

February 18, 2020

Sasquatch Mountain Resort 20955 Hemlock Valley Road Agassiz BC V0M 1A1

Dear Sasquatch Mountain Resort Staff:

On behalf of the Government of British Columbia, I wholeheartedly commend the staff and administration at Sasquatch Mountain Resort for their excellent response to ensure the safety of your guests until the Hemlock Valley Road could be reopened.

Everyone at Sasquatch Mountain Resort went above and beyond to ensure the safety and comfort of guests and to open your doors to nearby residents. I understand that power was provided by a generator, that there was ample food and water for everyone impacted, and that activities were arranged for the guests.

I would also like to commend the resort for making reasonable arrangements for any guests who wished to immediately leave. I understand you worked with TRK Helicopters to provide an opportunity for people to leave the resort as desired, before the road could be restored.

During trying times such as these, it is critical that public safety remains the top priority. When a weather event causes such widespread impacts, it is important for people to work together and look out for one another; this echoes the importance of taking an all-of-society approach to dealing with disasters and recovery. You have set an exceptional example for the tourism industry and for British Columbians in general.

I am grateful to the resort and everyone there who worked so diligently to ensure that everyone remained safe and comfortable. I am proud to know that Sasquatch Mountain Resort is such a responsible, caring destination for the many visitors hosted each year.

Sincerely,

Mike Farnworth

Minister of Public Safety and Solicitor General

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The Honourable Lisa Beare, Ministry of Tourism, Arts, and Culture

Walt Judas, CEO, Tourism Industry Association of British Columbia