



Ta Skwekwijíntsuts ta Sxwéxwel

The Valley's Plan

The Valley's Plan is a product of Úxwumixw 2050, our Nation's Generational Plan. The Valley's Plan is a stepping stone to achieving and implementing the Generational Plan here in the Valley.

It will inform our Nation's next Council Strategic Plan (2026 - 2030) and be used in the development of department annual plans for Squamish Nation departments doing work in the Valley.



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WHAT IS IT?

A made-in-the-Valley plan and 10-year action plan for the Squamish Valley. It was completed over the course of 16 months, including community engagement, family meetings, and co-development of the plan with a Community Advisory Group that represented the diversity of voices in the Valley.

We started by reviewing past plans and engagement to honour and incorporate the good work that's been done and the people who provided earlier input. By incorporating past work, this plan honours Squamish Valley community leaders of the past.

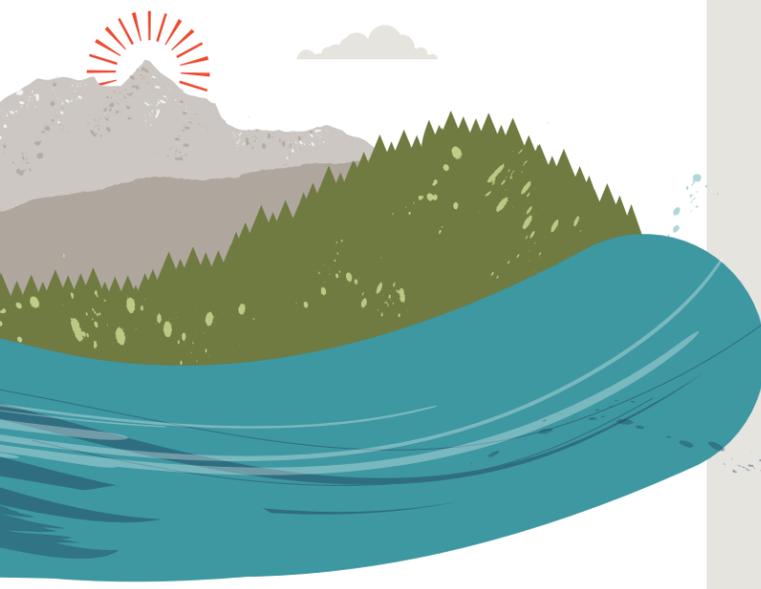


WHY DID WE MAKE THE PLAN?

There are major Nation-level initiatives and big projects (infrastructure, housing, facilities, services) underway in the Squamish Valley that will collectively transform this place in a good way over the next several years.

The Valley's Plan recognizes these foundational projects and outlines a series of smaller initiatives that will be rolled out across the Valley over the next 10 years. These projects will be coordinated with the foundational projects already underway.

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***LOOKING BACK, PADDLING FORWARD:** The Valley's Plan is at the confluence of decades of past planning work and feedback from Valley people and will help implement our Generational Plan in the Valley.*

HOW IS OUR PLAN ORGANIZED?

The Valley's Plan is organized under two linked visions. Like the Generational Plan, this plan has a vision looking forward from today to 2035 and one looking back from 2035.

Under the two visions are the community priorities and goals — **Health & Wellness, Housing & Infrastructure, Education, Culture & Language, Lands & Waters, Governance, and Prosperity.** The goals are all interconnected and they are all important to the Valley.

The plan includes a set of 18 actions. These are the projects and initiatives we will undertake over the next 10 years to help achieve our goals and help us reach the plan's visions. We organized them into three types of actions – **Quick Starts, Next Steps, and Seeds** (see the back page for a list of all plan actions).

"Everyone could benefit from the experience and wisdom of the Elders. We can also learn from the bravery and energy of youth. The young are our visionaries. We must remind ourselves of the often-forgotten values of other people."

COMMUNITY ADVISORY GROUP MEMBER





QUICK STARTS

3 actions that can start right away to help put the plan “on the ground,” build capacity, and provide the framework for undertaking Next Steps. They will support projects that are already underway or in the early planning stages in the Valley.

- *Squamish Valley Community Advisory Committee**
- *The Valley’s Plan Project Lead*
- *Squamish Valley Communications Framework*

** The Valley’s Plan’s first Quick Start project would start-up in 2026 and meet regularly to help support outreach and communications in the Valley and improve information-sharing between Squamish Valley people, Squamish Nation departments, and Council.*



NEXT STEPS

8 projects that require additional planning and assessment that *could* start after Quick Starts have begun, or sooner if opportunities arise (e.g., funding). The Squamish Valley Community Advisory Committee will play an important role in developing these projects.

- *Squamish Valley People’s Guide*
- *Squamish Valley Community Needs Survey*
- *Neurodiverse Learning Support*
- *Men’s Wellness Service*
- *Squamish Valley Guardians - Expansion*
- *Wayfinding and Signage*
- *Squamish Valley Ecotourism*
- *Squamish Valley Transportation System*



SEEDS

7 building and facility projects that may be undertaken beyond the plan’s timeframe. Some projects could potentially be brought forward through ongoing village planning (Wiwk’em Village Plan) and land development strategy projects (Sta7mes) which are being coordinated through Community Services and Planning and Capital Projects.

- *Community Meeting Spaces*
- *Holistic Health Services Centre*
- *Squamish Valley Treatment Centre*
- *Community Arts Hub Space*
- *Recreation Spaces*
- *Squamish Hotel*
- *Squamish Business Park*

OUR COMMITMENTS

Squamish Nation departments involved with implementing plan Actions are committed to the following principles when supporting work in the Valley.



Follow our ways

All plan actions will honour and respect our ways and incorporate our cultural practices – Nexwníwen ta nexwníwtl’a Skwxwú7mesh (follow the ways of the Squamish).



Support wellness in the Valley

All plan actions will incorporate a health and wellness lens and will work to advance wellness in the Valley.



Mentor, build capacity and support community prosperity in the Valley

All plan actions will prioritize Nation-hiring, mentoring, capacity building, and training whenever practical and feasible. Opportunities to support Nation-owned and operated businesses and Squamish Valley member-owned and operated businesses in implementing actions should be prioritized.

“We need to stand at the top of the mountain and see all, so we can help everyone.”