

# Jumbo Resort supports new designation

Dear Editor:

Glacier Resorts Ltd. fully supports the resolution before the Regional District of East Kootenay in recommending to the province that a Mountain Resort Municipality, which ensures local governance and representation, should be created for the resort.

The Jumbo Glacier Resort project has been reviewed by a series of processes since the early 1990s. The East Kootenay C.O.R.E. (Commission on Resources and the Environment) Table made the land use decision on the Jumbo Glacier Resort project in 1994. In 2004, the project received an Environmental Certificate, and the Jumbo Glacier Resort Master Plan was approved in 2007. Each of these processes involved significant public and local government input.

The next step is the signing of a Master Development Agreement, which is the operating agreement for the resort and normally follows automatically after the approval of the Master Plan. In this case, that process has been delayed pending the results of the respectful consultation process between the Province and First Nations.

The creation of a Mountain Resort Municipality will result in a practicable local governance structure for the resort.

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