



# Garibaldi Squamish

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WINTER 2019/2020



**Work on the 40 conditions of the Environmental Assessment Certificate has continued, with Environmental Resource Management (ERM) on-site to gather data to work on three conditions: the Aquatic Effects Management Plan, the Brohm River Management Plan, and the Biodiversity Retention and Ecosystem Management Plan; this work will continue through the winter.**

Starting in 2020, we will be writing an application to extend the EA certificate to 2026. This will allow further discussions with the District of Squamish on Local Governance, as they have deferred any decision on governance indefinitely.

We continue to explore an on-mountain water source. Using state-of-the-art technology, we are evaluating the best locations to drill test wells in the Phase I area of the project. Test wells will be drilled in 2020 once the snow has melted.



After long-time project manager Rod Macleod retired in September to spend more time skiing and hiking and less time writing reports about skiing and hiking, we are thrilled to introduce our new Project Director, Sabina FooFat! Sabina brings with her a wealth of experience in planning, sustainable community building, and technical rigor. She has a Master's Degree in Planning from the University of Toronto and over 18 years of experience in urban planning, including 5 years with the City of Vancouver and 10 years with the District of Squamish.



**WELCOME, SABINA!**

# BEST OF SQUAMISH SUMMERS

We had a blast running our Best of Squamish Summers contest with over 2,500 entries – we loved seeing all of your photos! Congratulations to @sidlegari on winning a private heli tour – we can't wait to see the great shots you get there!



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## LET IT SNOW

- Based on our historic climate data, average temperatures remain below zero for 80% of the days between December and March. This means our snowpack keeps growing right through until April and skiing lasts into May.
- Based on data collected between 2010 and 2018 on nearby weather stations and predictive modeling, Brohm Ridge is expected to receive a median snowfall amount of 400-500 cm each season between December and February.
- We'll be located on the shoulder of Mt. Garibaldi, which is the highest mountain in the area. This creates a micro-climate with excellent snow conditions on Brohm Ridge.

## 6 MAJOR CHANGES FROM THE OLD PLANS

**Did you know that we've made some major improvements to the older plans for Garibaldi At Squamish? The previous plans designed in 2003 and amended in 2009 were shared with the community and we received a ton of great feedback on what YOU would like to see in an all-season resort.**

**Since then, we have updated the plans to account for this feedback. Here are 6 major changes that we've made:**

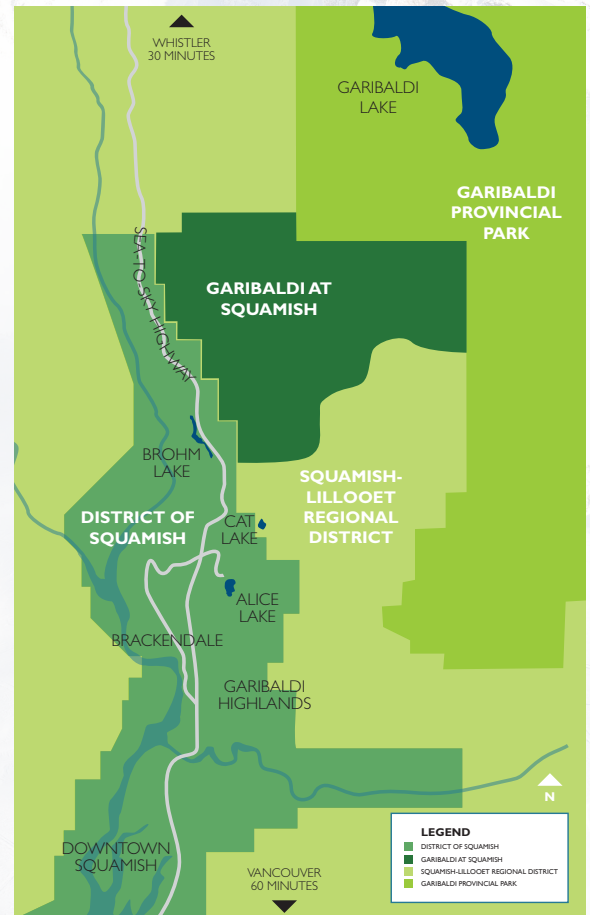
- 1 The footprint has been reduced by about half.** Previous versions of the resort proposed over 4,900 hectares. Our current proposal will only cover about 2,760 hectares after the completion of Phase IV in 2040 or later.
- 2 Cat and Brohm Lakes are outside the resort boundaries.** These lakes both remain on public lands and under the jurisdiction of the Province. With the reduced size of the resort, the recreational areas and trail networks at Cat and Brohm Lakes will be preserved.

- 3 There are no golf courses.** Previous plans included two golf courses, but the current plan has none and instead, summer activities will be focused on Indigenous tourism, mountain biking, and hiking.

- 4 84% of accommodation will be ski-in/ski-out.** In order to reduce the need for a car and to create walkable communities, 84% of the accommodation is currently planned to be next to ski runs and trails – more than previous iterations of the plan.

- 5 The village has been moved up to a higher elevation.** Current plans now show the main village at 1,100 metres – over 360 metres higher than Whistler Village and well within the "Snow Zone."

- 6 Improved all-season resort activity.** Our team is updating the plan to place a larger emphasis on two pillars of our all-season resort: indigenous tourism and mountain biking. We are working with Squamish Nation to make sure our resort is a unique venue for indigenous tourism. We are also working with Gravity Logic to develop an amazing mountain bike experience at the resort.



## TAKE THE SURVEY!

More night ski runs? E-bike rentals? A venue for carbon-neutral music festivals? We'd love to hear what you'd like to see in an all-season resort - your feedback will help guide the design and vision.

Go to [www.garibaldiatsquamish.ca](http://www.garibaldiatsquamish.ca) to fill out the quick 5-minute survey!

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