

Community Plan – Squamish

A NEW CENTRE OF CARE:

A holistic medical community supporting the region with capacity, skills and targeted expertise, the central hub for Sea-to-Sky health service leadership. Lions Gate Hospital and other hospitals in the Lower Mainland will continue to support Sea-to-Sky residents with specialized services

Future health-care priorities:

The draft clinical services plan identifies the following priorities for future health-care planning, engagement and investment in Squamish and the surrounding communities

Acute care:

- Expanded emergency care capacity, including pediatric beds in the emergency department
- Expanded ambulatory care, with enhanced services and access (e.g., increased hours of operation)
- Expanded access to surgical services, with a focus on general and orthopedic procedures
- Increased inpatient capacity, with a focus on high-acuity, psychiatric and surgical care
- Expanded access to perinatal services and expanded services in prenatal and postnatal care, including for Indigenous communities
- New Indigenous Patient Navigator program across acute care programs
- Expanded medical imaging, pharmacy, laboratory and logistical support

Community health:

- Expanded home health services, including home care and home support
- Expanded public health services, such as perinatal, early child services, sexual health services, immunization, dental, audiology and speech language pathology supports
- Expanded health protection services, such as environmental health officers, community care facilities licensing officers, tobacco and vapour staff
- Expanded mental health and substance use services
- Support for located community health services, where appropriate

Long-term care and supporting services:

- Expanded long-term care, respite and hospice services for community
- Increased capacity in adult day programming for local residents
- Spaces in long-term care that support Indigenous cultural safety and practices

