

Notice of Rescission of a Permission to Occupy Crown Land

December 19, 2023

The Ministry of Water, Land, and Resource Stewardship (the "Ministry") is responsible for the management of most Crown land in British Columbia, under the authority of the *Land Act* RSBC 1996 Ch. 245.

Access to Crown land may be provided through the issuance of tenures under the *Land Act*, or through a permission granted by the Ministry to members of the public under the Permission Policy. The permission to use Crown land is a bare licence which may be limited or rescinded to a greater or lesser extent, from place to place, and from time to time.

Within the Sea to Sky Natural Resource District of the South Coast Region of the Ministry of Forests, the Province has approved the Sea to Sky Land and Resource Management Plan (LRMP) in 2008. The Sea to Sky LRMP provides greater certainty for local economic development and the long-term sustainability of ecological, social and cultural values in the Sea to Sky plan area. Within the Sea to Sky LRMP, non-motorized winter recreation zoning includes RA1 zones (non-motorized uses only, where prohibited activities include but are not limited to snowmobiling and snow biking) and RA1-A zones (non-motorized uses only, where aerial transport is permitted for drop off / pick-up of day use or multi-day recreation users).

The Ministry wishes to limit motorized activity within the RA1 and RA1-A zones to further achieve the objectives of the Sea to Sky LRMP, increase compliance with the zoning, and reduce conflicts between recreational user groups within the Sea to Sky Natural Resource District. Area specific direction for the Mamquam Lake South, Miller Ridge, and Mt. Brew areas have been established through an adaptive management approach.

Therefore, the Ministry:

- (1) cancels the previous Notice of Rescission for motorized recreation within RA1 zones and RA1-A zones of the Sea to Sky LRMP, dated July 13, 2021;
- (2) subject to the exceptions set out in paragraph 3, rescinds permission for persons to be on Crown land for the purpose of motorized recreation within:

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- (a) The RA1 zones and RA1-A zones in the Sea to Sky Natural Resource District of the South Coast Region. For greater certainty, the areas closed to motorized recreation are set out in the map attached as Schedule A; and
- (b) The RA1 zone in the Mt. Brew area, as set out on the map attached as Schedule B

(together, the "Closed Areas").

- (3) The exception to this rescission of permission (i.e. areas and activities where the use of Crown land continues to be authorised) are:
 - (a) motorized travel on the roads of the Mamquam Lake South RA1 zone, as set out on the map attached as Schedule C; and
 - (b) motorized recreation within the Miller/Wasp Creek RA1-A zone in the area specified on the map attached as Schedule D, between December 1-April 15, for the 2023/24 and 2024/25 winter seasons.

This rescission is effective from December 18, 2023 to May 31, 2024, and afterwards annually from December 1 to May 31 of the following calendar year. This rescission does not expire.

Use and occupation of Crown land without lawful authority is contrary to the *Land Act* and is trespass. Persons found using or occupying the Closed Areas for uses that are incompatible with the established zoning during the times indicated may face administrative remedies under s. 59 and/or trespass charges under 60 of the *Land Act*.

For greater clarity, persons operating motorized vehicles in furtherance of an Aboriginal right recognized and affirmed by section 35 of the *Constitution Act*, 1982 may continue to access Crown land within the Closed Areas.

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