

## **Appendix B**

### **Jumbo Glacier Resort Project: Consultation Assessment (January 28, 2004).**



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Dear Oberto Oberti:

Pursuant to section 6.3.1 of the Procedural Order issued under section 11 of the *Environmental Assessment Act* for the Jumbo Glacier Resort Project, I am writing to convey the attached assessment of the adequacy of the past and proposed public consultation activities and to specify any further consultation activities necessary to ensure adequate consultation.

Please continue to keep the Environmental Assessment Office informed of your progress in implementing the proposed Public Consultation Program, including the further required activities identified.

Please contact either myself at (250) 387-2206 or Alan Calder, Project Assessment Manager, at (250) 952-6507 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Martyn Glassman  
Project Assessment Director

Attachment

cc: Alan Calder, Project Assessment Manager

**Environmental Assessment Office**  
**Jumbo Glacier Resort Project**  
**Consultation Assessment**

In accordance with section 6.3.1 of the Procedural Order (the Order) issued under section 11 of the *Environmental Assessment Act* for the Jumbo Glacier Resort Project (the Project), the Environmental Assessment Office (EAO) has reviewed the Public Consultation Program described in the Project Report (Volume 1, Section A.8) and prepared the following assessment of the adequacy of the Proponent's past and proposed public consultation activities. This assessment has been prepared with reference to the requirements of the Order as well to future consultation requirements identified in the EAO's December 13, 1996 *Assessment of the Adequacy of Measures Being Implemented for Public and First Nations Notification, Access to Information and Consultation*.

**Notification and Access to Information**

The EAO is generally satisfied that measures taken to notify the public and to provide access to information have been adequate to ensure that those interested in the environmental assessment (EA) review have been made aware of its status and of upcoming opportunities to provide input. The EAO has taken a lead in this regard in maintaining the Project Registry and satellite repositories and, more recently, through the EAO's Project Information Centre online at [www.eao.gov.bc.ca](http://www.eao.gov.bc.ca). Information made available to the public since the Final Project Report Specifications were issued in May 1998 include several *EA Review Update* newsletters (May 1998, July 2000, October 2001, and December 2003), as well as study reports and other review documentation.

While the Proponent is encouraged to make information available through their own project webpage ([www.jumboglacierresort.com](http://www.jumboglacierresort.com)), the EAO is responsible for providing electronic access to project review information during the EA review process. To help provide electronic access to project information, the Proponent is requested to follow the EAO's formatting guidelines for electronic documentation, especially with respect to the 5 MB file limit, which is the maximum accessible size for many members of the public.

The EAO has also made arrangements to make the Project Report available through local information locations at:

- the Invermere Public Library,
- the Cranbrook Public Library,
- the Nelson Public Library,
- the Argenta Community Library,
- the Silvertown Municipal Office, and
- the Government Agent's Office in Kaslo.

**Further requirements:**

Pursuant to section 6.2. of the Order, the Proponent must:

- a) prepare a summary of the Project Report to be included as an insert in each of the following publications prior to public open houses scheduled in Invermere and Nelson on March 10 and 11, 2004 respectively:
  - the Cranbrook Daily Townsman,
  - the East Kootenay Weekly,

- the Kootenay Advertiser,
  - the Invermere Valley Echo,
  - the Nelson Daily News,
  - the Express (Nelson),
  - the Golden Star, and
  - the Kaslo Pennywise
- b) advertise (in the publications listed above) notice of Public Open Houses; and
- c) advertise (in the publications listed above) the availability of the Project Report for public review and comment.

Public notice must appear:

- a) at least 7-days prior to the date on which the formal public comment period commences; and
- b) at least 7-days prior to the date on which an open house is scheduled.

### **Public Consultation Activities**

The EAO is generally satisfied with the Proponent's summary of public consultations conducted prior to submitting the Project Report. The Proponent has continued to meet and correspond with interest groups, organizations, and local governments. In addition, they have taken appropriate steps to disseminate project information that it feels accurately reflects the proposed Project, including measures proposed to address public concerns.

The EAO is also generally satisfied with the concept of the proposed four-stage Public Consultation Program. The establishment of a local Project Office, as well as the proposed community and local government liaison activities – in conjunction with EAO-hosted Public Open Houses – are appropriate forums for involving a broad variety of community representatives and interests. The Proponent is advised to ensure that adequate resources are dedicated to the consultation process and that forums are well staffed by project and technical staff and consultants. The roles, responsibilities, and authority of all participants should be clearly defined and effectively communicated.

### **Further requirements:**

#### *Stage 1 Program design and notification*

- See **Notification and Access to Information** requirements identified above.
- The Proponent is requested to advise the EAO of the location and hours of operation of the local Project Office once these are determined.

#### *Stage 2 Key Stakeholder Group Liason*

- With respect to the placement of advertisements in regional newspapers, the Proponent is required to use the publications identified in section 6.2.1 of the Order and to provide at least 7-days advanced notice of meetings planned in support of the Project.
- The Proponent should include the Regional District of the Central Kootenay (RDCK) among the local governments approached for consultation. Contact the EAO for the name of the RDCK contact with respect to the Project.

#### *Stage 3 Community Dialogue*

- The Proponent is advised to provide prospective participants with as much advanced notice of the proposed Community Dialogue Meeting as possible.

#### *Stage 4 Public Open Houses*

- The Proponent must ensure that Public Open Houses are well resourced, both in terms of information materials and staff and consultants. The EAO will work with the Proponent in planning Public Open House logistics.

#### *General Reporting Requirement*

- Pursuant to section 5.2.12 of the Order, the Proponent must, within 15 days of the close of the formal public comment period (*i.e.*, by May 28, 2004) provide the EAO with a written report on the results of all public consultation activities held in support of the Project Report. This reporting is to include the level of public interest (*i.e.*, attendance), views, issues, and concerns raised with respect to the Project.

#### **Conclusion**

Overall, the EAO has determined that the past and proposed public consultation activities are considered adequate for the purpose of reviewing the additional information required to complete the EA review. Pursuant to section 6.3.6 of the Order, the Proponent must conduct the proposed Public Consultation Program outlined in the Project Report, as well as satisfy the above further requirements.



Martyn Glassman  
Project Assessment Director

Dated January 28, 2004 at Victoria, British Columbia