

## Squamish-Lillooet Regional District supports Centrepont

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At its October meeting, the directors of the Squamish-Lillooet Regional District (SLRD) voted to donate \$100,000 to Sea to Sky Community Services (1) for its Centrepont facility (2).

"The Squamish-Lillooet Regional District works to enhance the quality of life for our constituents. We endorse this project because we think it will do just that," says SLRD Chair, Patricia Heintzman. "The Centrepont project will help Sea to Sky Community Services provide the best support to a greater number of people throughout the Sea to Sky Region. It is a community-driven and -supported project with great societal benefit."

"We are so pleased to receive this generous donation from the Regional District. With it, we're that much closer (3) to being able to construct a building which will safeguard our ability to meet community need in the future and continue to help thousands of people in the Corridor every year," says Lois Wynne, Executive Director of Sea to Sky Community Services.

### Notes to editors

(1) Sea to Sky Community Services is one of the largest and most impactful charities in the Corridor, strengthening communities and individuals through an unmatched breadth of vital programs, helping people through a crisis and with everyday challenges. The organization offers more than 40 programs, helping 4,000 people a year, in the areas of childcare, child development, parenting and family development, youth services, Community Living (for children with special needs and adults with developmental disabilities), counselling and assistance, addiction recovery and affordable housing. [www.sscs.ca](http://www.sscs.ca)

(2) Centrepont is a planned new building on the corner of Fourth Avenue and Victoria Street in downtown Squamish. The project is a partnership between Sea to Sky Community Services and Squamish United Church, where the church is donating the land for Centrepont. While this is a collaborative partnership, the two organizations are running separate fundraising campaigns and, once Centrepont is built, will continue to operate separately and run separate programs.

Centrepont will contain a floor of affordable housing (six one-bedroom units and two studios), community rooms, a preschool, programming rooms and office spaces. This project also includes the construction of a new church for Squamish United. An image of Centrepont is available upon request.

(3) Sea to Sky Community Services is working to raise \$3 million through the Building Opportunities Capital Campaign in order to build Centrepont. This donation from the Regional District brings the total raised to \$1.1 million. A group of committed community members is leading the fundraising efforts. The team is comprised of co-chairs Owen Carney and Anne Carney, vice-chair Ron Anderson, Paul Lalli, Sonja Lebens, Corinne Lonsdale, Drew Meredith and Jen Schorz. [www.buildingopportunities.ca](http://www.buildingopportunities.ca)

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