

# *Sun Peaks Utilities Co., Ltd.*

## **July 2001 Newsletter**

### **Water Utility commissions Insurance Fire Protection Study**

In the past, different insurance companies addressed the level of fire suppression services at Sun Peaks using different methods and each came up with their own evaluation of risk and thus used different methods for calculating rates. This meant that residential property owners within the resort could be paying up to \$1,000 more a year for the same level of coverage depending on how their insurance company rated the fire suppression capabilities of the resort. For commercial properties, the difference can be even more.

As this can have a major impact on the cost of doing business or living in the resort, and at the request of a number of homeowners to resolve this issue, Sun Peaks Utilities contracted with Insurers Advisory Organization (IAO) to address the issue. IAO proposed conducting a formal independent review of the fire suppression systems at Sun Peaks. Mr. Bob Nelson, a Public Fire Protection Specialist, with IAO's Engineering Department, spent several days conducting the independent audit in June 2001 on both the Utility's water system as well as the Fire Department.

The Utility only makes up 30% of the rating system, the Fire Department making up 70% or the balance. As Sun Peaks Resort has never been rated in the past, many insurance companies rate the resort as "unprotected or 10 out of 10." A rating of "1" is the best possible. Currently only Montreal has a "1" rating in Canada. Kamloops is rated as a "4", Whistler a "5" and Vancouver a "2."

Once Mr. Nelson's report is formally filed with the Insurers Advisory Organization, we expect it will lay to rest any concerns that insurance companies and brokers have with the Utilities' ability to provide sufficient water for fire suppression duties.

A copy of the final report will be available in the Utilities' offices sometime in October 2001. For more information on this subject or any other utility matter, please contact our office at 250-578-5490 or visit IAO's web site at <http://www.iao.ca>.

### ***Public Service Announcements***

#### **Alpine Blossom Season at Sun Peaks Resort – July 21, to August 12, 2001**

The Alpine Blossom Season is an annual event that takes place from the third weekend in July through to the second weekend of August. At this time of year, the alpine meadows at the summit of Mount Tod are laden with an array of alpine blossoms. Visitors are invited to hitch a ride up the Sunburst chairlift, which provides easy access for people of all ages and abilities to enjoy the spectacular alpine meadows.

#### **The Canadian Mountain Bike Festival at Sun Peaks Resort - July 31 to Aug 12, 2001**

Two weeks jam-packed full of high-profile events including Tim Horton's Canadian National Championship, Canada Cup MTB Finals, Norco Dirt Camps, Shaums March DH Camp, Sun Peaks Mountain of Beer Festival, Jones Soda Pro BMX/Dirt Jump Team, Motrin Wall of Pain, Norco Trials/North Shore Extreme Team Demos, Meet the Pros Autograph Session and more!

For more details on this and other fun events, visit the web site at <http://www.sunpeaksresort.com> or contact Guest Services at 250-578-5474 between 9:00 am and 4:30 pm Pacific Daylight Savings Time.

***Don't forget the Sunburst Chairlift is open for operations  
all summer long until Sunday, October 8, 2001!***