

July 28, 2020

Hon. Doug Donaldson
Minister of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development
Room 248, Parliament Buildings
Victoria, B.C. V8V 1X4



Re: Bridal Falls Gondola Project

Dear Minister Donaldson:

On behalf of the Tourism Industry Association of British Columbia (TIABC), I am writing to encourage FLNRORD to expediently approve the tenure application (file # 100240241 Chipmunk Creek) for the Bridal Falls Gondola project to allow this new cultural and visitor attraction to move forward as quickly as possible.

The Bridal Falls Gondola will create up to 1,000 construction jobs, but more importantly, 300 permanent jobs for Indigenous peoples and residents of the Fraser Valley during a time when the tourism industry will still be in long-term recovery mode (post-pandemic) and could benefit immensely by this new attraction.

Aside from the employment, economic and educational benefits to the region, the gondola will provide an unparalleled opportunity for the Sto'lo Nation to share its history, traditions and culture with people from all over the world. What's more, this eco-sensitive project will help restore an environment previously damaged by other non-sanctioned activities, and allow residents and visitors of all abilities to enjoy a world-class amenity.

TIABC is confident that the Bridal Falls Gondola owners/investors have the best interests of the local Indigenous community, Fraser Valley region and Province at heart as it seeks to accelerate the tenure application process. To that end, we request that FLNRORD attend to this matter expeditiously and without unnecessary delays for the benefit of all parties.

Minister Donaldson, thank you for your consideration. If you have any questions or wish to discuss TIABC's support for the gondola project in further detail, please feel free to contact me at your convenience.

Best Regards,

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