



A VIBRANT WORLD-CLASS COMMUNITY

Not only is the District of Squamish experiencing a major population boom (faster than the B.C. average growth rate), improved transportation access has also meant the start of all manner of economic developments. In addition to its spectacular setting, the community is serviced by a deep-water port, CN Rail and a small airport.

"Our port is going crazy, expanding dramatically," says Chamber of Commerce manager Denise Imbeau.

"Our whole west coast is booming and because of the economic situation in China and India, Vancouver ports had a six per cent increase in containers last year; Seattle had 18 per cent. There are five available deep-sea ports along the coastline and Squamish is one of them because we have the highway

and railway here. It's a huge development."

No doubt that the highway has been a key factor in Squamish's current economic boom, agrees Brent Leigh, deputy minister for the District of Squamish and managing director of the Squamish Sustainability Corporation.

"From the district's point of view, the news of the highway, predicated by the securing of the 2010 Olympics,

has played a major role. People clearly have been investing in Squamish, knowing the road would be more dependable. It has enhanced Squamish's credibility as a residential investment, and in turn has acted as a catalyst for the business sector. As more jobs are created locally this will, in turn, decrease highway use."

The Downtown 2000 Plan, updated in 2003, is fulfilling its vision of creating an urban village and expanding the heart of the community. There are

currently 2,500 residential units under application or in the approval stage, another 1,500 under amendment application and a further 3,000 units adjacent to the downtown core in the planning stage.

Squamish has been selected as one of three B.C. communities for the conceptual-design process of Smart Growth on the Ground, guidelines for growing and planning in a collaborative manner, helping to mitigate the growing pains of a formerly quaint little town.

Business has recognized the critical importance of improved highway access in changing the face of Squamish. Both Home Depot and Wal-Mart stores are currently under construction. Commercial/retail stock, currently 880,000 square feet, is estimated to swell by an additional 425,000 square feet by 2015.

"We're well under way," Imbeau says. "We have some major initiatives and the highway is just one part of that. There's a huge -- \$500 million -- oceanfront development, a brownfield area that is being turned into a residential and commercial community adjacent to downtown. We're hoping to break ground this fall. That will be a significant change to the landscape."

The 59-acre peninsula and 44-acre water lot affixed to the south shores of downtown is a major priority in the community-planning process which has been guided by the UBC School of Sustainability, the Fraser Basin Council and the Squamish Oceanfront Development Corporation. The vision for the site: "a vibrant, innovative, sustainable, world-class community where people can work, live and recreate." It will combine housing, a full-service marina with berths to accommodate passenger-ferry service, commercial and light-industrial space, cultural and tourism facilities, with a beach, waterfront walkways, parks and trails.

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Squamish Cultural Calendar

Summer 2006

Squamish is the outdoor recreation capital of Canada, and boasts the 2nd largest artistic population in a community of 50,000 or less in all of Canada.

May

- **May 9**
FOYER GALLERY, SQUAMISH PUBLIC LIBRARY
'Encompassing Cleo' - Deborah Turney Zagwyn,
Author - Illustrator Cleo series of children's books.
- **May 8, 19, 20, 25, 26, 27**
BETWEEN SHIFTS THEATRE, Brackendale Art Gallery.
TAKE 5 - an evening of one act plays.
- **May 19**
THE REEL YOUTH FILM FESTIVAL. Eagle Eye Theatre.
Teamed up with the Whistler Youth Centre, a
celebration of youth culture and independent
media, showcasing a new generation of films.

June

- **June 6**
FOYER GALLERY, SQUAMISH PUBLIC LIBRARY
Edith Illes - Paintings, and Meg Gallup - Ceramic.
- **June 9**
HOWE SOUND PERFORMING ARTS Eagle Eye
Theatre: STAR SEARCH -Featuring young and
upcoming artists.

July

- **July 1**
SUMMERFEST Music affair at the Pavilion
downtown.
Squamish Valley Artists Society
VISUALS ART WALK, Art In The Park.
- **July 16**
BC MUSEUM OF MINING, KIDSWORLD 2006,
Kidsworld visits the BC Mining Museum for a
highly entertaining/educational day.

- **July 23**
SUMMERFEST Music affair at the Pavilion.
Squamish Valley Artists Society
VISUALS ART WALK, Art In The Park.

August

- **August 13**
SUMMERFEST Music affair 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.

September

- **September 16**
HOWE SOUND PERFORMING ARTS ASSOC.
in conjunction with FESTIVAL VANCOUVER,
MUSICA INTIMA.
- **September 2**
SUMMERFEST Music affair at the Pavilion.
Squamish Valley Artists Society
VISUALS ART WALK, Art In The Park.
- **September 8**
HOWE SOUND PERFORMING ARTS ASSOC.
Bruce Henczel in concert.

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