

2022 STS Projects Report

2022 was a productive year for the Squamish Trails Society despite lingering effects from the COVID-19 pandemic and occasional challenging weather events. We had a rewarding year advocating for, promoting and maintaining trails and active transportation corridors. Our trails continue to promote the health and welfare of our community.

1. Our Brushback Volunteers active trimmed back and cleared approximately 4.8 km of trail including but not limited to sections of: Ray Peters Trail, Mashiter Spawning Trails, Dipper Trail, Loggers Creek Trail, Nature Loop, Rotary Trail, Eagle Wind Trail, Brackendale neighbourhood trails, and sections of trails beneath powerlines (like Cheshire Cat) that tend to overgrow in spring.
2. Reworked ramps from the dikes to the Amblepath Trail and Mashiter Spawning Channel Trails improved access to those respective trails.
3. Maintenance to the southern end of the Wonderland Trail and northern end of the Looking Glass Trail completed by Dreamwizards Events.
4. Extending the Centennial Trail along Centennial Way.
5. Improvements to the Pelk Wil'em Trails, parking areas and information kiosks in partnership with the Mamquam River Access Society.
6. Resurfacing of Brackendale Neighbourhood trails: Cottonwood Park Trail, Dryden Trail and MacDonald Park Trail.
7. Clearing trails of post wind storm and ice storm debris.
8. Developed a plan to improve all-weather access to the southern end of the Cheakamus Canyon section of the co-branded Trans Canada and Sea to Sky Trail.
9. Continued consultation with the District of Squamish and Squamish Lilloett Regional District on improved cycling and pedestrian infrastructure as well as preservation of trail corridors and promoting improved trail continuity between our neighbourhoods and to the trails and Provincial Parks adjacent to our community.

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2023 Proposed STS Project List

Although this is subject to change depending upon where we can get permission to work, opportunities that arise to collaborate with other trail groups and issues that may occur during the year, here is a list of proposed projects for 2023.

1. Freshening up and re-crowning the surface of the Loggers Creek Trail from Finch to Brennan Park.
2. Resurfacing sections of the Centennial Trail where needed.
3. Resurfacing sections of the Mashiter – Mamquam Spawning Channel Trails which become muddy in wet weather to help protect the adjacent environment and spawning channels.

4. Improving the accessibility and sustainability of the southern end of the Swan Trail through the Squamish River Estuary.
5. Working with the District of Squamish to reopen and revitalize the Dark Roast Connector.
6. Brush back Brigade spring brushing - where needed – especially beneath power lines where vegetation growth can impair sightlines and trail access.
7. Continued consultation with the District of Squamish and Developers with respect to trail connectivity and alternate transportation routes.
8. Dentville Trail surface improvements and maintenance.
9. Continued work on rough or wet areas of Wonderland Trail.
10. Exploring areas where the southern end of the Sea to Sky Trail can be moved off the road and onto dike and B.C. Hydro right of ways.
11. Respond to trail needs as they arise in our local neighbourhoods.