



OUR VISION

Develop a school farm at Howe Sound Secondary located in downtown Squamish that meets both the community and students' needs by:

- Providing fresh, nutritious, sustainably-grown and culturally appropriate food for families, community members, and nearby schools
- Increasing food literacy in students through hands-on learning, connection to land, and various course integrations (i.e. business, food studies, leadership, woodworking, and more)
- Cultivating an accessible, sustainable and interconnected local food system in Squamish
- Fostering social and environmental awareness in students and community
- Helping to combat the climate crisis
- Involving volunteers, community members, and partners to develop Good Food Box program in community that offers produce at accessible costs
- Reaching 90% financial self-sustainability after three years

TIMELINE

= Student participation

Fall 2021

- Squamish Nation land offering and groundbreaking ceremony
- Installation of water and electrical services
- Cardboard drive to prep for covering grass
- Establish basic farm layout on property

Winter 2021/22

- Plan crops, order seeds
- Purchase essential supplies (i.e. shipping container, fencing, etc.)
- Retrofit shipping container to be used as garden shed
- Soil and compost delivery
- Hire excavation company for layout of pathways

Spring 2022

- Prepare land and sow seeds
- Coordinate Good Food Box Program (sliding scale harvest box)
- Build 'Help Yourself' garden boxes at entrance
- Inaugural Community Harvest Celebration
- Build and install greenhouse
- Establish School Farm Club

Summer 2022

- Harvest and sell produce
- Paint mural on shipping container
- Create English and Skwxwú7mesh sníchim signage for plant identification

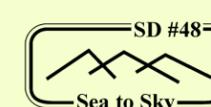


On the unceded territory of the Squamish Nation:

HOWE SOUND SECONDARY SCHOOL FARM



Spring 2022



COMMUNITY BENEFITS

Hands-on Learning

- Students will be involved throughout the entire farming cycle, including site preparation (laying gravel, staking foundation, soil testing), growing food (sowing seeds, maintenance), and distributing food to community (harvesting, marketing, selling at farm stand)
- School farm will allow for several curriculum connections, including science, woodworking, culinary arts, business, and more
- Students will have opportunity to acquire credits for post-secondary trades programs

Food Security

- Families experiencing food insecurity in the area will benefit from access to fresh, local, and nutritious food through a sliding scale Good Food Box program
- Community members will have access to free, fresh food as needed at entrance of farm from 'Help Yourself' box

School Food Program

- School cafeteria will incorporate local food into their meals, decreasing dependence on imported food from outside of Sea to Sky corridor

Honouring Indigenous Connections

- Indigenous ways of knowing and being will be honoured in the farm space in partnership with the school district's Indigenous education department, such as through signage featuring Skwxwú7mesh sníchim plant names and beds featuring traditional plants

HOW YOU CAN HELP

Donations will help with all costs associated with building a school farm from start to finish. Community donations will be essential to meeting the goals of the project. Donated funds will go towards:

- Fencing
- Soil testing equipment
- Excavation and crushed gravel
- Greenhouse
- Shipping container
- Seed packets
- Garden tools
- Compost bin
- Cold storage equipment
- Soil
- Wood
- Irrigation equipment

SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

\$5,000+



- On-site signage recognition
- Website recognition
- Special invitation to Harvest Dinner event at farm

\$1,000 to \$4,999



- On-site signage recognition
- Website recognition

Under \$1,000



- Website recognition

If you are able to donate in-kind support, please contact us at 604-562-0446

QUESTIONS?



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