

# Garibaldi at Squamish

## **RECREATION TRAILS AND PUBLIC ACCESS PRINCIPLES**

GAS Inc. recreation trails will create a mountain and resort experience, enhance the existing recreational trails experience and support a sustainable, regional trail network. GAS Inc. trail plans will also reflect provincial and regional goals in the continued development of the community trails network.

GAS Inc. has committed to "no net loss" of trails and will avoid impacting the existing trails where possible in its build-out, coexist and cooperate with existing trail use, and if necessary replace trails with compatible new trails where public access and the resort development requires it.

There will be key trails and trail connections for public access, employee transportation, and guest circulation. These trails will be integrated into the public access trails and managed by the local government. GAS Inc. anticipates these connections will maintain and enhance the existing trails connection between current community uses, resort users and build on Squamish's trail networks in place today and into the future.

GAS Inc. has developed a draft recreation trails and site management plan showing the resort trail and trail based activities, their connections to existing trail areas, the existing trail areas to be affected by the resort plans, a strategy to address those affects, including a coordinated approach with public access.

The GAS Inc. plans will distinguish between the mountain trail plans to be maintained and operated by GAS Inc. commercially (Nordic, lift accessed mtn bike, snowshoe, bike parks, others) and the public access trails to be used for access and circulation, and recreational passage to and through the area. The draft trail plan will be reviewed with MTCA, SLRD, DOS and subsequently with trail user groups for input and revisions.

GAS Inc. will phase its resort development plan over more than 15 years, and coordinate resort development with existing trail use during that time, to provide continued public access to and through the area for compatible trail activities. GAS will continue to work with government and user groups to further define and implement the detailed trail plans and plan for a transition period to allow current public use by the public into the future.

GAS will also:

- Sponsor trail user groups and trail based events in Squamish and at the resort
- Help fundraise for trail planning priorities
- Provide environmental protection needed for a sustainable trail system
- Improve existing trail connections and build new trails where needed and contribute to the overall network maintenance
- Provide trail services such as hotels, parking, bike repair and rental shops, bike washes, trail plans and signage, skills centers, mountain bike schools
- Develop and on mountain events to compliment trail user interests.

