

### 2.3.6 Electoral Area F

Area F, known as North Shuswap, comprises 2,920 square kilometres to the north and west of Shuswap Lake and Seymour Arm. Most of the population, however, live in smaller communities along roughly 100 kilometres of lake shore. These communities consist of Lee Creek, Scotch Creek, Celistia, Magna Bay, Anglemont, St. Ives, Seymour Arm and Indian Point on Adams Lake. The North Shuswap is chosen as a place to live by people who make a lifestyle choice of a slower pace and stress free living.

In order to access these communities a visitor would take the Squilax/Anglemont turn-off from Highway #1 (between Chase and Sorrento) and follow the highway (#446) along the north side of the lake. There is really no through traffic because of the fact the communities are located off the beaten track from the Trans Canada Highway.

The population in Area F in 1996 was 2,262, an increase of 36 percent in size over the 1991 population figure. The estimated 2001 population for Area F is 2,210, a 2.3 percent decline since 1996. Area F comprises 6.5 percent of the population in the Shuswap overall. Seniors constitute 19 percent of the population for Area F, which is higher than the BC average figure of 12 percent.

Seymour Arm has poorer road access and tends to have a more independent identity than the other communities. The Little Shuswap Band built Quaaout Lodge, a lodge with an attractive native design on beautiful land on the shores of Little Shuswap Lake. Since its completion tour buses have taken overnight visitors to Quaaout Lodge and increased the traffic and awareness of the area considerably in addition to providing employment to people living in the area.

In the summer, tourists consisting mainly of campers and boaters increase the population many fold. The main attraction for these people is the Shuswap Lake Provincial Park at Scotch Creek and excellent beach areas for swimming and boating. In the Fall, the Adams River attracts thousands of tourists to the Salmon Run and, at that time, bus loads of visitors arrive daily to view the salmon. In addition there are some farming operations in the North Shuswap.