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SILVER STAR GOLF COURSE DEVELOPMENT APPROVED IN PRINCIPLE

KELOWNA – The provincial government has given support in principle to Silver Star Resort to expand its operation beyond current boundaries for the development of a golf course, Environment, Lands and Parks Minister Moe Sihota announced today.

“Approval of Silver Star’s plans is subject to a number of provisions, including an extensive environmental review and tough environmental guidelines for construction of the golf course,” said Sihota. “In addition, I want to emphasize that any lands removed from the Silver Star Provincial Park will be replaced with land of equal or higher conservation value within the region.”

Silver Star Resort will work with the province to identify and assess a location suitable for a golf course under a proposed master plan developed by Silver Star which has been referred to all affected agencies for review. Any outstanding issues will be addressed as part of the environmental review and project approval process co-ordinated by BC Lands.

“Expanding Silver Star to a four-season operation will provide a strong economic boost, including job opportunities, to the community. This is a good example of how we’re working together with the local business community to help build a sustainable economy for British Columbia.”

Once a suitable site for a golf course is found and has passed environmental review, it will be deleted from Silver Star Provincial Park. The area being considered for the golf course is located at the southern end of the park – an area considered to have lower park values.

Replacement lands with higher park values will be identified through the province’s protected area strategy, which will be locally applied through the Okanagan-Shuswap Land and Resource Management Plan. Revenue from land and timber sales to Silver Star will be used to purchase park replacement lands if necessary.

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