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To: Graeme McLaren, EAO

I am hearing serious and legitimate concerns from a number of constituents and elected officials in the Sea to Sky corridor re: the Garibaldi at Squamish application. As a result, as the local MLA I am writing to you during the public review phase of your process to ensure that each and every issue within your mandate is addressed during your environmental assessment.

Here is a brief summary of the key points that have been brought to my attention for your consideration:

- 1) water supply to a resort community of this proposed nature and size from an environmental and public health perspective;
- 2) the need to preserve public access and enjoyment of all recreation areas at both Cat and Brohm Lakes including the surrounding trail networks; (Note this is the overwhelming concern in terms of numbers of letters to my office)
- 3) the concern regarding the impact of adding over 20,000 bed units on the Regional Growth Strategy—i.e. ensuring that this proposal does not fly in the face of local and regional government planning. This implies meaningful consultation and fit with regional environmental and social aspirations;
- 4) concerns over the environmental and social impact of the proposed resort components, including ski lift design and operation; and
- 5) impact on existing local snowmobiling activities, including access and amenities.

My understanding is that in addition to consultation and resolution of all the Squamish First Nation issues, that this proposed development would likely be annexed by and consequently, be subject to District of Squamish approvals. This would provide economic and social benefits directly to the adjacent community residents, if it were permitted to proceed. If not, the proposed community would remain within and subject to SLRD planning and rezoning regulations, with the benefits accruing to the greater Sea to Sky community.

Thank you for your consideration and please keep the public apprised of next steps in this process, with plenty of notice if there is another opportunity for public input.

Yours sincerely,

Joan McIntyre, MLA West Vancouver - Garibaldi.