



April 1, 2024

SilverStar Mountain Resort  
PO Box 3002  
Silver Star Mountain, BC  
V1B 3M1

City of Vernon  
3400, 30<sup>th</sup> St  
Vernon, BC  
V1T 5E6

Dear Victor Cumming, Mayor

As a representative of SilverStar Mountain Resort (Silver Star Ski Resort Ltd) and a proud member of the business community here in the Regional District of North Okanagan, I am writing to draw your attention to a significant issue that deserves urgent action from council. The matter at hand pertains to the inclusion of SilverStar Mountain Resort in the federal government's legislation regarding the prohibition of purchase of residential property by non-Canadians. SilverStar is one of only three ski areas in Canada that are included in the ban by virtue of SilverStar's inclusion in the Stats Canada Census Agglomeration of Vernon.

It is evident that addressing this issue is important for the continued development and growth of SilverStar and I respectfully urge the city council to consider passing a resolution to support the exemption of the resort area from the ban. This resolution will not only demonstrate the council's commitment to the well-being of our community but also pave the way for tangible solutions to be implemented. The Thompson Nicola Regional District has supported Sun Peaks' challenge to the federal legislation and a copy of the relevant resolution is attached.

As a stakeholder in the local business landscape, I am confident that by working together we can navigate through this challenge and emerge stronger. Your leadership and support in this matter are paramount and I entreat you to offer it the attention it deserves.

Thank you for considering this request. If further information or assistance is needed from our end, please do not hesitate to reach out. We are eager to collaborate with the city council to find effective solutions that benefit us all.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Herwig Demschar".

Herwig Demschar  
General Manager  
SilverStar Mountain Resort



**THOMPSON-NICOLA**  
REGIONAL DISTRICT  
The Region of BC's Best

300-465 Victoria Street  
Kamloops, BC V2C 2A9  
Tel: 250-377-8673  
Toll Free in BC: 1-877-377-8673  
Email: [admin@tnrd.ca](mailto:admin@tnrd.ca)

Department: Board of Directors

March 21, 2024

Minister of Housing, Infrastructure and Communities  
The Honourable Sean Fraser  
Via email: [sean.fraser@parl.gc.ca](mailto:sean.fraser@parl.gc.ca)

Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Finance  
The Honourable Chrystia Freeland  
Department of Finance Canada  
Via email: [chrystia.freeland@fin.gc.ca](mailto:chrystia.freeland@fin.gc.ca)

Dear Ministers,

**Subject: Sun Peaks Mountain Resort Municipality (Sun Peaks)**

At its meeting on March 7, 2024, the Board of Directors of the Thompson-Nicola Regional District (TNRD) passed a motion stating, the TNRD write a letter supporting Sun Peaks Mountain Resort Municipality (Sun Peaks) in their request for regulatory exemption from the prohibition of purchase of residential property by non-Canadians.

Sun Peaks has been included in this because it is identified as part of the Kamloops Census Metropolitan Area. Sun Peaks, however, is not contiguous with Kamloops; the boundaries are more than 35km apart, and it takes 55 minutes to commute between the two locations. They have distinct economies and needs.

International tourism is an important part of Sun Peaks' economy, and the TNRD wishes to support and encourage continued growth. The housing needs of Sun Peaks cannot be met in Kamloops, nearly an hour away.

The Board of Directors asks you to give due consideration to their request for exemption of Sun Peaks from the prohibition.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Barbara Roden".

Barbara Roden  
Chair, Thompson-Nicola Regional District

MUNICIPALITIES: Ashcroft | Barriere | Cache Creek | Chase | Clearwater | Clinton  
Kamloops | Logan Lake | Lytton | Merritt | Sun Peaks

ELECTORAL AREAS: "A" "B" "E" "I" "J" "L" "M" "N" "O" "P"