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RE: Bridal Veil Mountain Resort

Dear Ms. Goad:

I acknowledge and appreciate that I live and work in the traditional and unceded territory of the Stó:lō people, the Semá:th and Mathxwí First Nation.

I would like to add my wife's and my vote in favour and support for the Bridal Veil Mountain Resort. I have been viewing and reading information about the proposed Bridal Veil Mountain Resort (BVMR) versus the Cascade Skyline Gondola in Chilliwack.

We are retired and on a limited income. A resort this close would allow us to enjoy getting up into the mountains and enjoying both the views and the nature walks. We would enjoy wandering through the village and watching the skiing, skating, tobogganing in winter and the mountain bike riders in summer. I am handicapped and the only way I could take advantage of the amenities offered would be through the All Season Resort that BVMR offers.

We also care for at risk, marginalized youth, many who suffer with identifiable challenges. To have such an opportunity for these youth to learn to enjoy the activities would be a huge bonus.

I analyzed your objectives of the Mountain Resort Branch requirement of "best and highest use". This added to the strength of my decision. and that determined why I made my choice for the BVMR.

The benefit to the Stolo peoples and all the individual Bands who have claims to this land are in my mind significant. It would create a world class resort honouring the history and culture of the Stolo peoples. The economic benefits of sharing in the profits as well as the job and career opportunities for them are life changing for all the Bands. Even the Cheam Band and their supporters would be likely to benefit. The Stolo people would be able to have secure employment and careers and still return home every night. This is an opportunity that has rarely existed anywhere in Canada.

The increased tourism and visits to the Chilliwack and Fraser Valley Regional District would benefit all local businesses. The increased taxes at all levels of government benefit not only them but all of us in BC and Canada.

The environment would benefit under the licensing of the BVMR as they would be able to protect the usage of the area. This means they would have the ability and responsibility to protect the environment including providing and maintaining walkways, limiting or eliminating the use of motorized vehicles including trucks, motorcycles and atv's. They also can project trees from being illegally cut down. Under the Cascade Skyline

proposal they would not have the right nor the responsibility for any of these under Adventure Tourism licensing.

Abbotsford and Vancouver International Airports would benefit from increased usage and fees generated . Businesses and tourist operators across Vancouver and the Lower Mainland would benefit from tourist visits from around the world.

This would be a huge job and career generator in a time when the economy needs a jump start due to Covid-19. Many of the careers and jobs would be permanent and help to jump start our economy.

Finally, an opportunity like this only comes once in a lifetime. The Fraser Valley needs an economic anchor and attraction that would put us on the world map. Please support the Bridal Veil Mountain Resort.

Sincerely yours,

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