

# Garibaldi at Squamish

## REGIONAL GROWTH STRATEGY (RGS) – STRATEGICAL DIRECTIONS

The Squamish-Lillooet Regional District (SLRD) prepared a Regional Growth Strategy (RGS) to provide strategic direction and to define regional objectives in land use, housing, transportation, economic development, and regional district services.

The purpose of the RGS is “to promote human settlement that is socially, economically and environmentally healthy” and that makes efficient use of public facilities and services, land and other resources. GAS Inc. will be a self contained, master planned tourism development; with multi-season recreational activities and facilities focusing on an intensively developed recreation infrastructure, and real estate development primarily oriented to short term visitor accommodation (50% or more) – that will complement the sustainable economic development and diversification goals of the RGS and the strategic tourism objectives of the province. GAS Inc. can reinforce the RGS strategic direction for destination resort development by:

- Adhering to Smart Growth principles to create a compact, walkable resort community and help to provide transportation choices and public transit.
- Working to minimizing auto-dependency where possible, and increasing transportation choices between the region and the Lower Mainland.
- Supporting the development of a regional transit system that is convenient, efficient, integrated with land uses and other transportation modes, and is financially sustainable.
- Helping to make better use of a regional transit system and managing issues such as traffic volumes, speed, noise and air quality.
- Encouraging the continued development of trails and bicycle routes that provide for safe hiking and biking in the region.
- Helping plan for regional air service for tourism and general public use.
- Supporting region-wide 911 and enhanced public safety in remote areas through improved communication with emergency responders.
- Developing of an overall employee housing strategy and housing authority in conjunction with the District of Squamish to plan for affordable employee housing and transportation requirements.
- Supporting the District of Squamish to assemble or access Crown land for employee and resident housing and off-site construction related housing for those families who need to be in the community.
- Strengthening the existing community economy, supporting small businesses and encouraging local contractors, and service providers to expand.
- Diversifying the regional economy, including opportunities in Arts and Culture, and expanding the range of employment and pay levels.
- Working in conjunction with regional health authorities, local social development organizations, School Districts, RCMP, City Police and Tribal Police to promote healthy public policy.
- Participating in a regional strategic plan, in conjunction with the RCMP, local Police and Tribal Police, which would focus on crime prevention.

