

Joining Sue Big Oil

A Local Politicians Perspective

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I humbly acknowledge that I work on the unceded traditional territories of the Squamish Nation, Sḵwx̱wú7mesh Úxwumixw.

Policy Context

2019

Climate Emergency Resolution

To learn more, visit the Climate Action section of our website.

District of Squamish Council passed the following **Climate Emergency Resolution** July 2, 2019:

WHEREAS the earth is currently on track to warm by more than 3 degrees Celsius; and

WHEREAS an October 8, 2018 report from the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) finds that it is necessary to limit global warming to 1.5 degrees Celsius, rather than 2 degrees as previously understood, and that doing so "would require rapid, far-reaching and unprecedented changes in all aspects of society," and that we have until 2030 to undertake these changes; and

WHEREAS the costs to Squamish for mitigating and adapting to the impact of climate change – including *inter alia* sea level

- Community Climate Action Plan
- Municipal Energy and Emissions Plan
- Incremental changes in budget process

#SQUAMISH
2040
Official Community Plan
Bylaw 2500, 2017

DISTRICT OF SQUAMISH
OFFICIAL COMMUNITY PLAN
Schedule "A"

Consolidated Edition August 2022

First Reading: December 12, 2017
Second Reading: as amended, February 20, 2018
Public Hearing: March 12 and 13, 2018
Third Reading: as amended, April 17, 2018
Adoption: June 5, 2018

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2018

STRATEGIC OUTCOMES & OBJECTIVES 2023-2026

CONNECTED AND LIVABLE COMMUNITY
Improve community happiness and wellbeing, building connections and opportunities for everyone to thrive.
We will deliver accessible opportunities for personal growth and connection through safe and healthy spaces, places to gather, and recreational and cultural opportunities. We will supply all the municipal levels of government, industry, and partnerships to improve affordability in our community including attainable housing, childcare and transit.

- Increase the density of housing forms and tenure types year over year to promote affordable and attainable housing for people living in Squamish.
- Generate a net increase of new parks, trails and gathering spaces by September 2026.
- Increase the number of inclusive and accessible arts, cultural, heritage and recreational outdoor programmable spaces by Q3 2026.
- Increase the equity and accessibility of our active transportation network and transit space year over year.

PREPARED FOR THE FUTURE
Enable a bright and prosperous future for a resilient community.
We will work to ensure a healthy community for future generations by acting to mitigate climate change and focus on sustainable economic development with fiscal, social and environmental co-benefits. We will address key aspects of climate adaptation by planning and investing with a long-term view to ensure a resilient, thriving community.

- Activate goal of reducing community greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions by 40% by 2030 through updating and implementing the Community Climate Action Plan (CCAP).
- Increase economic activity in the core, enabling and emerging economic sectors per the Economic Development Sector Strategy by September 2026.
- Invest in hazard mitigation, infrastructure, and community resilience programming to ensure community adaptability in the face of climate change by September 2026.
- Create a net increase of employment lands and spaces both on land and marine by September 2026.

RESILIENT PEOPLE AND RELATIONSHIPS
Build inclusion and belonging with and within the community.
We will continue our work towards genuine Trust and Reconciliation, actively engaging with the Squamish/Heath Indigenous Squamish Nations to foster equitable and trusting relationships. We will recognize the principles of Diversity, Equity, Inclusion and Accessibility throughout our organizations with the goal to meet these principles in the greater community and support community groups in their work.

- Continue to address calls to action for local governments in the Truth and Reconciliation Commission (TRC) Final Report update the District of Squamish TRC roadmap by Q3 2024. Implement and complete the action plan by Q3 2026.
- Co-develop a relationship agreement with the Squamish/Heath Indigenous per the Squamish/Heath Indigenous Strategic Plan External Relations Goal #1 by a mutually agreed deadline.
- Implement the District of Squamish Inclusion Strategy: Inclusion, Diversity, Equity, Accessibility (IDEA) in Q3 2024 and include IDEA in the community.
- Build relationships with community groups to increase community capacity and resources by September 2026.

RELIABLE SERVICE DELIVERY
Deliver efficient and effective municipal services for residents and businesses, today and over the future.
We will appropriately plan for the long-term financial health of the organization and the responsiveness of the District's infrastructure. We will build the organizational resilience required to respond to change and effectively deliver equitable, accessible, transparent, and culturally appropriate services with a focus on continuously improving that service delivery.

- Create and implement a robust 20-year financial and asset management plan by June 2025.
- Enhance organizational systems to improve service delivery and enhance communication and engagement with the community by September 2026.
- Implement a comprehensive organization development program by December 2022.
- Continuously measure capacity in alignment to deliver municipal services.
- Update and implement the District's master plans to reinforce business continuity and long-term infrastructure resilience by September 2026.

2018/2022

2017

INTEGRATED FLOOD HAZARD MANAGEMENT PLAN
Final Report
October 2017

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Example of 2021 Budget Summary:

DOS Climate Response	
<i>Operating Budget:</i>	
Environmental Management Staffing (3 FTE's)	345,000
Community Climate Action Plan Support SLC	75,000
Proposed Operating Budget Support	420,000
<i>Utility Climate Response Projects:</i>	
Operating Projects	233,300
Capital Projects	1,475,000
Sub-Total Utility Climate Response Projects	1,708,300
DOS Climate Response Projects	
Climate Mitigation Projects	
42 Community Carbon Marketplace Phase 4	21,750
43 Community Energy and Emissions Reductions	120,000
44 Estuary Master Plan	20,000
55 Neighbourhood Area Planning	30,000
Sub-Total Climate Mitigation Operating Projects	191,750
29 Sea to Sky EV Network Expansion	245,900
31 Active Transportation Improvements	800,000
33 Transit Stop Infrastructure Improvements	100,000
43 Installation of Charging Stations for DOS Fleet Vehicles	180,000
Sub-Total Climate Mitigation Capital Projects	1,325,900
Climate Mitigation Projects	1,517,650
Climate Adaptation Projects	
23 Community Resilience Investment Program	306,000
28 Neighbourhood Hubs for Disaster Resiliency	20,000
31 Integrated Stormwater Management Plans (inc. Environmenta	185,000
47 Dike Vegetation Removal	50,000
56 Steep Slopes Development Permit Area	30,000
47 Dike Vegetation Removal	20,000
Sub-Total Climate Adaptation Operating Projects	611,000
34 Jimmy Jimmy (Judd) Slough Re-watering	1,850,000
35 CP - Xwu'nekw Park Sea Dike	8,200,000
Sub-Total Climate Adaptation Capital Projects	10,050,000
Climate Adaptation Projects	10,661,000
Total DOS Climate Response Projects	14,306,950
Percent of Total Project Budgets	25%

What worked

- A strong policy context that set the stage for bold leadership on climate action
- Making the financial case
 - This is a fiscally prudent/responsible action to take – especially for smaller local governments
- Having local supporters/champions (in community & on council)
- Polluter Pays Principle – a fair and reasonable ask
 - Clear evidence that oil companies knew the harms their products would have.

Considerations

- Timing
 - when and how to get this into local government budgets
- Jurisdiction of Local Government
 - Is this a responsible thing to spend taxpayer dollars on?
- Community support & priorities

Community priority themes for Squamish budget over the years

Comparison of top themes last 5 years

	1	2	3	4	5
Budget 2024	Recreation Facilities	Pedestrian/ cyclist safety	Infrastructure Improvements	Accessibility	Developer Contributions
Budget 2023	Recreation Facilities	Pickleball	Boat launch	Pedestrian/ cyclist safety	Affordable Housing
Budget 2022	Recreation Facilities	Pickleball	Boat launch	Climate adaptation and mitigation	Tax increase concerns
Budget 2021	Pedestrian/ cyclist safety	Infrastructure Improvements	Local business growth	Climate adaptation and mitigation	Fire Rescue investment
Budget 2020	Pedestrian/ cyclist safety	Fire Rescue investment	Local business growth	Recreation Facilities	Emergency planning and mitigation