

Garibaldi at Squamish Project

Frequently Asked Questions



What is GAS?

Garibaldi at Squamish Inc. is proposing to construct and operate an all-seasons destination ski resort (2,759 hectares) on the west shoulder of Nch'kaý (Brohm Ridge) approximately 13 km north of Squamish. The Garibaldi at Squamish Project would have 23 ski lifts on 124 developed ski trails as well as 55+ bike trails in the summer with 80 percent of the project area dedicated as green space for recreation. Both private and commercial accommodation as well as supporting retail developments are planned.

Where would it be located?

GAS is located approximately 13 kilometers (km) north of Squamish on the west shoulder of Nch'kaý (Brohm Ridge), within the territory of the Squamish Nation, directly north of the District of Squamish boundary.

Who would build and own GAS?

The Aquilini Investment Group, with Squamish Nation via Nch'kaý Development Corporation as a part-owner.

What current benefits have been agreed to for Squamish Nation?

On June 12, 2007, the Squamish Nation signed a Memorandum of Understanding with Garibaldi at Squamish which included economic partnership.

What is the status of the project?

On January 15, 2021, Garibaldi at Squamish Inc. received a 5-year extension for the deadline in the environmental certificate to substantially start the Garibaldi at Squamish Project. GAS also received an extension to meet six certificate conditions to better align with expected project timelines. The environmental certificate is valid until January 2026 – this means that GAS must substantially start construction before this date. GAS is currently in conversation with local governments, including Squamish Nation, to address outstanding intergovernmental items.

Learn more about the GAS project at squamish.net/gas

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Where will my feedback or concerns go?

Squamish Nation Council has mandated Ta na wa Yúus ta Stitúyntsah, the Nation's Rights & Title Department, and Nch'kaŷ Development Corporation, the economic development arm of the Squamish Nation, to review the updated changes to the proposed Garibaldi at Squamish (GAS) Project. Member feedback is an important part of this review.

Member feedback, including results of the online survey and comments and concerns heard during the open house will be provided to Squamish Nation Council.

This Member feedback will help guide Council in its review of the updated changes to the proposed Project and its review of the MOU in relation to the updated changes to the proposed Project. Council will report back to the community on the feedback received from Members and next steps.

What is the footprint of the project?

The project has a total footprint of 2,759 hectares, and includes a ski resort with a village that includes private residential and commercial accommodation housing and retail development. Some parts of the project area are old-growth forest and some parts of the project area have been logged. The GAS project team has stated a priority for protection of existing undisturbed environment, including protecting old growth forests, and rehabilitation of disturbed areas.

If I have input on the project, who can I contact?

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What Environmental Assessment work has been done to date?

GAS staff continue to carry out assessment work to:

1. Assess the existing project area as it is currently,
2. Understand potential impacts the project might have on the area, and
3. What additional work needs to be completed.

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