

CITY OF CHILLIWACK OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

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Via Email: premier@gov.bc.ca

Premier John Horgan Room 156 – Parliament Buildings West Annex

Dear Premier,

I am writing to you to express my support for the Cascade Skyline Gondola Project. I understand that applications are underway for tourism projects in this area and want to underscore my support for this particular project, due to its respectful and long-standing relationship with Cheam First Nations, proposed accessibility features in all facilities, and the economic impact to the region.

This project will provide both jobs and financial stimulus for Chilliwack and surrounding area. Cascade Skyline Gondola anticipates bringing in \$220M in customer spending for BC, with \$210M in the Fraser Valley alone. Over \$70M in financing has already been committed by a range of parties for the \$80M investment. Furthermore, more than 250 jobs will be generated during construction, and Cascade Skyline Gondola anticipates over 2,500 jobs over the first five years of operation.

As we all work towards a strong, sustainable economy that works for everyone, it is imperative that all levels of government support projects with the same vision. We are aware that another application has been submitted for this area, for the proposed Bridal Veil Mountain Resort project. The City of Chilliwack does not support this application, and instead we urge you to approve the Cascade Skyline Gondola project. This project will provide economic benefits in an environmentally sensitive manner, and would be a great addition to our region.

Sincerely,

Ken Popove Mayor

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