

Green ECONOMY

EMERGING | GROWING | FOCUSED



CLEAN TECHNOLOGIES AND ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES



INNOVATIVE CONSTRUCTION, WOOD PRODUCTS AND FORESTRY



CRAFT FOOD AND BEVERAGE, AND AGRICULTURE

SQUAMISH GREEN ECONOMY

781

Local
Businesses

1,684

Local
Workers

WHY SQUAMISH

Unparalleled Lifestyle

Squamish is hardwired for business and adventure. World-class outdoor adventures are all within 10 minutes of each other.

Squamish is adventurous, youthful and active, grateful for our surroundings, real and unscripted and proud of our heritage.

STRATEGICALLY LOCATED

- Located 45 minutes from Whistler or Vancouver, an existing Green Economy hub, where one in 15 are employed in the green economy.
- Well-positioned to access the largest global importers of green technologies, the USA and Asia, particularly China.

YOUNG, KNOWLEDGEABLE & FAST-GROWING

- More than 24,000 residents call Squamish home.
- Squamish's population is relatively young with a median age of 37 vs the B.C. average of 41.
- Over one third of the local workforce is educated in Architecture, Engineering or Business.

TRANSPORTATION INFRASTRUCTURE

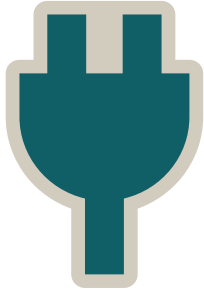
- Port and break-bulk terminal
- Extensive rail connections
- World-class highway access
- Close to international airport
- Significant investments in active transportation, transit

GREEN ENERGY

With approximately 98% of its electricity generation coming from clean or renewable resources (primarily hydroelectric generation), B.C. is the cleanest jurisdiction in western North America.

INNOVATIVE & ENTREPRENEURIAL SPIRIT

Squamish is the #1 mid-sized community in Canada for Entrepreneurial Presence – Canadian Federation of Independent Business, 2018



- With 1000+ cleantech companies, Canadians are focused on being world leaders in developing solutions to address our climate challenge.
- In 2021, Canada ranked 2nd on the Global Cleantech Innovation Index with 11 companies listed as part of the Global Cleantech Top 100.
- The clean technology sector in BC is among the top 10 globally, due in large part to world-class utility programs, access to multiple forms of renewable energy, and strong ties to world markets.
- Canada's government has acknowledged that innovation translates into more jobs, business opportunities, a cleaner environment, and provides higher living standards for Canadians. This is reflected in their Innovation and Skills plan to grow the economy and provide Canadians with the skills they need to succeed.

SQUAMISH CLIMATE ACTION

Together with the province's CleanBC Plan, Squamish's Community Climate Action Plan has built momentum toward a low-carbon future. squamish.ca/climateaction



Carbon capture and storage

From carbon capture technology to helium recovery systems, the clean technology sector in Squamish is thriving.



Speed up switch to cleaner fuels

Squamish is a part of the BC's Clean Energy Vehicle Program – connected to the West Coast Green Highway.



Better Buildings

The District of Squamish introduced the provincial Energy Step Building Code (ESBC) in 2018. The District has reached step 4 of the ESBC as of 2021, which correlates to a 40% increase in efficiency.



Support for better buildings

Squamish is home to companies specializing in passive house certification, natural and renewable building materials and energy efficient design.

SQUAMISH MOMENTUM



Attractive Investment Environment

Over \$100 million in private and government funding raised by Squamish-based Green Economy companies.



Squamish has proven to be the perfect location for scaling our clean energy business, as it offers great infrastructure, proximity to Vancouver's Green Economy hub and an excellent quality of life for attracting talented employees.

- Steve Oldham, CEO, Carbon Engineering



Green History

Squamish signed BC's Climate Action Charter in December 2008. The District of Squamish was recognized as a Carbon Neutral community by the province and Union of BC Municipalities in 2018, and developed a Community Climate Action Plan in 2019.



Strategic Land Base

BC Rail Yards – 100 acre bare land industrial site ready for development, already connected to rail, terminals and highway.

Oceanfront Development – 100 acre mixed-use development approved and underway. Future home to cleantech company demonstration centre.



Strong Existing Partnerships

In 2016, the District of Squamish, Squamish Nation, Newport Beach Developments and Carbon Engineering formed the Squamish Clean Technology Association, signing a Statement of Cooperation with University of British Columbia's Clean Energy Research Centre.

Sources: EMSI Analyst 2020, District of Squamish