



SHUSWAP INDIAN BAND

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Honourable Premier Gordon Campbell
Province of British Columbia
Victoria BC

Dear Premier:

**Re: Shuswap Indian Band Jumbo Glacier Resort Project – Ktunaxa
Misrepresentations Relating to Shuswap Traditional Territories**

I am deeply concerned with the representations that have been made by the Ktunaxa Nation in relation to the pending approval of the Jumbo Glacier Resort. Shuswap Indian Band is the 1st Nation community that is:

- Located the closest to the resort project;
- Retains provincially registered trap lines on the road to the resort and in and around the Resort;
- Toby Creek drainage and the pass related to the drainage, i.e. Earl Grey Pass, is identified in the Provincial Name Registry as being historically known as the Shuswap Pass and other 1st Nations that have traditionally occupied the western slopes of the Purcells, west of the Resort have known the pass as the Kinbasket Pass in recognition of the Kinbasket family (of Kinbasket Lake fame) that led the Shuswap Reserve people during the past century;
- Two sons of the original Chief, Pierre Kinbasket were chiefs of the Shuswap and Columbia Lake Band, located immediately south of the Shuswap Reserve.

Jumbo Glacier is placed solidly within the traditional territory of the Shuswap Indian Band and not the Ktunaxa.

I must further note that the Shuswap Nation (some 17 1st Nation Bands and 15, 000 members), have on a number of occasions by way of Resolution, supported the Shuswap position on this project.

The Shuswap Indian Band has a very strong historical tradition associated with the region that is supporting the project. That is why the Shuswap Indian Band and its Kinbasket Group of Companies have worked very closely with the Resort proponent and the Province in reaching a fair and reasonable agreement on the sharing of the project's economic benefits. We supported the Provincial approval process and committed resources to come to a very extensive and precedent setting economic agreement. The



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Ktunaxa have not worked in good faith through the Provincial process, even though they had every opportunity to do so.

I do not appreciate other 1st Nation's that have minimal traditional interests in this project, impacting my community's well being.

I have in particular, noted that the Ktunaxa are asking "Victoria" permission to carry out a "sacred ceremony". As a 1st Nation leader, I am very disappointed that the Ktunaxa have neglected to request the 1st Nation communities that regard Victoria as their traditional lands, permission to do such a ceremony. It only demonstrates the Ktunaxa lack of protocol, and diminishes the cultural integrity that is of prime importance to other 1st Nations and as it relates to their respective land interests. I have clearly noted that same disregard for Shuswap Territorial interest from the Ktunaxa.

I would sincerely hope that you as Premier of this Province recognize all the work that has been done to date on advancing this project and that you would further recognize the economic benefit that his project will provide to my community and the region in general.

This Band has supported your government on many occasions and has welcomed you personally to our community and traditional lands. Golden Timber Frames wood fabrication project most recently comes to mind.

I trust you will act in the interest of all 1st Nations and demonstrate your support for 1st Nations that work in cooperation with the Province and are respectful of protocols and the cultural interests of all levels of government in BC. By the way, 1st Nations traditionally never had flags so I strongly doubt that there would have been an opportunity to fly a Ktunaxa flag in the legislature over 100 years ago.

Yours Truly

Chief Paul Sam
Chief, Shuswap Indian Band

Copy: Shuswap Nation Tribal Council