p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Complete a Community Energy and Emissions Plan to guide our efforts to reduce greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions and conserve energy. • Target an 80% reduction of GHG emissions within Squamish by 2050 (below 2007 levels). • Develop a corporate program to become carbon neutral and support local green initiatives and businesses to offset their carbon footprint with a <i>community carbon marketplace</i>. • Promote compact land use and infill to support complete community nodes with diverse housing and transportation options that emphasize walking, biking and public transit. • Require development to incorporate sustainable design and building that contributes to the energy efficiency and life-cycle costs of development. • Target a 15% reduction of per capita water consumption by 2031 through a range of measures. • Continue to implement the District's Water Conservation Plan (2015). | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Environmental Protection • Growth Management |
| <p>Prepare for the projected impacts of climate change (including more intense precipitation and sea level rise).</p> <p><i>(see Discussion Draft Sections 18.5, 18.6 for details)</i></p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Implement the Coastal Flood Hazard Mitigation Strategy and use a precautionary approach for planning in areas vulnerable to sea level rise. • Assess and mitigate the vulnerability of our infrastructure to climate change (including primary and emergency water supplies and stormwater infrastructure). | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community Health & Well-being |

| Objectives | Policy Highlights | Key Priorities |
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| <p>Manage natural hazard risks and minimize and mitigate the risk of loss of life, property damage and economic impacts from hazards to reduce the community's vulnerability.</p> <p><i>(see Discussion Draft Section 11 for details)</i></p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assess and manage the multiple natural hazards in Squamish to maintain these risks within levels acceptable to the public. • Designate a Development Permit Area for Flood-Related Hazards to protect important floodway corridors and preserve flood capacity to allow for natural environmental processes. • Establish controlled Densification Areas to reduce community vulnerability to flooding. • Do not support additional development in high hazard areas (e.g., Restricted Densification Areas or Primary Floodways). • Minimize risks and mitigate hazards for development located in the Cheekeye Fan Debris Flow Hazard Area and other debris flow hazard areas. • Require all development proposals on steep slopes (15% or greater) to identify and address slope stability hazards. Restrict development on very steep slopes (40% or greater). • Designate a Wildfire Hazard Development Permit Area for high-risk areas and incorporate FireSmart guidelines for buildings and landscapes. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Growth Management • Environmental Protection • Community Health & Well-being |
| <p>Build capacity for emergency preparedness, response and disaster recovery.</p> <p><i>(see Discussion Draft Sections 21.1 and 21.2 for details)</i></p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Finalize the Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan, including tailored responses for vulnerable residents, and strengthen local response capacity. • Build capacity within the community to be self-reliant for up to a week post disaster. Designate Neighbourhood Support Hubs in every neighbourhood to share resources and coordinate recovery efforts. • Plan to relocate critical facilities from high-hazard areas where possible (e.g., Fire Hall and Emergency Operations Centre). | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Growth Management • Community Health & Well-being |
| <p>Reduce single occupancy vehicle use and support the transition away from fossil fuels.</p> <p><i>(see Discussion Draft Section 19.4 for details)</i></p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reduce the number of single occupancy car, truck or van trips by prioritizing walking, biking, transit, car and ride-share and low-emissions vehicles in policy, design, and capital investments. • Actively work on bringing back regional transit service to improve access to key destinations and employment areas. • Support electric vehicles (EV) and the development of a convenient and accessible EV charging network. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Environmental Protection • Local & Regional Transportation |

Want to learn more about topics like the estuary?

This is just a small selection of draft policy excerpts that reflect a **RESILIENT** community. For more details, check out the complete Discussion Draft at squamish.ca/OCP

Section 10 in particular focuses on the natural environment.

GOAL 2: Liveable



What does Liveable mean for Squamish?

In 2040...Squamish is highly liveable with a vibrant small town feel:

- A range of well-paying jobs are balanced with affordable housing options.
- Development is sustainably managed and financed to ensure adequate services and facilities to meet the community's needs as Squamish grows.
- Natural areas and waterways are stewarded and protected, while outdoor recreation access is maintained.
- There are many opportunities to live, work, play and shop in Squamish.
- World-class recreation, festivals and events enrich our cultural capital and support our economy.
- A wide range of affordable opportunities and amenities for arts and culture, recreation, and learning opportunities and amenities are provided.

OCP Objectives & Highlights

The following provides a selection of objectives and policy highlights that relate to the LIVEABLE community goal. Policies have been summarized here for your convenience. For a complete list of policies, please see the full Discussion Draft online at squamish.ca/OCP.

| Objectives | Policy Highlights | Key Priorities |
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| <p>Make efficient use of our limited land base and contain urban development within an urban growth area.</p> <p><i>(see Discussion Draft Sections 9.1 through 9.4 and the Growth Management Policy Backgrounder for details)</i></p> <p>Encourage mixed use developments that support a more compact, complete community.</p> <p><i>(see Discussion Draft Sections 12.1 and 12.2 for details)</i></p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Accommodate phased growth in existing developed areas before expanding into new areas reserved for future housing. • Use an Urban Containment Boundary (UCB) to manage growth and limit sprawl. • Support higher residential densities in mixed use neighbourhood nodes with shops, services, and amenities. • Work with Squamish Nation to plan for lands returned to the Nation and respect the Nation's cultural and development goals while working towards our shared community interests. • Work with the School District to plan school sites to accommodate new neighbourhoods and growing areas. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Growth Management • Environmental Protection |
| <p>Maintain the quality of our drinking water and groundwater.</p> <p><i>(see Discussion Draft Section 10.8 for details)</i></p> <p>Minimize the need for new infrastructure and upgrades.</p> <p><i>(see Discussion Draft Section 20.2 for details)</i></p> <p>Minimize and manage waste.</p> <p><i>(see Discussion Draft Section 20.3 for details)</i></p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Use best practices and mitigation measures to protect surface and groundwater. • Minimize infrastructure costs by limiting municipal water and sewer service to areas of lower elevation (below 200m). • Conserve water and reduce demand by implementing the District's Water Conservation Plan. Use water metering for industrial, commercial, institutional and multi-family properties and all District facilities. • Encourage natural infiltration of stormwater to improve stormwater quality and watershed health. • Work towards zero waste goals in a cost-effective, efficient and environmentally friendly manner (e.g., moving towards more sustainable natural cycles where all discarded materials are resources for others to use). | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Environmental Protection |

| Objectives | Policy Highlights | Key Priorities |
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| <p>Maintain an integrated and connected network of multi-use recreational trails. <i>(see Discussion Draft Sections 17.4, 17.5 for details)</i></p> <p>Protect and build on the District's recreation assets to grow the Squamish brand and our economy while minimizing environmental and cultural impacts. <i>(see Discussion Draft Sections 17.5, 17.7 for details)</i></p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Require new developments to maintain and/or improve trail networks and connections and ensure 'no net loss' of trails. • Develop a long-term sustainable strategy for funding and maintaining trails. • Partner with provincial and federal agencies, First Nations, and local groups to responsibly manage and preserve our recreation assets. • Develop a District-wide camping strategy to minimize environmental impacts and provide range of affordable camping options in appropriate locations. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Local Transportation • Economy • Environmental Protection |
| <p>Support diversified and sustainable economic growth and increase local jobs in Squamish. <i>(see Discussion Draft Sections 23.1, 23.2 for details)</i></p> <p>Protect and strengthen employment lands. <i>(see Discussion Draft Section 13.1 for details)</i></p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Encourage business growth and productivity in priority sectors to support good, well-paying local jobs and implement ongoing business retention and expansion to support existing businesses. • Protect employment lands to support a diverse local economy, maintain local jobs and support a healthy tax base. Consider more intensive use of employment lands by allowing higher densities where appropriate. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Local Economy & Local Jobs |
| <p>Encourage a wide range of housing types and choices in Squamish.</p> <p>Work with partners to increase the amount and availability of affordable and supportive housing in Squamish. <i>(see Discussion Draft Sections 24.1 through 24.5 for details)</i></p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Use developer incentives to encourage affordable rental housing and modest market housing and use developer contributions to expand the District's Affordable Housing Reserve Fund. • Require large-scale residential developments to include a certain percentage of affordable units. Require a certain percentage of new housing to be set-aside for affordable workforce housing in perpetuity. • Work with stakeholders to assess and closely monitor affordable housing supply and demand over time. • Work with partners to meet core housing needs (shelters, transitional housing, and supportive housing). | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Affordable Housing & Supply |
| <p>Support access to affordable, quality childcare to meet demand throughout the community. <i>(see Discussion Draft Section 28.2 for details)</i></p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closely monitor and assess local childcare needs and availability of licensed daycare spaces throughout the community. • Develop a Child Care Strategy to address critical issues like lack of space, high costs, and the need for before/after school care. • Use incentives to encourage developers to provide on-site childcare or cash contributions to a Child Care Reserve Fund. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Affordable, Accessible Childcare |
| <p>Support a vibrant creative sector and increase participation in the arts. <i>(see Discussion Draft Section 27 for details)</i></p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prioritize and develop an Arts, Culture and Heritage Strategy to deliver arts and culture amenities, events, festivals, and activities. • Improve participation and access to affordable arts and culture programs for all ages. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Arts, Culture and Heritage |

Want to learn more about growth management?

Check out Section 9 of the Discussion Draft and the Growth Management Policy Backgrounder at squamish.ca/OCP

WE NEED YOUR INPUT! There are several alternatives for phasing long-term growth and development. Help us determine the best approach for managing growth in Squamish in a way that supports our community goals.

GOAL 3: Healthy



What does Healthy mean for Squamish?

In 2040...our community has a holistic view of health that looks at ecological, physical, emotional and spiritual aspects of well-being:

- Our natural areas and ecological assets are protected.
- Our community supports healthy built environments, promoting active living and mobility, a range of affordable and accessible housing, safe parks and open spaces, and access to healthy local foods.
- Early childhood development and lifelong learning is nurtured.
- Our most vulnerable residents are cared for with dignity and respect. Suitable facilities and services are available for people of all ages, abilities, incomes, and cultures.

OCP Objectives & Highlights

The following provides a selection of objectives and policy highlights that relate to the HEALTHY community goal. Policies have been summarized here for your convenience. For a complete list of policies, please see the full Discussion Draft online at squamish.ca/OCP.

| Objectives | Policy Highlights | Key Priorities |
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| <p>Create a healthy, equitable, inclusive and supportive community for all residents. <i>(see Discussion Draft Section 25.1, 25.2, 25.3 for details)</i></p> <p>Consider health impacts to support healthy community goals and decisions. <i>(see Section 25.6 for details)</i></p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Partner with other agencies and local organizations to identify barriers to health, reduce inequities, and address our community's health needs. • Support accessibility through municipal policies and set Universal Design guidelines for all multi-unit residential, commercial and industrial developments. • Use evidence-based tools to assess health impacts in policy and major development decisions (e.g., Health Index for Squamish). | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community Health & Well-being |
| <p>Preserve, protect, and enhance the natural environment, its ecological functions and local biodiversity.</p> <p>Manage growth in a way that reflects the community's environmental values. <i>(see Discussion Draft Section 10 for details)</i></p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Protect areas with high ecological and habitat values and look for ways to restore fragmented ecosystems. • Seek public ownership of environmentally sensitive lands wherever possible and create a habitat fund to provide compensation for unavoidable habitat losses. • Work with community partners to measure ecosystem health, set protection targets and track ecological values and assets over time. • Formally recognize and support ecosystem services and assets as part of the District's asset management strategy. • Participate in monitoring of cumulative environmental impacts from proposed heavy industrial activities. • Work with the Wildlife Working Group to create strategies to reduce human/wildlife conflicts. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Environmental Protection • Growth Management • Community Health & Well-being |

| Objectives | Policy Highlights | Key Priorities |
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| <p>Support a healthy community by maximizing access to natural areas, open spaces, and outdoor recreation.</p> <p><i>(see Discussion Draft Section 17.1, 17.2 for details)</i></p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Develop a network of accessible parks, recreation, and natural play spaces for a range of ages and abilities. • Create and update parks in under-served areas and invest in new park amenities that reflect community priorities. • Explore options to expand parks and recreation services as the community grows. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community Health & Well-being |
| <p>Increase options and amenities for walking, cycling and rolling.</p> <p>Improve the safety and accessibility of the built environment.</p> <p><i>(see Discussion Draft Section 19.5 for details)</i></p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Update municipal standards and guidelines to ensure safe, secure, and universally accessible environments that support walking, cycling and rolling. • Set an annual budget to prioritize active transportation and accessibility improvements (including recommendations from the Safe Routes to School initiative). | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community Health & Well-being • Local Transportation |
| <p>Protect and enhance agricultural resources to support a healthy and resilient local food system.</p> <p><i>(see Discussion Draft Section 22.1 for details)</i></p> <p>Increase neighbourhood-based ‘food assets’ and improve access to healthy, affordable, culturally diverse foods for all.</p> <p><i>(see Discussion Draft Section 26.4 for details)</i></p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support local food production and agriculture. Encourage community food hubs for activities such as education, food growing, community kitchens, and production/processing. • Complete an agricultural inventory to assess potential for future agriculture and agricultural area planning with the Squamish-Lillooet Regional District. • Partner with the Squamish Food Policy Council to create a local food strategy. • Increase access to healthy, affordable food, especially in under-served neighbourhoods. Work with local food retailers and community organizations to curb food waste and recover and redistribute surplus food. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community Health & Well-being • Economy & Local Jobs • Environmental Protection |
| <p>Provide a range of accessible, age-friendly housing choices in the community.</p> <p><i>(see Discussion Draft Section 24 for details)</i></p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support a range of housing types, rental housing, and affordable options in every development project and neighbourhood. • Encourage smaller, affordable and flexible housing units and secondary suites in all existing and new developments. • Support family-friendly housing by requiring at least 20% of new multi-unit developments to be 3 bedroom units, and at least 10% to be 1 bedroom units. • Support a range of adaptive seniors/multigenerational housing and alternative care to support people to “age in place”. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Affordable Housing & Supply |
| <p>Give Squamish kids a good start by supporting their early development.</p> <p><i>(see Discussion Draft Section 25.4 for details)</i></p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consider children and family needs in community planning, policies, programs and services. • Collaborate with local partners to create a Child Strategy for Squamish to address early childhood vulnerabilities and support children, parents and caregivers. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community Health & Well-being |

Keep
in mind:

Many plan objectives and policies (like housing and environmental protection) relate to multiple OCP goals.

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GOAL 4: Connected



What does Connected mean for Squamish?

In 2040...people in Squamish feel connected, welcomed and genuinely included. It is easy to get around and residents feel connected to each other, to the region, and the world:

- People know their neighbours and feel a strong sense of community across cultures and generations.
- Transit and shared roadways connect neighbourhoods to centres with jobs and amenities. Pedestrians and cyclists can travel through a network of accessible trails, sidewalks, and bike routes.
- There are efficient options for regional travel and commuters can rely less on cars.
- Community gathering spaces encourage social connections and celebrate our coastal mountain character and brand.
- Technology and innovation support social and economic growth and connections.

OCP Objectives & Highlights

The following provides a selection of objectives and policy highlights that relate to the CONNECTED community goal. Policies have been summarized here for your convenience. For a complete list of policies, please see the full Discussion Draft online at squamish.ca/OCP.

| Objectives | Policy Highlights | Key Priorities |
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| <p>Improve road, trail, and bikeway connections throughout the District.</p> <p><i>(see Discussion Draft Sections 19.3 and 19.5 for details)</i></p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increase local road and trail connections and promote alternatives to Highway 99 to connect all new and existing neighbourhoods, commercial and employment hubs and tourism destinations. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Local Transportation |
| <p>Maintain and improve the District's transportation network for the safe, efficient and sustainable movement of people and goods.</p> <p><i>(see Discussion Draft Section 19.1, 19.2, 19.3 for details)</i></p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maintain the community's key transportation corridors and infrastructure in good repair. • Evaluate major transportation improvement decisions against criteria such as funding/affordability, ability to support more sustainable options (like walking, cycling and transit), GHG reductions, key connectivity gaps, and timing. • Maintain efficient, safe, and reliable connections between the District's port and rail facilities, employment, industrial lands, and resource lands. • Work to maintain east/west connectivity across Highway 99, and improve safety at all signalized intersections, as well as rail crossings. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Local Transportation |
| <p>Plan for growth and long-term regional transportation options.</p> <p><i>(see Discussion Draft Section 19.7 for details)</i></p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Collaborate with the regional and provincial partners to address long-range transportation issues, and plan for the significant regional growth that is expected over the next 25 years. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Local & Regional Transportation |

| Objectives | Policy Highlights | Key Priorities |
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| <p>Expand local and regional transit and improve service, frequency, and access.</p> <p><i>(see Discussion Draft Section 19.6 for details)</i></p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identify and secure appropriate Downtown location for a multi-modal transportation hub to accommodate local and regional transit connections. • Promote land use planning and design that supports transit. • Update transit plans, improve service frequency and access, and identify new routes to support growth. • Prioritize transit upgrades and connections between Downtown and neighbouring employment and residential areas. • Create Park and Ride sites and locations as part of major upcoming projects (adjacent to Hwy 99) and sub-area plans. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Local & Regional Transportation |
| <p>Support a vibrant, active and inclusive community.</p> <p><i>(see Discussion Draft Section 15.3 for details)</i></p> <p>Integrate institutional uses in the community.</p> <p><i>(see Discussion Draft Section 14.1 for details)</i></p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Create gathering places, programs, services, and events that celebrate and promote community connections and exchange. • Recognize places of assembly and worship as critical to our community's spiritual and social fabric, providing important community, social and educational services. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community |
| <p>Encourage linkages and shared community use of schools, post-secondary campuses, and other civic facilities.</p> <p><i>(see Discussion Draft Section 14.1 for details)</i></p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Strengthen linkages with new and all existing schools. Integrate educational opportunities for local and visiting students, including outdoor, environmental and fine arts and culture programs. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community • Lifelong learning |
| <p>Protect and celebrate community heritage in Squamish.</p> <p><i>(see Discussion Draft Section 27.4 for details)</i></p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maintain and celebrate valued heritage in Squamish as it grows and changes. • Collaborate with First Nations and local organizations in heritage conservation. • Consider creating a civic committee to engage community members in heritage planning and policy. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Heritage |
| <p>Improve digital communications and other tools to better engage and connect with community members and businesses.</p> <p><i>(see Discussion Draft Sections 8.1 and 28.3 for details)</i></p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support digital literacy programs and initiatives to improve access to digital tools to connect all residents and businesses regardless of income or ability. • Collaborate with the Squamish Public Library on outreach and information sharing to better connect and promote community engagement. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Communications & Engagement |
| <p>Cultivate an inclusive, equitable and supportive community.</p> <p><i>(see Discussion Draft Section 25.1 for details)</i></p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recognize and support the role of the Squamish Welcome Centre and Settlement Services to connect immigrants and newcomers to the community to help them access services and supports (education and training, housing, childcare, transportation, health care, financial). | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community • Communications & Engagement |

Remember:

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GOAL 5: Engaged



What does Engaged mean for Squamish?

In 2040...the community is passionate and engaged in community and civic life. A culture of collaboration supports meaningful opportunities for people to get involved:

- Residents of all ages understand and actively participate in local decision making.
- Cross-cultural understanding, appreciation, and relationships are strengthened.
- Opportunities for artistic, cultural, and political expression are nurtured.
- Residents are engaged in meaningful work and volunteerism close to home.
- The District values, demonstrates and shows leadership in open, transparent, and forward-thinking governance.

OCP Objectives & Highlights

The following provides a selection of objectives and policy highlights that relate to the **ENGAGED** community goal. Policies have been summarized here for your convenience. For a complete list of policies, please see the full Discussion Draft online at squamish.ca/OCP.

| Objectives | Policy Highlights | Key Priorities |
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| <p>Residents and affected stakeholders have meaningful opportunities to engage in community decision-making.</p> <p><i>(see Discussion Draft Section 8.1 for details)</i></p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support early and ongoing community engagement in municipal decision-making. Consider all stakeholders affected by and interested in decisions and provide timely and accessible information to support meaningful participation. • Ensure all voices, including children and youth, are included in municipal policies, processes, civic activities, programs and initiatives. • Set ambitious targets to increase participation in civic elections and use innovative strategies to eliminate barriers and encourage youth and others to get involved. • Use a range of communication channels to proactively share information, engage, and gather community input. • Provide information on municipal operations, services, and financial health. Improve community access to information by expanding published open data. • Regularly report progress on municipal priorities, actions and performance through the District’s Annual Report. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Communications & Engagement |
| <p>Sustainably manage public assets for the benefit of the community.</p> <p><i>(see Discussion Draft Section 28.5 for details)</i></p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Complete and utilize the Long Term Real Estate and Facilities Strategy to guide the strategic buying, selling, maintenance and replacement of District assets to meet community needs and goals. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Growth Management |

| Objectives | Policy Highlights | Key Priorities |
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| <p>Support Reconciliation and healing with First Nations peoples, as well as engagement and partnerships, both in Squamish and beyond as part of a larger 'Region of Reconciliation'.</p> <p><i>(see Discussion Draft Sections 6 and 7.1 for details)</i></p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Strengthen relationships with First Nations to advance Reconciliation in Squamish. • Implement the recommendations of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada (TRC). Co-create and adopt a long-term Reconciliation framework for Squamish, based on the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples. • Support intercultural training for all municipal Council and staff, including a history of Aboriginal peoples and residential schools, human rights and anti-racism. Promote opportunities for intercultural public dialogue to share Reconciliation experiences and initiatives. • Recognize and respect First Nations traditions, wisdom and governance within their traditional territories. Honour Aboriginal language rights; incorporate traditional Indigenous place names in municipal communications, signage and mapping. • Build a shared understanding of First Nations community planning, land, water and resource management approaches to work towards joint planning activities within Squamish and the region. • Collaborate with First Nations to protect, conserve and build appreciation for culturally important areas within the community. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • First Nations Reconciliation |
| <p>Enhance the community's 'cultural capital'.</p> <p><i>(see Discussion Draft Section 27.5 for details)</i></p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support and celebrate cultural and ethnic diversity in Squamish through events, festivals and community activities. • Include more opportunities for cultural experiences and expression in Squamish in the physical and social fabric of the community. • Nurture our community's unique artistic and cultural identity. Involve and partner with local artists and organizations to deliver arts and cultural amenities, programs and public art. • Consider culture in all community and neighbourhood planning initiatives (e.g. cultural values and impacts on affected communities; meaningful opportunities for participation by all). | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Arts & Culture |

Remember:

This is just a small selection of draft policy excerpts that reflect an **ENGAGED** community. Check out the complete Discussion Draft at squamish.ca/OCP

Tell Us What You Think

Help refine the Discussion Draft

Are we on the right track? Share your feedback on the Executive Summary and/or the complete Discussion Draft (available at squamish.ca/OCP). Let us know your comments, concerns, or suggestions for improvement. Your input will help us further refine the Discussion Draft as we prepare the final plan to present to Council for approval in Fall of 2017.

Please provide your contact info to be entered in the grand prize draw to win a **Sea to Sky Gondola Annual Family Pass!**

Name: _____

Email or Phone: _____

Vision:

Please share any comments, concerns, or suggestions for improvement on the draft vision:

A Resilient Community:

Please share any comments, concerns, or suggestions for improvement on this goal:

A Liveable Community:

Please share any comments, concerns, or suggestions for improvement on this goal:

A Healthy Community:

Please share any comments, concerns, or suggestions for improvement on this goal:

A Connected Community:

Please share any comments, concerns, or suggestions for improvement on this goal:

An Engaged Community:

Please share any comments, concerns, or suggestions for improvement on this goal:

Specific Objectives or Policies:

Please share any comments, concerns, or suggestions for improvement on specific objectives or policies:

Growth Management:

Which approach you think is best for managing and phasing medium to long-term growth in Squamish?

Please take some time to review the Growth Management Backgrounder (at squamish.ca/OCP) to learn about the benefits and trade-offs for each option... Please check only one option:

- Option 1 - Infill Priority (status quo):** Wait to approve development of Future Residential Neighbourhood lands until Squamish population reaches 22,500 (currently at 19,512). Make good use of remaining capacity in existing neighbourhoods, vacant and underutilized lands, and major growth areas.
- Option 2 - Infill Priority Plus:** Wait to approve development of Future Residential Neighbourhood lands until Squamish population reaches 34,000. Make good use of remaining capacity in existing neighbourhoods and vacant and underutilized lands, and substantially build out major growth areas over the medium to long-term (Oceanfront, Waterfront Landing, University Lands - which all still have significant infill capacity).
- Option 3 - Limited Peripheral Expansion:** Allow for some limited development (specific location and amount TBD) in a small portion of Future Residential Neighbourhoods next to existing developed neighbourhoods (between now and 2040) where significant community benefits can be achieved. Substantially increase the population threshold and make good use of remaining capacity in in existing neighbourhoods, vacant and underutilized lands, and major growth areas before expanding into any other surrounding lands.

Please share any additional comments or concerns regarding growth management:

Additional or General Comments:

Please share any additional comments or general feedback:

About you:

Gender:

- Male
- Female
- Do not identify as Male or Female

Age Range:

- Under 19
- 20 - 34
- 35 - 49
- 50 - 64
- 65+

Where do you live:

- Brackendale
- Dentville
- Downtown
- Garibaldi Estates
- Garibaldi Highlands
- North Yards
- Hospital Hill
- Paradise Valley
- Squamish Nation Reserve
- Squamish Valley
- Valleycliffe
- Other: _____

Are you involved in any of the following in Squamish?

- Arts, Culture, Heritage
- Developer
- Environmental protection
- Food: farming, community gardens
- Health & wellness
- Industry
- Squamish First Nation
- Sports or recreation clubs
- Other: _____

Do you own/rent your home?

- Own
- Rent



Thank you!

Thank you for taking the time to share your feedback on the OCP Discussion Draft. If you know of any others who may be interested, please help us spread the word!

Save the Date: Event, May 24

Join us on Wednesday, May 24th at the Brennan Park Recreation Centre. Drop in anytime from 6 to 9 p.m.

This session will focus on reviewing the same draft elements but provide an opportunity to talk to staff and ask questions.

Submit your feedback by June 11



We encourage you to submit your feedback online at squamish.ca/OCP. This will greatly help in analyzing all the feedback received. Download or pick up a hard copy feedback form at District facilities.



You can also drop off your feedback form in person or by mail to:

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Squamish, BC, V8B0A3

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