

## 2026-2035 Financial Plan: Public Feedback

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Public engagement on the 2026-2035 10-Year Financial Plan began in late April 2025 with a Citizen Satisfaction Survey centred on understanding community priorities and residents' levels of satisfaction with a variety of District services and programs. This campaign primarily featured a mailed survey to gather statistically valid results from a random sample of 1,800 residents. The Citizen Satisfaction Survey [Detailed Report](#) on Findings was presented to Council on June 24, 2024. An overview of findings is provided on pages 12 and 13 of this report. An overview of findings is provided on pages 12 and 13 of this report.

In October 2025, a fall budget public engagement campaign was launched to coincide with Council budget workshops throughout November and December to raise awareness of, and seek feedback about, the proposed 10-Year Financial Plan. Feedback will continue to be compiled through the readings of the Financial Plan bylaw.

During the budget engagement period, various communications and engagement techniques were used to share information and collect feedback from members of the public. The primary home for engagement was [Let'sTalkSquamish.ca](https://www.letstalksquamish.ca), the District's online public engagement hub. This provided budget information and opportunities for input, including [Budget Book](#), an online budget visualization tool. In-person events included three Coffee with Council events, a Mayor's Drop in, and the Budget Information Night. Further details are provided under the Summary of Engagement Tools later in the report.

### Feedback Themes

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The community priorities identified through the input received are summarized below.

The full list of comments, emails and letters received are included in the Appendix.

#### Recreation and Culture Services and Facilities

- Calls for expanded recreation centre; second ice rink; larger aquatic facility; additional amenities such as fitness centre, indoor track, multipurpose rooms, reduced program waitlists.
- Request by Squamish Arts for mural repair, arts equipment storage at Junction Park, and an Arts, Culture and Heritage Strategy update.

*Comments received on recreation facilities comprised most of the feedback received. Other themes are listed below with brief highlights, in no specific order.*

### **Financial Planning & Taxation**

- Some residents willing to pay more for recreation upgrades; others suggest increases should be aligned with inflation as household affordability is a concern.
- Suggestions to explore public-private partnerships and grants for major projects.
- Recreation Centre Task Force timelines and consultant costs are a concern.
- Appreciation for budget tools and continued financial transparency.

### **Amenities & Infrastructure**

- Comments referenced improved streetscapes, sidewalks to support mobility, and community design; amenities and infrastructure are needed before additional population growth.

### **Public Safety**

- Concern about increased vandalism and theft in parts of Downtown; request for additional fire fighters to respond to taller buildings; request to invest more in emergency management, firesmart work, and increased access to neighbourhoods with one access road.
- Request from RCM-SAR, SSAR and Squamish Paddling Club for a water safety facility in the blind channel.

### **Parking & Transportation**

- Frustration with lack of Downtown parking and winter parking regulations; interest in Downtown parking infrastructure; appreciation for investment in multi-use paths and request for continued investment at bus shelters; request for stanchions at Braemar and Skyline.

### **Housing Affordability & Cost of Living**

- General affordability concerns relating to food, housing, cost of living; need for more affordable and diverse housing options.

## Environment

- Concern about wildlife at Smoke Bluffs Park and suggestion for bear-proof food lockers; comment supporting net zero future builds.

## Tourism, Economic Development, SORCA

- Tourism Squamish letter requesting Tourism Master Plan; programming to support small business and outdoor rec economy; and other items.
- Requests to revisit SORCA funding level.

## By the Numbers Marketing Highlights

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- Budget posts and advertisements had a reach of **74.2k views** across social media channels resulting in **2,786 individual engagements**, including reactions, clicks, comments, and shares.
- The Let's Talk Squamish project page had **2,078 visits** and **2,464 views** from **1,260 visitors**, and **301 document downloads**.
- An email was sent to **2,169 Let's Talk Squamish subscribers** to promote engagement.
- A total of **14 letters and emails** were received from residents and community groups.
- **58 residents submitted other input** through Let's Talk Squamish.
- The Budget Banter wall received **12 comments**, and **4 comment cards** were filled out.

## Summary of Engagement Tools

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Below is a summary of the different communications channels used:

### Let'sTalkSquamish.ca

- The Let's Talk Budget 2026 page on Let's Talk Squamish housed budget information and encouraged public input through a short survey asking: *Do you have a question, concern, constructive feedback, or insight on the budget and/or your community priorities to share with Council? Weigh in and tell us what you would prioritize, and what you would de-prioritize. Municipal budgets must be balanced and can't run a deficit. Increases to one area of the budget must therefore be balanced with either new revenue streams or decreased spending in another area. Add your input this year while Council is still discussing the 2026-2025 Financial Plan!*
- All comments received can be found in the Appendix.

### **Online Budget Tool**

- Last year the District introduced more functionality into its online budget tool and introduced *BudgetBook*, which is a visualization platform that is part of the District's budgeting software system. *BudgetBook* has enabled the public to drill down into the Capital Plan and Special Operating Projects lists.
- The online budget tool received 35,114 views from 919 users during the budget engagement period.

### **Social Media (non-paid/organic)**

- Social media was used to promote budget events, share information, and drive traffic towards Let's Talk Squamish and the interactive online budget tool.
- Budget content on Facebook and Instagram had a reach of 31.5K users.
- Facebook had the largest reach with 20.1K users seeing budget content, while Instagram had a reach of 11.3K.
- Average age of respondents on social media was within the 35-44 category with 21.3% women and 11.4% men (as per Meta statistics).

### **Sponsored Advertisements on Social Media**

- Sponsored (paid) social media ads on Facebook and Instagram drove people to Let's Talk Squamish and promoted the Budget Information Night and other in-person engagement events.
- The ads reached 2.8K users, resulting in 27 clicks and 43 event responses.

### **Newspaper Advertising**

- Advertisements for budget engagement were published in The Squamish Chief for 12 weeks, beginning September 11, 2025.
- The budget ads in The Squamish Chief were used to promote the Let's Talk Squamish engagement platform and the in-person events: Coffee with Council and the Budget Information Night.
- The Squamish Chief has a circulation of 6,500 readers.

### **District E-Newsletter**

- Eight email newsletters featuring budget information were sent during the budget engagement period to the District's subscriber list of roughly 2K email addresses.

### **Printed Budget Packages and Information Displays**

- Posters in 14 bus shelters were displayed since November.
- Budget information boards, directing residents to information on the 2026-2035 Financial Plan and ways to weigh in, were made available at Brennan Park Recreation Centre, the Squamish Public Library, and The 55 Activity Centre before and following the Budget Information Night.

- Boards from the Budget Information Night will be displayed at Brennan Park Recreation Centre from mid- December until January 2026.

### **Public Viewing of Council Meetings**

- At the December 9, 2025, [Tying It All Together](#) Special Business Meeting, the Finance Department presented an outline of the expense requirements of the District, and a long-term view of the District's operating costs, tax rates, and utility impacts.
- The public was encouraged to tune in to budget workshops throughout fall 2025. The meetings were also available to stream online afterwards.
- An average of 90 people streamed the live Council meetings online for approximately one hour throughout fall 2025.

### **Coffee with Councils and Mayor's Drop In**

- Coffee with Council events were held at Backyard Pub, Caffe Garibaldi, and Brackendale Bean on October 9, 2025.
- The Mayor's Drop-In was held at Municipal Hall on November 17, 2025.

### **Budget Information Night**

- The Budget Information Night engagement event took place on December 10, 2025, from 6-8 p.m. at Howe Sound Inn and Brewing to discuss all aspects of the 2026-2035 Financial Plan. An estimated 50 people attended the event.
- This year's event featured mingling with Council members and key staff, complimentary snacks and refreshments, a public viewing of information boards, a presentation by Mayor Hurford, and a facilitated panel discussion with Council members.
- Questions and comments were encouraged from event attendees, both during the Q&A part of the panel discussion, and before and after (while residents explored the boards). Council and Staff were available to answer questions and respond to concerns.
- A summary of all comments received at this event can be found in the Appendix.
- From event attendees who marked the 'Where do you live' map, most residents lived in Brackendale.

### **Council Mail and Budget-Specific Emails**

- Council emails and letters received on budget feedback during this engagement period have been included in the Appendix.
- Emails sent to [budgetfeedback@squamish.ca](mailto:budgetfeedback@squamish.ca) have also been included.

## Engagement Examples

### Instagram and eNews

let's talk  
**BUDGET**  
2026

# Coffee with Council

**October 9**  
8-10 am  
at Bean & Co.  
(The Brackendale Bean)  
11 am-1 pm  
at Caffè Garibaldi  
5-7 pm  
at The Backyard

A hand holding a cup of coffee with latte art.

let's talk  
**BUDGET**  
2026

Drop by and say hello to  
Councillors John French, Andrew  
Hamilton and Chris Pettingill.

Councillor Pettingill Councillor Hamilton Councillor French

Three councillors smiling.

let's talk  
**BUDGET**  
2026

# BUDGET Information Night

December 10, 6-8 pm  
at Howe Sound Inn and Brewing

Icons of a pie chart, a piggy bank, and a bar chart.

let's talk  
**BUDGET**  
2026

How the financial  
plan impacts us all

Each time you  
turn on  
a tap,

A person washing their hands at a sink.

visit a  
District park,

A person walking a dog in a park.

or walk down  
a street

A person walking on a street.

you are  
seeing the  
budget at  
work.

A person in a safety vest working.

let's talk  
squamish

Visit  
[LetsTalkSquamish.ca/budget-2026](https://LetsTalkSquamish.ca/budget-2026)  
to learn more, weigh in, and  
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let's talk  
**BUDGET**  
2026

# Community Events

## BUDGET BINGO

October 20, 5-7 pm  
at The 55 Activity Centre

**Fiscal Civic**  
**SHOWDOWN**  
TRIVIA NIGHT

Hosted by Shane Fry  
October 23, 6:30 pm  
at Peak Provisions

**BUDGET**  
Information Night

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**POSTPONED**

**DROP-IN CHAT**  
**WITH THE MAYOR**

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(Council Chambers)

For more information check out:  
[LetsTalkSquamish.ca/budget-2026](https://LetsTalkSquamish.ca/budget-2026)

A photo of the Mayor.

Facebook

**District of Squamish**  
Published by · 8 October ·

**HAPPENING TOMORROW!**

Stop by for a conversation about your budget and community priorities as Council is in the midst of reviewing our first ten year financial plan.

Coffee/tea or soft drinks are on us for select locations and times:

- Bean & Co. (The Brackendale Bean) from 8 to 10 a.m.
- Caffe Garibaldi from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.
- The Backyard from 5 to 7 p.m.

We look forward to seeing you there!



**let's talk BUDGET 2026**  
**Coffee with Council**

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at Bean & Co.  
(The Brackendale Bean)

11 am-1 pm  
at Caffe Garibaldi

Thu, 9 Oct  
**Coffee with Council**  
Multiple Locations, Squamish  
4 went · 1 interested

**District of Squamish**  
Published by · December 4 at 2:58 PM ·

Utility rates change over time. Learn how the District is managing its three Utility Funds... See more

**let's talk BUDGET 2026 Budget 101**

**What's planned for utilities?**  
The District has three Utility Funds: Water, Wastewater and Solid Waste.

**Water**  
Turn on the tap, water comes out. Easy right?  
There's a lot that goes on behind the scenes to ensure that the water in your pipes is clean and safe. All drinking water in the District is sourced from the Ring Creek Aquifer (with some surface sources as backups).  
Water utilities pay for this water to be extracted from the aquifer, treated and pumped into homes and businesses around town.

**Wastewater**  
The Waste Water Treatment Plant treats about 3.4 billion litres of wastewater (sewage) every year, delivered through 142 kilometres of sewer pipes throughout Squamish.  
Wastewater utilities cover the maintenance and service of these facilities to ensure that

**Solid Waste**  
Organics, recycling and garbage collection and the Squamish landfill are covered by solid waste utilities funds, ensuring that the waste removal services are functioning effectively and efficiently for homes and businesses around Squamish.

**District of Squamish**  
Published by · 21 November at 10:31 ·

Tune in to Council's conversation about Brennan Park Recreation Centre Funding and an introduction of the new Rec Centre Task Force on Tuesday November 25 at 9 a.m!  
Watch live at [squamish.civicweb.net/Portal/Video.aspx](http://squamish.civicweb.net/Portal/Video.aspx) and visit [letstalksquamish.ca/budget-2026](http://letstalksquamish.ca/budget-2026) to learn more, weigh in, and explore our budget tool.

**let's talk BUDGET 2026**

Tune in to Council's conversation about Brennan Park Recreation Centre funding and the new Rec Centre Task Force.

**9 AM, Tuesday, November 25**  
During the Special Business Meeting

**District of Squamish**  
Published by · December 2 at 4:20 PM ·

The District's Financial Plan is informed by a series of documents including Master Plans, a Strategic Plan, and guided by an Official Community Plan. It reflects key principles to achieve fiscal responsibility, financial stability, and ensures that taxes do not fluctuate greatly.  
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**let's talk BUDGET 2026 Budget 101**

**How does the District make the financial plan?**  
The District's Financial Plan is informed by a series of documents including Master Plans, a Strategic Plan, and guided by an Official Community Plan.

**The Official Community Plan**  
is the long term, big-picture vision for the future of Squamish. It provides direction for change and development in the community over time.  
The current Squamish2040 Official Community Plan was adopted in 2018.

**A Strategic Plan**  
is created by each Council and covers their four-year term

**Various Master Plans**  
outline policies for land use, infrastructure, transport, etc. Squamish's us meet the long term.

**District of Squamish**  
Published by · 21 November at 16:18 ·

Curious to learn more about the District's 10-Year Financial Plan but don't know where to start? Check out our list of common terms and frequently asked questions about the District's budget, what it includes and how it impacts you.  
[LetsTalkSquamish.ca/budget-2026#faq](http://LetsTalkSquamish.ca/budget-2026#faq)

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**District of Squamish**  
Published by · 20 November at 09:00 ·

The Financial Plan impacts us all, everyday. Each time you turn on a tap, visit a District park, or walk down a street, you are seeing the budget at work. Visit [letstalksquamish.ca/budget-2026](http://letstalksquamish.ca/budget-2026) to learn more, weigh in, and explore our budget tool

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Facebook

**District of Squamish**  
Published by · November 26 at 12:34 PM ·

Reserves help us plan for the future by putting aside money today for significant expenses we know will be needed down the road.

**What are reserves?**  
Reserves are money that is set aside for future expenses, such as capital projects, equipment replacement, or unforeseen shortfalls.

**What will they be used for?**  
Over the life of the 10-Year Financial Plan, the following upgrades and replacements are scheduled to be funded by reserves:

- \$19M Facilities Maintenance
- \$20.7M Sanitary Sewer Repair and Replacement
- \$37.6M Annual Water System Repair and Replacements
- \$14M Annual Flood Protection Upgrades
- \$78M Annual Transportation Upgrades
- \$21M Road and Bridge Infrastructure Maintenance

**District of Squamish**  
Published by · November 28 at 4:09 PM ·

There are four major components that make up a municipal budget: the general operating fund, capital plan, utilities, and reserves.

Balancing the needs of a growing community requires making difficult decisions. Learn more about these four major components and how you can get involved. Visit [letstalksquamish.ca/budget-2026](http://letstalksquamish.ca/budget-2026) to learn more, weigh in, and explore our budget tool.

**What makes up a municipal budget?**

- General Operating Fund**  
The General Operating Fund is the anticipated revenue received and spending that will be undertaken by all municipal departments throughout the year.
- Capital Plan**  
The Capital Plan defines where the District will invest for the long term on infrastructure, equipment and facilities.
- Utilities**  
The three utilities; Sewer, Water, and Solid Waste, are funded in part by utility fees (collected separately from property taxes), and address operational and capital expenses for each area.
- Reserves**  
Reserve contributions are funds set aside for future expenses, such as capital projects, equipment replacement, or unforeseen shortfalls.

**District of Squamish**  
Published by · 23h ·

Your voice matters!

Public input has helped identify priorities that drive budgets and workplans:

- 🚶 Pedestrian/cyclist safety 🏡 investments in active transportation projects such as Highlands Way South, Perth Drive sidewalks, and Garibaldi Way multi-use pathways
- 🎾 Pickleball 🏡 new courts were built
- 🍲 Local food and food security 🤝 partnership with Squamish CAN (Squamish Climate Action Network) and the Squamish Lillooet Regional District in local food/food security projects
- 🏠 More daycare spaces 🏡 Méhmens ta smánit Childcare Centre now open in Valleycliffe

It's not too late for your voice to be heard! Share your insight at [letstalksquamish.ca/budget-2026](http://letstalksquamish.ca/budget-2026). And join us TONIGHT from 6-8 p.m. at Howe Sound Inn and Brewing for our Budget Information Night 🏡 RSVP on our event page—we hope to see you there!

**BUDGET 2026**  
**BUDGET 101**  
Information Night

Wed, Dec 10  
**Budget Information Night**  
Howe Sound Brewing  
17 Went · 84 Interested

**District of Squamish**  
Published by · December 5 at 12:28 PM ·

Help us shape the future of Squamish over the next 10 years.

Join us for a brief presentation by Mayor Hurford and panel discussion on the proposed District's 10-Year Financial Plan and how your tax dollars will be spent over the next decade.

📅 December 10  
🕒 6 to 8 p.m. \*presentation at 6:30 p.m.  
📍 Howe Sound Inn & Brewery

Appies and refreshments will be served to fuel conversation; alcoholic beverages will be available for purchase 🍷

Why attend? Budget decisions directly impact you! Bring your questions and share your priorities with members of Council and staff—all are welcome!

Learn more at [letstalksquamish.ca/budget-2026](http://letstalksquamish.ca/budget-2026)

**District of Squamish**  
Published by · Just now ·

The District would like to thank all members of the public who attended last night's Budget Information Night!

Public engagement is how we understand each other's values, and these values help us identify needs within the community.

There's still time to weigh in on the proposed 10-Year Financial Plan! Budget feedback will be shared with Council in our We Heard Report on Tuesday, December 17 in the Special Business Meeting.

Contribute to the budget discussion here 🏡 [letstalksquamish.ca/budget-2026](http://letstalksquamish.ca/budget-2026)

**District of Squamish**  
Published by Instagram · 16h ·

Happening now! Join us to chat about the proposed 10-Year Financial Plan at Howe Sound Brewing through 8pm tonight. A brief presentation followed by panel discussion will begin at 6:30.


See insights and ads

Boost post

👍❤️ 11

2 comments

# Let's Talk Squamish Website





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## Budget 2026

District's 10-Year Financial Plan is available for public review. Community feedback is invited!

+ Follow





[Click here to dive into the budget!](#)

Explore what's proposed in the 10-Year Financial Plan with our online tool, Budget Book.

**When you walk down a street, turn on your tap, or visit a District park – you are seeing the results of our budget process.**

There are few communities that have experienced the growth pressures we have in Squamish. Since 2016 our population has jumped 48%. Squamish is a highly desirable place to live, work and play, and we are balancing the challenges that come along with this reality.

**What we are working to solve:**

How can we continue to manage future growth, upgrade our facilities and infrastructure, and create complete neighbourhoods that meet our community needs, all while ensuring that tax increases to residents and businesses are manageable?

The District of Squamish is among just a few B.C. municipalities to newly adopt a 10-year Financial Plan, using long-term projections of revenue, expenses, reserve balances and debt requirements, to meet short-term needs and address long-term financial sustainability.

### In Person Events

**Information Night**

Dec 10, 2025 5:00 PM - Dec 10, 2025 8:00 PM

Howe Sound Inn & Brewery, 37801 Cleveland Ave, Squamish, British Columbia V8B 0A7, Canada

Join us to explore and discuss the 2026-2035 Financial Plan through materials and conversation, over snacks and refreshments - followed by a short pre...

"Every conversation is a budget conversation."

- District of Squamish Mayor Armand Hurford


### Timeline

2026-2035 Financial Planning Workshop Schedule


- ✔ September 16: Budget Kick Off (Council Meeting)
- ✔ October 7: General Operating Fund, Cheekeye, Library (Council Meeting)
- ✔ October 9: Coffee with Council, various times/locations
- ✔ October 28: Utilities Fund Operating Budget (Council Meeting)
- ✔ November 17: Mayor's Drop In, Council Chambers, 11:30-12:30 pm \*new date\*
- ✖ November 25: Special Operating Projects and Capital Plan (Council Meeting)
- ✖ December 2: Utilities Fees and Charges Bylaw, Three Readings (Council Meeting)
- ✖ December 9: Tying It All Together (Council Meeting)
- ✖ December 10: Information Night, Howe Sound Inn and Brewery
- ✖ December 16: What We Heard Report Presentation (Council Meeting)

[See less](#)


### Principles of the Financial Plan




Stable and Sufficient



Sustainable and Equitable




Prudent and Flexible




Efficient and Measurable

### Understanding the Budget

Four major components of the budget




Utilities



Reserves

**Municipal Budget**

Watch on  [YouTube](#)

### Ways to Engage

We invite you to learn how tax dollars are spent and how we are working to create a healthy, vibrant, livable and accessible community for all. There are various ways to engage and weigh in:

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[Explore the Financial Plan](#)

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[Give Feedback](#)

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[Watch Council Meetings](#)

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[Contribute to the budget discussion](#)

Posters

let's talk **BUDGET 2026**

Are you in*QUIZ*itive about the budget, services, and operations of the District of Squamish?

Come along to our

**Fiscal Civic SHOWDOWN TRIVIA NIGHT**

Hosted by Shane Fry  
October 23, 6:30 pm  
at Peak Provisions

For more information, check out  
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SQUAMISH

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[LetsTalkSquamish.ca](https://LetsTalkSquamish.ca)

Councillor Pettingill      Councillor Hamilton      Councillor French

let's talk **BUDGET 2026**

We are planning ahead for budget conversations in October and November as Council reviews the 2026-2025 Financial Plan. Mark your calendars for community events!

**Coffee with Council**  
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at Peak Provisions

**Information Night**  
November 12, 6-8 pm  
at Howe Sound Inn & Brewing

**DROP-IN CHAT WITH THE MAYOR**  
November 19,  
11:30 am-12:30 pm  
at Municipal Hall (Council Chambers)

For more information check out:  
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Chief Newspaper Ads

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October 9

November 20

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**BUDGET.information**  
Information Night

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October 16

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November 13

let's talk  
**BUDGET**  
2026

Community Events

**DROP-IN CHAT WITH THE MAYOR**

November 17, **NEW DATE (MONDAY)**  
11:30 am-12:30 pm  
at Municipal Hall (Council Chambers)

**BUDGET.information**  
Information Night

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# Citizen Satisfaction Survey Results



Most important issue facing District of Squamish: Keeping up with growth

*Q: In your opinion, what is the single MOST important issue facing the District of Squamish that you feel should receive the greatest attention from local leaders?*

**38%** said

Amenities, infrastructure and services need to keep pace with growth.

**22%** said

Cost of living and housing affordability.



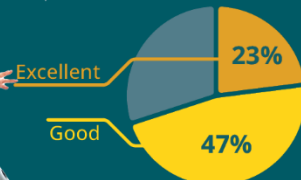
Quality of life in Squamish meets expectations



Majority feel the quality of life has worsened, compared to 5 years ago

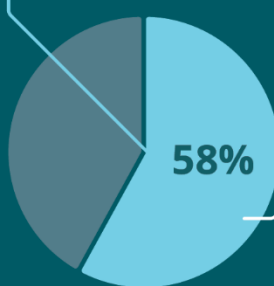


A place to raise children



*Q: How would you rate the following aspects of living in Squamish?*

Quality of life has worsened over past five years.



Among the respondents who felt the quality of life worsened, 44% cited lacking amenities and infrastructure.

*Q: Compared to 5 years ago, how do you feel the overall quality of life in Squamish has changed?*

Majority feel it is important for the District to focus on local housing affordability

88% feel

It is important for the District to work with partners to address the local housing affordability crisis.

Q: How important are the following for the District of Squamish to focus on?  
A: Work with partners to address the local housing affordability crisis: Important and Very Important.



## Citizen Satisfaction Survey Results cont.

Residents were mixed on how to balance rising costs while maintaining service delivery

43% were supportive of maintaining current service and investment with increasing taxes.



18% would like to see Council cut or reduce services to achieve less tax increase.

Q: Given that Council must balance rising costs to maintain delivery of current municipal services, maintain & upgrade infrastructure, & service debt on new facilities, which of the following would you most like the District of Squamish to pursue?



Majority have housing security in Squamish

79% feel

That they have housing security in Squamish.



However, 38% feel

That there are not enough affordable homes for sale.

Q: Do you feel you have housing security?  
Q: Which of the following housing needs impact you directly?

Top housing issue is not having enough affordable homes for sale

38% feel that not having enough affordable homes for sale impacts them directly.

Q: Which of the following housing needs impact you directly?

28% cannot afford to upgrade to a larger home for their growing family.

26% stated there aren't enough affordable rentals available.

# Budget Information Night

