

RDEK AREA F SURVEY

Summary Review

The Regional District of East Kootenay (RDEK) recently undertook a survey of Electoral Area F residents asking residents and property owners if they supported the Jumbo Glacier Resort development. 816 valid survey responses were received, 173 (21%) expressed support and 643 (79%) did not express support.

This survey was conducted as a voluntary, self-administered and self-submitted questionnaire. This is similar to the Environmental Assessment Office's (EAO) public commenting process and with forms distributed at open houses and submissions accepted via electronic and postal mail.

Similar results to the EAO's process were expected and were received.

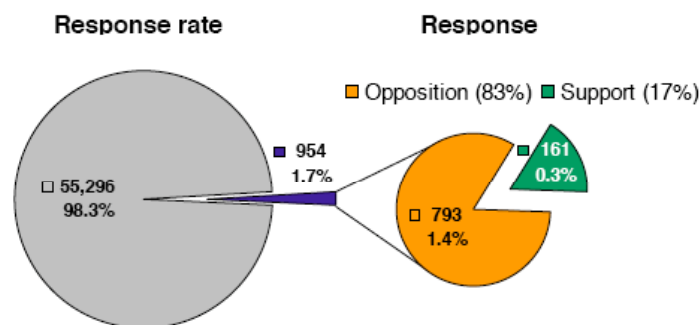
In fact, public support for the project seems to have increased slightly despite years of campaigning by project opponents and a decision by the proponents not to campaign or solicit supportive responses to the RDEK survey.

During the 2004 public review process, 17% of East Kootenay respondents expressed support.

Quick Facts

- The survey was non-scientific and depended on voluntary submissions – similar to the EA Act commenting process.
- The survey echoed the results of the EA Act review process.
- Public support seems to be **increasing**, not decreasing.
- The Area F survey response rate was **12%**. Invermere's was **15.1%** during the EA review process.
- The EAO indicated that the project received a **higher percentage of support** than is typically experienced.

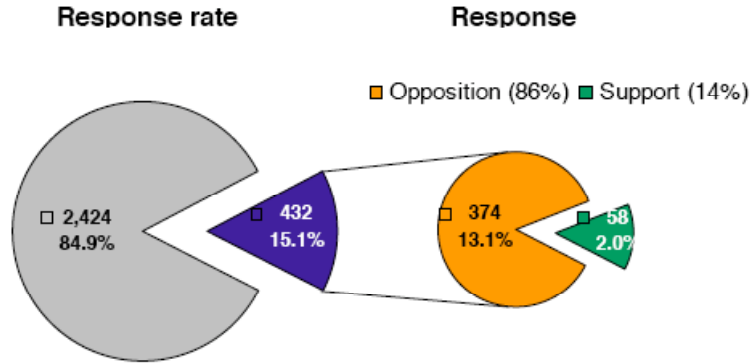
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¹ Source: Environmental Assessment Office, Jumbo Glacier Resort Project: *Report on Public Views and Interests*

In the District of Invermere, **14%** of respondents expressed support during the 2004 public review process.

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This compares with **21%** support from the Area F survey. According to RDEK chief administrative officer Lee-Ann Crane², the RDEK estimates that approximately 6,824 potential surveys could have been received. 816 valid survey responses were received representing a **12%** response rate. This compares with a **15.1%** response rate by residents of Invermere during the EA Act review process.

² Invermere Valley Echo, November 21, 2007