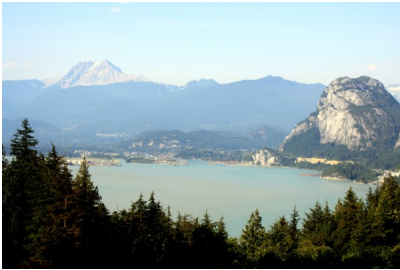


Squamish, BC, The town at the Heart of the Vancouver 2010 Olympic Games

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Located Half-way between Whistler and Vancouver on the Pacific Ocean, Squamish is a town with a big future.

Online PR News – 26-February-2010 [Squamish](#), British Columbia, is located halfway between the 2010 Olympic host cities of Vancouver and Whistler, on a stunning ocean-view drive known as the Sea to Sky highway. A thriving well-established community, Squamish has been positioned as the “Outdoor Recreation Capital of Canada,” poised between two major international tourism destination areas in North America – Vancouver and Whistler.

With undeveloped Oceanfront lands and a new major, all-seasons ski resort development on the horizon, Squamish may well become the “eye of the real estate storm” created as a result of their hometown gold medal Olympic athletes and the international attention currently being focused here.

This valley of 16,000 has the long Pacific inlet of Howe Sound at its southernmost edge and is wrapped in every other direction by peerless mountains. To the east is the marbled wall of the Stawamus Chief, claimed to be the “second largest granite monolith in the world,” and to the north and northeast are Mount Garibaldi and the Diamond Head glacier lording over the region. To the west is the spectacular Tantalus Mountain range, with glaciers and jaw-dropping jagged summits.

The foremost legacy for Squamish from Vancouver 2010 is the \$600 million upgrades made to the Sea to Sky highway (also known as Highway 99) which connects Squamish to Vancouver and Whistler. It is now only a stunning, scenic, 50 minute drive from downtown Vancouver.

Many already live, work, and play in Squamish while many others are happily within their commuting option.

According to local real estate agent Candice Dyer, this is one of the key attractions to new home buyers in Squamish: “People see a shorter commute than they would have from the Fraser Valley, and they get to live in a smaller rural location close to the trails, the skiing, the ocean, the city and the many Outdoor Recreation opportunities that exist here. It is a lifestyle choice many are making.”

A century ago, Squamish was grounded in forestry and some of this history still endures, but in recent years it has developed a strong foundation for adventure and tourism by reinventing itself as Canada’s Outdoor

Recreation Capital with an abundance of mountain biking, rock climbing, hiking, wind/kite surfing, yachting, and many other outdoor sports.

Now, with two major oceanfront developments and a major ski resort development proposed on Brohm Ridge – only 13 km from downtown, already approved or in the final stages of the approvals process, Squamish is poised for major growth. In addition, Squamish is the home of Quest University, Canada's first private, secular university, an \$110 million investment that will be a magnet for Squamish's growing knowledge based industry sector.

"Squamish is halfway between Whistler and West Vancouver, two of the highest priced real estate markets in Canada. It has a stunning setting. With all that is going on here, it certainly is one of the locations where, as that potential is realized, investors can expect to see a good, if not great return," according to Dyer. There is also a lot of variety available in Squamish – everything from large oceanfront development lots ready to go, to small downtown condos at Studio SQ, or ready to build single family homes in Crumpit Woods.

"There is still good value here. The [Garibaldi at Squamish](#) all-seasons resort development, and [Waterfront Landing](#) are two anchors that will define Squamish as truly 'Sea to Sky.' It will be one of the most spectacular destinations on the West Coast of North America, if not the world, for tourists, residents or investors. "

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