

# Garibaldi at Squamish

## **GARIBALDI PROVINCIAL PARK COMMITMENTS AND ASSURANCES**

1. GAS Inc. will participate with BC Parks in a public review of the Garibaldi Park Master Plan (if required) and commits to support the outcome of a Master Plan amendment related to the interface between the park and the resort. GAS Inc. will commit reasonable resources to BC Parks to assist in the review of the Garibaldi Park Master Plan.
2. GAS Inc. will also develop its recreational plans to meet these objectives:
  - connectivity of trails that link communities, parks, lakes, trails, and other significant recreation features
  - maintaining public access where possible
  - no net loss of trails
  - enhancing public use of recreation features
3. GAS Inc. will prepare a Recreation Sites and Trails Management Plan (RSTMP) prior to finalization or as a requirement of the Master Development Agreement
4. Based on the revisions to the BC Parks issues report dated January 2008, GAS Inc. commits to the following:
  - a. Recognize the demographic, development and recreational demand changes that have impacted the region since the release of the CASP report, including the approval of the 2010 Vancouver Whistler 2010 Winter Olympic bid.
  - b. Recognize the growth of demand for recreation and wilderness adventure from the U.S. Pacific NW, Alberta and offshore. Younger people seek increasingly high-adventure experiences, often outside those permitted by resorts operators and park agencies. Older visitors are more physically able to participate in rigorous outdoor pursuits and strive for quality experiences.
  - c. Clarify a methodology for maintaining communication with B.C. Parks on changing demographics and recreational demand, and mechanisms GAS can apply to respond to resulting impacts to park resources and values as changes occur. Clarify measures that GAS will use to monitor recreational use and potential park impacts, and to develop and implement appropriate preventive and mitigation measures.
  - d. Consider the opportunity that GAS may have to offset demand for facilities at Alice Lake Provincial Park by developing complementary facilities elsewhere within the resort. Such developments might offer a relief valve to Alice Lake Provincial Park from the growing demand for shoreline access and facilities that allow families and children to engage in fun and educational activities in a natural setting. Complementary facilities that cannot be developed at Alice Lake could include coffee shops, convenience stores and boutiques.



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- e. Examine the opportunity to connect the proposed GAS trail system to the regional network, including potential construction of a footbridge over Cheekye River. Re-confirm the intention of GAS to develop outdoor recreation and adventure facilities within the resort that will be attractive to regional residents and visitors. These facilities may be accessed via the road and trail network.
  - f. Recognize the potential role of the web as a positive agent in promoting appropriate use of resort and park recreational facilities and programs. Recognize as well the potential of the web to be used by others to promote unplanned and “barely legal” activities.
  - g. Consider the special needs and challenges that result from growing recreational demand from larger, family groups of “new Canadians”.
  - h. Update projections for visitor access to Garibaldi Provincial Park based on recent experience at Whistler / Blackcomb and other B.C. resorts.
  - i. Using the updated results of this analysis, consider the future value of creating a risk matrix that links phases of GAS development (including residents and visitors) and changing demographics to demand for year-round outdoor recreation access to Garibaldi and Alice Lake Provincial Parks.
5. GAS will work collaboratively with B.C. Parks and local / regional agencies, as appropriate, to ensure the safety of visitors; effective structural fire and forest fire prevention; and appropriate helicopter operations. GAS commits that it will negotiate costed service agreements to support providing such essential services.

