

2021 STS Projects Report

Although 2021 presented challenges related to COVID-19 and some extreme weather events, we had a productive year advocating for, promoting and maintaining trails and active transportation corridors. Our trails have never seemed more popular and essential than they have over the last 20 months.

1. Our Brushback Crew was out socially distanced but active clearing 1.4 km of trail. Extreme heat and dry weather curtailed normal spring-summer activity.
2. Improved trail surfacing and drainage for the Mashiter-Mamquam Spawning Channel Trails. (More to be done in 2022 – hopefully.)
3. Improved trail surfacing at the south end of the Amblepath Trail.
4. Improved surfacing and drainage along the Swan Trail.
5. Brushing and improved surfacing of the Loggers Creek and Nature Trail Loop.
6. Improved surfacing of the Coho Park Trail and protection of the creek in key locations with some low split rail cedar fencing – Thanks to the Squamish Environmental Society and Stream-keepers for this!
7. Completion of the trail connecting the Smoke Bluffs Park parking lot to Channel Road.
8. Improving the trail surface and all-weather use of the Discovery Trail with the Outdoor Leadership students at Howe Sound Secondary School.
9. Clearing fallen trees and repairing a trail washout on the Cheakamus Canyon section of the Sea to Sky Trail.
10. Consultation with the District of Squamish 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.

2022 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 2022.

1. Further improvements to the sustainability and accessibility to the Mashiter – Mamquam Spawning Channel Trails which help protect the adjacent environment and spawning channels.
2. Improving surfacing and drainage of Brackendale neighbourhood trails
3. Examining continued improvements to the Amblepath Trail.
4. Revitalizing the surfacing of the Dark Roast Connector, Loggers Creek Trail and Nature Loop where needed.
5. Working with Dreamwizards and SORCA on maintenance and improvements to the Wonderland and north end of the Looking Glass Trail
6. 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 improvements and maintenance.
9. 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.
10. Interpretive signage for the Sea to Sky Trail
11. Revitalizing signage for the Turtle Trail

12. Coho Park Trail connectivity to the future Garibaldi Springs trail network
13. Working with stakeholders to acquire permission to maintain the key trails within the Squamish River Estuary and protect the adjacent environment.