



Centrepoint - the project in brief

Sea to Sky Community Services Society and Squamish United Church are working in partnership to create Centrepoint, a new building in downtown Squamish

What is it?

This project is made up of three buildings:

- A community hall— with kitchen, bathrooms and storage lockers. The hall will be owned and managed by Sea to Sky Community Services (SSCS); community groups can book it for a nominal fee
- A sanctuary and offices for Squamish United Church
- A 'community services building', a three-storey building, with the upper storeys being partial storeys set back from the street. It will include:
 - Community meeting rooms
 - Supported housing for people with developmental disabilities. There will be six supported housing units plus a housing unit for a staff person. Our rezoning application includes provision for a future fourth and fifth floor of supported housing, if the need arises in the future
 - Program rooms for SSCS
 - Offices for SSCS

There will be on-site parking for 34 cars, 30 bike stalls and curbside improvements allowing for additional street parking.

Where?

The buildings will take up the five lots currently owned by Squamish United Church, at the corner of Victoria and Fourth. The front entrances will be on Fourth Avenue with vehicle parking and entrance via the lane.

When?

The plan is to begin construction in mid-2013, after both organizations have fundraised for the project. We are on track to meeting this objective, having already met many project milestones: Our two organizations have signed a master agreement setting out roles and responsibilities, we have put together plans of action and project budgets, and we have recruited teams of volunteers and secured community support. We have created first stage architectural drawings and received rezoning approval from the District of Squamish. The planning and research stage being complete, we are moving into the project refinement stage.

Why?

By working together, SSCS and Squamish United Church are able to strengthen the community and strengthen both organizations. The church is donating land; once the building is built, the church will be able to access meeting spaces that SSCS has built. This partnership approach means we can do more for the community than we otherwise would have been able to.

That said, this project has clear divisions. Our fundraising efforts are separate. Our buildings will be separate. Our services and programs will be separate. Divisions and responsibilities are guided by a master agreement and strata agreement.