

Environmental Assessment of the Proposed Garibaldi at Squamish Project

Open House *and* Invitation to Comment

Garibaldi at Squamish Inc. (Proponent) is proposing to construct and operate an all-seasons destination ski resort at Brohm Ridge near Squamish, BC. The Garibaldi at Squamish Project (proposed Project) would have 23 ski lifts on 124 developed ski trails. In addition, two golf courses, and both private and commercial accommodations are planned.

The proposed Project is subject to review under British Columbia's *Environmental Assessment Act*.

The Proponent must obtain an environmental assessment certificate before any work can be undertaken on the proposed Project. On June 10, 2010, the Minister of Environment and then Minister of Tourism, Culture and the Arts made a decision to require additional information from the Proponent after considering the environmental assessment review led by BC's Environmental Assessment Office (EAO). EAO has directed the Proponent to submit additional information and a supplemental application before the Ministers of Environment and Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations can make a decision on whether or not to issue an environmental assessment certificate. However, prior to submission of a supplemental application by the Proponent, EAO must first approve Supplemental Application Information Requirements.

The Supplemental Application Information Requirements will specify the additional detailed information to be provided by the Proponent in its Supplemental Application. EAO has now received draft Supplemental Application Information Requirements from the Proponent and invites comments on this draft during a 30 day public comment period between December 8, 2013 and January 14, 2014. In order to be considered, your comments must be submitted during this specific time frame.

The EAO invites the public to attend an Open House to review and comment on the draft Supplemental Application Information Requirements. An Open House will be held:

at: West Coast Railway (Museum) Heritage Park
39645 Government Rd, Squamish, BC
on: December 18, 2013
from: 12:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

At this stage of the process, the primary intent is to receive feedback about the additional information required and the scope of the studies to be undertaken. The additional information included in the Supplemental Application Information Requirements will direct the Proponent's efforts to complete the further assessment and to describe potential effects associated with constructing and operating the proposed Project.

All comments received from the public will be forwarded to the Proponent for consideration and response. When EAO is satisfied with the Proponent's responses the EAO will finalize the Supplemental Application Information Requirements and issue it to the Proponent.

The EAO accepts public comments online, by mail or by fax as follows:

By Online Form at

<http://www.eao.gov.bc.ca/pcp/index.html>

By Mail:

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An electronic copy of the Supplemental Application Information Requirements and information regarding the environmental assessment process are available at [Garibaldi at Squamish Project – \(2013\)](#). Copies of the Supplemental Application Information Requirements are also available for viewing at the Squamish and Whistler Public Libraries.

A subsequent public comment period will be held during the Supplemental Application Review stage. The public will have the opportunity to assess how the information in the Supplemental Application Information Requirements was addressed by the Proponent in their Supplemental Application.

NOTE: All submissions received by EAO during the comment period in relation to the proposed Project are considered public and will be posted to the EAO website.

