

Quick Guide to the Sea to Sky Checkpoint



During the 2010 Olympic Winter Games, there will be an increased demand for transportation, but a reduction in travel capacity. To ensure people can move efficiently during the Games, we need to reduce traffic by at least 30 per cent, particularly in key areas such as downtown Vancouver, the North Shore bridge crossings, the Sea to Sky Corridor and Whistler. For this reason, unnecessary or discretionary car trips are discouraged. For trips that *must* be made, travelers are encouraged to use alternate modes of transportation – many are available – and to travel outside peak times.

Additionally, public parking in Whistler will be significantly reduced for the month of February, yet Whistler's population is expected to increase from 10,000 to 55,000. Even a small increase in vehicle traffic could have a significant impact on the ability of Whistler residents, businesses, visitors and public transit to move efficiently. Additional vehicles driving around Whistler could impede the ability for Whistler locals and visitors to maintain their day to day activities, as well as prevent athletes and officials from getting to their events.

To manage traffic volumes going into or through Whistler and the resultant need for parking, Vancouver 2010 and its transportation partners, including the Resort Municipality of Whistler and the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure, will be issuing permits for travel north of Squamish between the hours of **6 am and 6 pm between February 11 and 28, 2010**. A traffic checkpoint will be in place at the Alice Lake turnoff on the Sea to Sky Highway to verify vehicles going into or through Whistler have the required checkpoint permit.

What is the Sea to Sky traffic checkpoint?

- A traffic management initiative that will help manage the flow of traffic into and through Whistler
- A checkpoint located on the Sea to Sky Highway that will be staffed by the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure. Ministry staff will be verifying that vehicles travelling north during the key dates and times have the necessary checkpoint permit.

When is the traffic checkpoint in operation?

- February 11 to February 28 from 6 am to 6 pm daily – for northbound traffic only
- If travelling north of Squamish during these dates and hours, a permit must be displayed on your vehicle's windshield.
- Vehicles without a permit will be stopped at the checkpoint and turned around.
- Vehicles travelling outside the hours of 6 am to 6 pm will not need a permit, but should confirm their parking arrangements in advance.

How can I obtain a permit?

- Two permits have been sent to every Whistler residential property owner with parking. It is the responsibility of the property owner to whom these permits have been issued to distribute them accordingly to tenants and/or guests.
- Permit Issuing Offices will open December 14, 2009 to support the distribution process for those not captured in the mail out. Applicants will be asked to verify their parking in Whistler to obtain a permit.
- Permits are fully transferable between vehicles and users.

Note to Commercial Carriers

Commercial carriers providing service directly into Whistler Resort will require a Resort Municipality of Whistler (RMOW) Commercial Carrier Permit in order to drop passengers, stage vehicles and access various areas of the Resort. For information on how to obtain a permit package, please visit www.whistler2010.com.

Permit Issuing Office locations:

Vancouver

450 West Broadway (at Cambie)

December 14 to February 11:

- Monday through Saturday
- Noon to 8:00 pm

February 12 to 28: CLOSED

Squamish

Squamish Volunteer Centre #2-40437 Tantalus Road

December 14 to February 11:

- Monday through Saturday
- Noon to 8:00 pm

February 12 to 28:

- Seven days a week
- 6:00 am to 6:00 pm

Whistler

Municipal Hall 4325 Blackcomb Way

December 14 to February 11:

- Monday through Saturday
- 8:30 am to 4:30 pm

February 12 to 28

- Seven days a week, 8:30 am to 4:30 pm

Pemberton

Old Community Centre 7567 Pemberton Meadows

December 14 to February 11:

- Monday through Saturday
- Noon to 8:00 pm

February 12 to 28:

- Monday through Saturday
- Noon to 8:00 pm

Ensuring a successful transportation experience during the Games requires a coordinated effort between all 2010 Winter Games partners, as well as the residents and businesses in the Host Cities and surrounding communities.

For more detailed information, please visit travelsmart2010.ca. If you have any questions, please email info@vancouver2010.com.

Thank you for your assistance with this initiative. We appreciate your cooperation and understanding as we work together to stage an extraordinary event in 2010.