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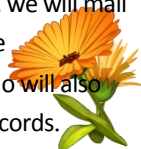
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Office Hours

Monday to Friday
8:30am to 4:30pm

LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

A valid British Columbia Marriage License is mandatory and should also be presented to the church office along with any other necessary documents, at least two weeks prior to the wedding date. This license is good for three months, and it is suggested that couples obtain a license early. Once you have this form please be sure to fill in the information about the name and birthplace of your parents. Do not sign the form now. You and your witness will sign this during the marriage ceremony. Immediately after your wedding, we will mail your marriage license back to the Department of Vital Statistics who will also register your marriage in their records.



Costs

Our board sets fees for weddings which are designed to cover the cost of the Squamish United Church marriage ministry.

The payment of \$840 includes the following:

- Pre-marriage consultation
- The minister officiating
- Custodial services
- The organist
- The sound technician
- The wedding hostess

If you choose to have a wedding outside of the church please speak with the Minister re: appropriate costs.

Squamish United Church

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WEDDINGS

Squamish United Church



WELCOME



We at Squamish United Church would like to congratulate you as you prepare for this celebration. We hope you will feel welcome to worship and celebrate with us throughout your life together.

We hope this brochure helps to answer some questions you may have as you make decisions for your special day.

SQUAMISH UNITED CHURCH

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The Staff:

Minister the Rev. Karen Millard

Organist Carol Grolman

Administrator Jody Villadsen

Wedding Hostess Evelyn Dawson

Sound Technician Donna Harness

BOOKING THE WEDDING

The first step is to view the facilities. You are welcome to attend any Sunday service at 10:00am when you are able to see the church in daylight and hear the sound of worship in our sanctuary. You may also make arrangements with our office to view the church at another time.

If you wish to book your wedding at Squamish United you will need to pay a non-refundable deposit of \$50 to hold your date. With the payment of the deposit we will then arrange a time for you and your fiancé to meet with our minister.

A personal interview with the minister is ordinarily required before a definite reservation of church facilities and/or minister is made. This interview will help clarify the policies of the church and will help you decide whether or not you wish to proceed with having your wedding with us.

The date and time of the wedding will be set during this interview.



Marriage Preparation



Church Facilities

The Sanctuary of the church seats up to 110 people.

The Minister

If you desire to have a ceremony with our minister officiating it may be in the church or another suitable location.

Marriage Preparation

At Squamish United Church we recognize that marriage means entering into a new level of commitment in relationship and thus it offers many joys and challenges. With that in mind, we highly recommend that you take part in a time of marriage preparation with our minister. We offer this important opportunity with the heartfelt desire that it will enhance your life together. Marriage preparation usually involves 4-5 sessions with the Minister. These meetings typically address key issues such as role of family of origin, communication, conflict resolution, self awareness etc. Alternatively couples may prefer to participate in the Education for Marriage programs offered by an agency in the community. (eg. Marriage Project)

Rehearsal

Rehearsals at Squamish United Church are usually on the Thursday or Friday evening before your wedding. They take approximately 30 - 45 minutes. All members of the wedding party and other important participants are asked to be present.

Attendants

You must have 2 witnesses of legal age to stand up with you and sign the legal documents. The total number of attendants is up to you.

Flowers

We anticipate that you will want to beautify the sanctuary with floral decorations for your wedding ceremony. When you make arrangements for advance delivery, please arrange the time with the church office so that we can be sure someone is available to receive them.

Music

It is the policy of Squamish United Church that the organist has the first option to be the musician for church weddings. If you have special requests for musical selections or if you wish guidance regarding music for your wedding please consult with the Minister and organist well in advance of the wedding day. If there are no special requests, it will be assumed that the musician's services will be arranged automatically and that appropriate music will be provided.

Sound

It is the policy of Squamish United Church that the church sound technician will run the system. Microphones for spoken word and singing; as well as all other all music (keyboard and CD) are run through the system. If you are having a soloist or are using electronic CDs please consult the sound technician well in advance so that the necessary arrangements can be made. In these cases the technician would also expect to be involved in the rehearsal.

