

Garibaldi at Squamish

EMPLOYEE HOUSING STRATEGY FACT SHEET

GAS Inc. is committed to provide up to 10% of the net resort bed units for employee housing. This translates into almost 2000 bed units a full build-out.

GAS Inc. will offer as many positions as possible to Squamish and area residents. In addition to ensuring that project employment and income will directly benefit the community, it is hoped that this commitment will help to mitigate employee housing issues. GAS Inc. will also seek to employ local workers who have existing housing.

GAS Inc. is committed to ensure appropriately priced housing is available for workers and employees. In addition, GAS Inc. will provide innovative housing options for construction workers should this become necessary.

GAS Inc. commits to preparing an overall employee housing strategy and a housing authority similar to other destination resorts in conjunction with the District of Squamish. This strategy will look into the need and timing of employee housing and also transportation requirements, with consideration to options such as dedicated housing on site, employee housing provided by third parties, staff suites within single family units, off-site construction related housing for both permanent and temporary needs, and permanent off-site housing in Squamish.

GAS Inc. will also coordinate its housing efforts with CMHC, provincial housing authorities and the District of Squamish, to ensure access to social housing programs for local renters and owners.

GAS Inc. will develop employee housing on a phased basis as the resort grows. Initial employee housing demand will be oriented to the seasonal demands of the ski area operations but will grow with the development of year around activities and destination type accommodations and services.

GAS Inc. will also undertake to work with both local and provincial government to identify suitable and vacant Crown land for resident/employee housing, perhaps in conjunction with other major projects and/or resorts in the area. The intent would be to make Crown land available to the District of Squamish or the local housing authority, for phased and long term development of affordable employee accommodation – including both employee owned and rental units. This approach has been a successful model employed recently at Whistler.

GAS Inc. will commit to supporting staff transportation options between the resort and Squamish community, where suitable and sufficient housing can be developed off site. Staff car-pooling and ride-sharing will also be encouraged.

