

Our land use approval process with the District of Squamish has involved multiple departments in several steps. In summary, the district has agreed to let us use the land, but we have agreed to comply with the following:

- Adhere to district by-laws regarding sitelines;
- Follow the district's wildlife attractants by-laws;
- Incorporate drought-resistant, non-invasive, mostly native plants;
- Comply with all governmental authorities;
- Collaborate with the district to ensure any educational signage meets their standards;
- Follow the district's water use by-laws and seasonal restrictions, making sure to conserve water whenever possible and use weeping soaker hoses as opposed to sprinklers;
- Provide a project calendar and landscape plan that includes watering plans, soil remediation plans, and a plant list that lists criteria for #2 and #3.
- Investigate (through BC One Call) the location of underground gas lines or other utilities before digging.

The process in steps is as follows:

1. We sent a one-page summary of the proposed project to the mayor's office, and they forwarded it to Gary Buxton in Public Works.
2. Gary Buxton referred us to Suzanne Virgint in the Parks Department.
3. Nav Gill requested we complete a Real Estate Services Property Inquiry Form (asks permission to use district land) at this link: <https://squamish.ca/assets/Uploads/b19e498e43/Property-Inquiry-Form-2020.pdf>.
4. Nav Gill sent us a Land Use Letter that asked us to (a) adhere to district by-laws regarding sitelines; (b) follow the district's wildlife attractants by-law; (c) incorporate native and/or drought-resistant plants; (d) comply with all governmental authorities; (e) collaborate with the district to ensure any educational signage meets their standards; and (f) install a sprinkler system with a rain monitor.
5. We negotiated the terms of the above letter with Karine Le Du in Utilities (water conservation) and were issued a revised letter from Nav Gill that comprised the bulleted list above.
6. We submitted to Karine Le Du a project calendar and landscape plan that includes watering plans, soil remediation plans, and a plant list.
7. The project calendar and landscape plan, including the plant list, was approved after revisions.
8. We requested permission to use the District of Squamish logo by submitting the form found at this link: squamish.ca/logo.