



Squamish CAN
Climate Action Network



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Squamish Food Policy Council - 2019 Implementation



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Squamish Food Charter

Mission

SQUAMISH FOOD CHARTER



Food Security exists when ALL members of the local communities have access to enough nutritious, safe, ecologically sustainable, and culturally appropriate food at all times.

Squamish Valley food and agricultural lands are protected and productive, and producers, processors, growers, foragers, and knowledge holders are valued and supported.

Who is Involved?

- 20+ organizations
- 40+ individuals
- 20+ other local government food policy councils we work with across BC

Squamish CAN Branches

- Zero Waste
 - Re-use it Fair
 - Repair Café
 - Clothing Swaps
 - Zero Waste Around the Home
 - Curbside Tune-up Recycling Audit
- Zero Waste Action Team
 - Advocacy and Community Education
- Food Systems
 - 3 Community Gardens
 - Mamquam Edible Schoolyard
 - Seedy Sunday
 - Seed Saving Workshops
 - Gardening Workshops
 - Food Skills Training Workshops
 - Farm Tours
 - Eating Together Events

- Squamish Food Policy Council
 - Land Linking Workshops
 - Advancing Government Food and Agriculture Policy
 - Food Asset Map
 - Squamish Valley Agriculture Plan
 - Food Insecurity Initiatives
- Energy and Transportation
 - Bike to Work Week
 - Energy Talks
 - Movie Nights

Key Accomplishments

- Created and maintained the Squamish to Lillooet Food Asset Map
- Promoted the Young Agrarians U-Map
- Co-hosted with the Ministry of Agriculture for Agri-food Business Planning Program (Jan 2017)
- Participated with the National Food Policy Movement
- Hosted a Land Linking workshop in collaboration with Young Agrarians
- Brought in over \$108,000 in funding since 2015 to advance municipal and regional food systems
- Contributed to the Squamish 2040 OCP's Food System Section
- Squamish Valley Agriculture Land Use Inventory (2017) in partnership with DoS, SLRD Area D, and BC Ministry of Agriculture
- Hosted community gathering events, bringing people together over food, On The Table, Garden Meeting at MESY

Current Initiatives

- Participate in Squamish to Lillooet Regional Food Task Force
 - Researched and developed a Regional Food Procurement Policy
 - Created a Food and Agriculture Education Program and Food Skills Training Inventory and Gap Analysis in collaboration with Lillooet Food and Agriculture Society
 - Provide feedback and assist with Distribution of Living in the ALR Educational Brochure for homeowners and real estate agents
- Steering committee member of BC Chapter of the National Coalition for Healthy School Food
- Leveraged funding up to \$45,000 from Investment Agriculture Foundation for an ALUI and Agriculture Plan with matched funding from DoS and SLRD
- Played a leadership role in Squamish Valley Agriculture Plan Steering Committee Meetings, public outreach, and funding support
 - Provided feedback on plan development and implementation strategy
- Fundraise for ongoing support for food and agriculture initiatives