

Frequently Asked Questions for Lake Louise Ski Area Long-Range Plan

Q. What is the Lake Louise Ski Area Long-Range Plan?

- A. A Long-Range Plan is a document prepared by the ski area that describes the specific project proposals, or change-in-use proposals, that a ski area aspires to implement over a specified period of time (anticipated to be from 5 to 15 years). The Long-Range Plan must be consistent with the approved Site Guidelines.

The Long-Range Plan is subject to an Indigenous and public participation review and an environmental assessment consistent with the *Canadian Environmental Assessment Act 2012* and Parks Canada policy. Each Long-Range Plan must be approved by the Minister responsible for Parks Canada prior to plan implementation.

Following the approval of a Long-Range Plan, the ski area can advance specific projects for development approval.

The ski area can prepare any number of Long-Range Plans (and associated environmental assessments), based on the Site Guidelines, until maximum build-out is reached, as defined by the permanent, negotiated growth limits of the Site Guidelines.

Q. What is included in the Terms of Reference? What do the Terms of Reference do?

- A. The Terms of Reference describes Parks Canada's expectations and parameters for the completion of the impact assessment, including an outline of the proposed consultation process. Parks Canada has determined that a detailed impact analysis of the Lake Louise Ski Area Long Range Plan is required.

Q. What are the Lake Louise Ski Area Site Guidelines?

- A. The Lake Louise Ski Area Site Guidelines, developed by Parks Canada in collaboration with the Lake Louise Ski Area, are an important achievement in creating long term certainty for Banff National Park and the Lake Louise Ski Area. The site guidelines include major gains in conservation, visitor experience and education for one of Canada's most iconic winter destinations.

The Site Guidelines provide the Lake Louise Ski Area with a blueprint for potential long-term growth, building on their already successful summer and winter programs, and connecting visitors to the unique heritage and sense of place in Banff National Park.

Q. What is the Status of Planning at the Lake Louise Ski Area?

- A. Lake Louise Ski Area is in the process of preparing their first Long-Range Plan under the 2015 Site Guidelines. It is anticipated that the ski area will complete a draft Long-Range Plan and impact assessment by late 2018. Public consultation on the Long-Range Plan is expected to occur in the 2019.

On April 30, the draft Terms of Reference for the detailed impact analysis, which will be completed as part of the LLSA Long-Range Plan, were made available for public comment for a period of 30 days. A summary of the comments received has been prepared. Parks Canada considered these comments carefully and amended the draft document where appropriate to reflect the input received.

Q. What is Parks Canada's role in the public consultation process?

- A. Parks Canada has prepared a Terms of Reference (TOR) for the Detailed Impact Analysis and this has been issued to the Lake Louise Ski Area to guide their work on the impact assessment.

The Lake Louise Ski Area will coordinate the consultation activities on the Long-Range Plan and Detailed Impact Analysis. The drafts will be available for public comment for a period of 60 days, anticipated to occur in the winter of 2019. All comments provided will be directed to both Parks Canada and the Lake Louise Ski Area. Parks Canada will consider all input received on the Detailed Impact Analysis and prepare a summary of comments, which will be shared publicly. Parks Canada will then provide direction to the Lake Louise Ski Area for any required changes or additions to the impact assessment. The ski area will also consider all comments on the Long-Range Plan and prepare a summary of comments along with their response.

At the conclusion of the consultation process, and upon submission of a final Long-Range Plan and Detailed Impact Analysis, Parks Canada will make a determination regarding the Detailed Impact Analysis, followed by a recommendation to the Minister regarding the Long-Range Plan.

Q. What is currently proposed in the Long-Range Plan?

A. A number of projects are proposed, all of which are consistent with the Site Guidelines and include a significant reduction of the ski area's lease. Projects proposed include:

- Construction of water reservoirs at the Old Gondola Base adjacent to the Pipestone River, and near Corral Creek in the Temple area
- Expansion of Temple Lodge
- New lifts and ski terrain on Richardson's Ridge
- New mountain top lodge on Eagle Ridge
- New day lodge in the base area
- New lifts and ski terrain on the front-side of Whitehorn Mountain
- New warming hut near the upper terminal of Top-of-the-World lift
- Development of access and egress routes in West Bowl
- Redevelopment of parking areas at the base

Q. Where can I learn more?

A. The Lake Louise Ski Area Site Guidelines and the summary of public input are available to read or download at <https://www.pc.gc.ca/en/pn-np/ab/banff/info/gestion-management/lakelouise>.

Q. How can I provide feedback during the consultation process?

A. Parks Canada is committed to engaging Canadians in planning processes. More information will be available on how people can contribute to the process once the draft Long-Range Plan and Detailed Impact Analysis are completed.