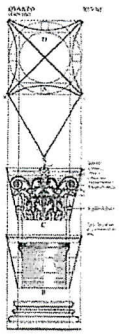
**Pheidias**
group



July 20th, 2015

Mr. Mark Read, Chief Administrative Officer
Jumbo Glacier Mountain Resort Municipality
Radium Hot Springs, B.C.
Via e-mail

**Subject: Jumbo Glacier Resort project**

Dear Mr. Read:

We are writing on behalf of Glacier Resorts Ltd. (Glacier) regarding what is next for the Jumbo Glacier Resort project following the surprising decision of the Minister of Environment on June 18th, 2015.

Glacier cannot allow that the project be dismissed after having substantially done everything that it was asked to do and was permitted to do up to October 12, 2014, and it believes that a judicial review will show clearly that the Minister did not make a correct decision in declaring that the project was not substantially started.

Glacier's lawyers will submit a request for judicial review as soon as the case is prepared. We wish to note here that the challenging process and permitting system only allowed Glacier to start construction work at the beginning of September 2014, when the deadline imposed by the process followed under the Environmental Assessment Act (EA Act) was October 12, 2014.

We believe that your Mayor and Council, being fully informed, will easily recognize that the work done in the five available weeks was more than substantial, and that if permitted to continue would have allowed to open the project to skiers in the near future, with access to beautiful ski runs currently available only to heli-skiers. This would have created the certainty that this project so badly needs.

Glacier needs to create certainty and to continue to work in order to achieve the development of the project, a project that has been approved in every respect, achieving a Master Plan approval in 2007, a Master Development Agreement in 2012 and partial zoning for a limited construction start in 2014.

Glacier intends to continue to work with a minor amendment to the Master Plan and to the Master Development Agreement, reducing the size of the project below the thresholds of the EA Act regulations and therefore moving forward under the All Seasons Resort Policy or ASRP (the present-day name of the Commercial Alpine Ski Policy process under which the project was initiated before being transitioned by cabinet order into the EA Act in 1995). The ASRP does not

www.pheidias.ca | 660 – 1188 West Georgia Street • Vancouver, BC • V6E 4A2 • Canada
Tel: 604-662-8833 • Fax: 604-662-7958 • info@pheidias.ca

have the deadline created in 2002 in the revised EA Act, a deadline that has become the latest issue in this project and that is not related to the sustainability or value of the project.

The project fully complies with provincial policies, it was defined to be "in the broad public interest" in the EA Certificate and we are confident that the recent setback will be rectified. We will be submitting separately the drawings showing the project with a reduced bed base that will be below the thresholds of the EA Act, but maintaining its unique features for skiers and sightseers and the fundamentals of the Master Plan, as approved.

We wish to thank your Mayor and Council and the municipal staff for the work that you are doing to allow the creation of this truly outstanding project, a sustainable destination of exceptional beauty for the entire world.

Best regards
**Pheidias Project Management Corporation**

Per: Oberto Oberti, Architect AIBC
President

OO/pc

cc: The Honourable Christy Clark, Premier,
The Honourable Steve Thomson, Minister of Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations,
Norman Lee MBA, Executive Director, Mountain Resorts Branch,
Arnold Armstrong, Chairman of the Board, Glacier Resorts Ltd. & L.P.
Grant Costello, Senior Vice President, Glacier Resorts Ltd.