



PROPOSAL TO EXPAND THE KINOSOO RIDGE SNOW RESORT WITHIN FRENCH BAY PROVINCIAL PARK

Frequently Asked Questions

1. What is being proposed?

Alberta Parks is considering a proposal by the Municipal District of Bonnyville to expand their facilities at Kinosoo Ridge Snow Resort, which is within their current leased area within French Bay Provincial Recreation Area.

2. What is the Municipal District of Bonnyville proposing for the Kinosoo Ridge Snow Resort?

The Municipal District of Bonnyville is proposing to expand the Kinosoo Ridge Snow Resort, which currently operates on leased land within French Bay Provincial Recreation Area. No new park lands outside of their existing lease area will be affected.

The proposed ski hill expansion would include the removal of the existing T-bar lift and its replacement with a new chair lift, the creation and installation of a new tube park that would be operational only during the winter months and the creation and installation of an "Adventure Park Ropes Course" which will be operational primarily in the summer months.

Current operations at the Ski Hill involve the maintenance of existing ski runs, the operation of a lodge, restaurant, ski school and equipment rental. The ski hill is typically closed during the summer months with the exception of special events.

The current lease for the Kinosoo Ridge Snow Resort operates for a period of ten years and expires in 2019. Their current lease allows for a downhill ski area, cross country skiing, organized snowmobiling events on designated trails, and outdoor education facilities including an ice climbing wall and rope challenge courses.

You can learn more about the Kinosoo Ridge Snow Resort by visiting their website at

<http://www.kinosoo.ca/index.php>.

3. Where is French Bay Provincial Recreation Area located and where will the Kinosoo Ridge Snow Resort expansion be located within the park?

They are both located on the southeast shore of Cold Lake in northeastern Alberta, about 8 kilometers southeast of the community of Cold Lake. The snow resort is located on the eastern side of the PRA.

French Bay Provincial Recreation Area is 449.37 hectares in size, encompassing a mature mixedwood boreal forest and a sandy shoreline along one of Alberta's largest lakes. Park facilities include campsites, a group use areas, a day use area and a boat launch.

4. Why is the proposal being considered?

Alberta Parks has received this proposal from the Municipal District of Bonnyville. As one of the steps in the consideration of the proposal, Alberta Parks is asking the public for their input on the development.

The proposal is in line with Strategy 3 (Provide Recreation Opportunities) in Alberta's [Plan for Parks](#). One aspect of this strategy is to encourage innovative private sector involvement in parks to enhance diversity and visitor opportunities.

The results of the public consultation will be reviewed along with input from First Nations, the results of historical resource assessments and the results from environmental reviews. Once all information has been reviewed a final decision will be made.

5. How can I comment on the proposal to expand the Kinosoo Ridge Snow Resort?

Public input is encouraged and important. Send in your comments, questions and concerns by clicking on the online comment button below, or by sending an email. You can also mail in your feedback to the address below. Feedback must be submitted by March 8, 2013.

Online: [Online Feedback Form](#)

By Email: ParkNews@gov.ab.ca

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6. What happens after the consultation period ends?

A decision regarding the proposal will be made after the 60-day public consultation period is over and all comments have been considered. Public feedback gathered during this consultation will be considered along with historical and environmental reviews before making a final decision on this proposal.

A summary of public comments and the resulting proposed action(s) will be posted on our website after March 8, 2013.

