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# Waterfront Landing the jewel at the head of Howe Sound



Top: Boardwalks, aquabuses and pleasure craft will make the new downtown waterfront a real people place. Above: The old Interfor mill site will be re-greened with landscaping and pedestrian trails as key features. Below: A large lagoon will help most of the 1,400 homes in the Waterfront Landing development to be either on the water or just one home away

The recent endorsement of the concept plan for Squamish's largest redevelopment to date is the latest sign of a community in exciting transition - steeped in history yet progressively moving towards a sustainable future.

Last week, following more than a year of community consultation, Squamish Council gave its endorsement to Pridham Development's Land-Use Concept and Density for its Waterfront Landing master-planned community on the former Interfor sawmill site. Historically known as Empire Mills and purchased by Interfor in the late 1990s, the property will be transformed into a sustainable community with 1,300 to 1,400 multifamily units. With this general endorsement now in place, it is anticipated that people will be able to buy at Waterfront Landing in 2007.

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"Waterfront Landing is going to be the jewel at the head of Howe Sound," says Pridham Principal Sam Hanson. "There are no railroad tracks or roads between us and the water and residents will be able to walk to virtually every amenity and recreational activity that Squamish has to offer. It's going to be as fine as it gets."

The Waterfront Landing concept is based on a variety of housing types, from townhomes to high-rises, all situated around a large feature lagoon. When complete, more than 3,500

residents will be living within a 12-minute walk or aquabus ride of Downtown Squamish. Spacious townhomes - some with mortgage helpers - will grace the water's edge, with the lowrise and highrise components rising majestically behind. The community will also feature a waterfront boardwalk, trail and pedestrian connectivity to the downtown and surrounding areas, lookout points and a public park as well as a small commercial amenity/restaurant at the south point. Two marinas will allow for easy access to your sail or powerboat, while the harbourfront is set up for leisurely strolls or a quick tour in your kayak around the lagoon. To get to points further, an aquabus will handily bring residents to shops and services in downtown Squamish. The Chief is within walking distance and more than 1,200 trails are connected from pathways within the development.

"The Mamquam Channel will become the new centre of Squamish with waterfront walkways on either side," Hanson says.

From its inception, Pridham's plan for Waterfront Landing has been based on "Smart Growth on the Ground" principles: recycling an unused industrial site to ultimately create what will be a compact, walkable, urban community, says Hanson.

With two kilometers of waterfront in the development, buyers will have a selection of low and highrise homes as well as townhomes from which to choose. "The idea is to offer as much choice as possible - so there will be larger more expensive townhomes on all of the waterfronts in the neighbourhood," says Hanson. "Less expensive more affordable mid rise apartments will

be situated further away from the water's edge with the least costly smaller apartments in three towers at the back of the property." Overall, most homes will be on the waterfront or just one home away from it.

Principals at B.C.-based Pridham Development have considerable experience in the redevelopment of both industrial and waterfront property. More information on the planning for the project is available at [www.brookdev.com](http://www.brookdev.com).

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## SQUAMISH CULTURAL CALENDAR

### JULY

#### July 1

Celebrate Canada Day at the West Coast Railway Heritage Park. Mini Rail rides, Face painting etc. (604) 898-9336 [www.wcra.org](http://www.wcra.org).

SUMMERFEST Music affair at the Pavilion downtown. Squamish Valley Artists Society VISUALS ART WALK, Art in the Park.

#### July 4

FOYER GALLERY, Squamish Public Library Sheena Lott - Watercolours. Mary Walker - Quilling.

#### July 16

BC MUSEUM OF MINING, KIDSWORLD 2006, Kidsworld visits the BC Mining Museum for a highly entertaining/educational day.

#### July 23

SUMMERFEST Music at the Pavilion. Squamish Valley Artists Society VISUALS ART WALK, Art in the Park.

### AUGUST

#### August 8

FOYER GALLERY, Squamish Public Library Milenko Grar - Alternative Photography. Waldorf School - Mixed Media Show.

#### August 13

SUMMERFEST Music at the Pavilion. Squamish Valley Artists Society VISUALS ART WALK, Art in the Park.

BC MUSEUM OF MINING COPPER AND FIRE, Raku/Copper potter demo show, kids play area, rockhounds, live entertainment, refreshment garden.

#### August 20

MINI RAIL DAY at the West Coast Railway Heritage Park. Come ride the park's 3 km miniature railway behind visiting steam and diesel locomotives. (604) 898-9336 [www.wcra.org](http://www.wcra.org).

### SEPTEMBER

#### September 2

SUMMERFEST Music affair at the Pavilion. Squamish Valley Artists Society VISUALS ART WALK, Art in the Park.

#### September 5

FOYER GALLERY, Squamish Public Library Suzanne Glick - Felt Art.

#### September 8

HOWE SOUND PERFORMING ARTS ASSOC. Bruce Henczel in concert.

#### September 16

HOWE SOUND PERFORMING ARTS ASSOC. in conjunction with FESTIVAL VANCOUVER, MUSICAL INTIMA.

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