



SKI RESORT DEVELOPMENT PLAN FAQ'S - SEPTEMBER 2026



Manning Park Resort is in E.C. Manning Provincial Park and acts as the primary focal and staging point for recreation in the Park. The Resort Village is situated on Highway #3 (Crowsnest Highway), approximately 67 km east of the town of Hope and 66 km west of the town of Princeton, while the ski area and Alpine Base Area are located 10.5 km west of the village along Gibson Pass Road.

In 1984, the Provincial government divested itself of the operation of the Ski Area. It provided a 100-year contract for the operation of the Ski Area. Manning Park Resort is currently owned and operated by Kevin and Donna Demers of Holiday Trails Resorts in Chilliwack. They purchased the resort in 2013, saving it from permanent closure, and have since invested significantly in the rejuvenation of the Resort's facilities. In developing the Ski Resort Development Plan, the Demers are working to maintain the strong reputation of Manning Park Resort as an open, friendly, and family-oriented regional resort, and develop recreation experiences that will secure the long-term sustainability of the Resort.

Significant investment has been made in new lifts, new guest services facilities, new food and beverage outlets, new full-service cabins, enhanced staff housing, and more. Manning Park Resort is now pursuing a new SRDP, having identified a range of opportunities to continue improving the guest experience and to secure the long-term sustainability of the Resort, and to fulfill a Provincial requirement to provide an updated "Master Plan" midway through the contract term.

The SRDP covers three specific areas of the Resort in EC Manning Provincial Park. The ski area, lodge area and support services area. The Plan has been specifically created to enhance the guest experience while ensuring the integrity of the environment and the location where we live and work.



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Q: What is the timeline for development/How fast will it be built?

A: The Plan is for the next 60 years - to 2084. However, MPR is focused on the next ten years and on improving the beginner-skiing experience below the Alpine Lodge, expanding access to terrain East of the Bear Chair, and adding buildings at the Alpine Base to centralize the experience and provide more parking. Of note, MPR will only pursue a project when it is supported by market trends, guest visitation, and aligns with MPR's objectives. All projects will proceed through the BC Parks Impact Assessment process before development.

Q: How does a project get developed? (the BC Parks approval process)

A: While a project may be in the SRDP, if approved, the project still requires an Impact Assessment completed by BC Parks before it can be developed. This will include assessment of environmental, cultural, and social values, Consultation with First Nations, and may require an Archaeological Impact Assessment.

Q: How will Park access and use be impacted? How will the Park User be impacted?

A: Manning Park Resort is committed to preserving and ensuring continued access and use by Park Users. It is MPR's intent for the SRDP Concept to have a positive impact on the Park User experience. The plans include additional parking and base area services, so Park Users will have more room and access to last-minute supplies, supporting a better Park experience. All projects proposed in the SRDP are subject to a BC Parks Impact Assessment.



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Q: Why are you proposing to expand the Controlled Recreation Area?

A: To support the Alpine skiing concept proposed in the SRDP, MPR is requesting to expand its Controlled Recreation Area by 60ha, or a 22% increase of the existing CRA, and less than 0.07% of E.C. Manning Provincial Park. The requested land will be used for ski terrain (e.g., lifts, trails) to better serve skiers in the region and improve the overall experience.

Q: How have environmental/cultural/recreation/Park values been considered?

A: One of BC Parks' values is to provide safe, high-quality, and accessible outdoor experiences that respect and protect the natural environment. We are committed to providing this. As part of the planning for the SRDP, we engaged environmental and archaeological consultants to complete assessments of the area and identify important species and ecosystems, as well as areas with high archaeological potential. These studies will guide future, project-specific assessments in the BC Parks Impact Assessment process, which in turn will lead to revisions and refinements to all projects before they are developed.

Q: How have you considered Climate Change?

A: The plan includes a full analysis of projected temperature and snow conditions now and into the future, using data and scenarios from the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change. The SRDP concept has been examined under worst-case and status quo scenarios to inform future management and development priorities and decisions.



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Q: Have you engaged First Nations?

A: Yes. All First Nations that have expressed an interest in the study area and the Plan have had an opportunity to review and comment on it. The Plan was well-received, and the version available reflects the comments received.

Q: How will you engage the Public/How will my input be considered?

A: As part of the SRDP review, BC Parks requires a comprehensive Public Engagement process, led by MPR. We have submitted, and BC Parks has approved, a multi-stage Public Engagement Plan that offers a range of opportunities for the public to provide input.

There are two Public Open Houses planned for October, an online survey hosted by the Province, and meetings with local government and stakeholders throughout the Engagement Period. Our SRDP, an Executive Summary, and other materials regarding the SRDP concept and our process are available on the project website - <https://www.manningpark.com/srdp>.

At the conclusion of our process, MPR and BC Parks will assemble and publish a summary of the public input received. We will then revisit the SRDP and revise and amend the concept and text to address the comments received. A summary of the revisions to the SRDP will also be published for public review.

