

Squamish Downtown Neighbourhood

INFORMAION MEETING HELD JUNE 22nd, 2009

Information for Downtown Residents

Squamish United Church has been a part of our downtown for over 80 years. Sea to Sky Community Services Society has been in service downtown for over 30 years. Understanding the shortage of quality space for spiritual and social services needs, we have come together to plan new building facilities on the present church site.

We are early in the process and want to liaise with our fellow neighbours from the start. We want this to work for all of us. We expect this (planning and building) process to take up to 5 years.

Here are a few highlights of what is intended:

- Each of us will independently own our individual space on a shared property
- The current church sanctuary, built in 1963, will be converted to a multi-purpose space with generous neighbourhood and community access (meetings, events, indoor recreation). It is intended that access will be at little or no cost for non profit groups
- The smaller (older) white building will be replaced by a new church sanctuary
- Sea to Sky CSS will consolidate their downtown operations (that are currently spread out) in a new building surrounding the multi-purpose space. It will mainly consist of offices, meeting rooms and counseling rooms
- A modest sized social housing facility will be built on an upper floor of the SSCSS space. It will be managed by SSCSS and will be staffed 24/7
- Squamish is a growing community. Downtown is our heart and core and we want to anchor our services here. Neighbourhood services are sometimes overlooked during times of growth. We think that this project expands on good works we are already performing and positions us well for the future. We are happy to say that corporate groups like Vancity and Westmana Development are supporting and assisting us.

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