



## **BC SAFETY AUTHORITY PASSENGER ROPEWAYS FEE CONSULTATION 2016**

From June 15 to July 31, 2016, BC Safety Authority (BCSA) consulted extensively with industry clients and stakeholders on a proposed 2.3% increase to passenger ropeways fees for 2017.

The consultation yielded responses from 10 individuals and organizations, with nine being written feedback and one from a teleconference open house. Respondents were asked to provide their feedback to the proposed fee changes and also to suggest any changes that could potentially improve the fee structure.

BCSA would like to thank all those who submitted feedback via the online feedback form and who attended the internet and teleconference open houses. The insight, interest, and time of stakeholders was greatly appreciated.

### **Proposal**

BCSA proposed a 2.3% fee increase for amusement devices fees effective January 1, 2017.

### **Decision**

Following consideration of the feedback received, BCSA has decided that it will proceed with the proposed 2.3% fee increase on 2016 fees for 2017.

### **Rationale**

While BCSA understands that industry clients would generally prefer to not have a fee increase, consultation respondents also indicated that they generally understood BCSA's rationale for the proposal. In considering the feedback, BCSA acknowledges the economic pressures that clients face. BCSA also notes respondents' general support of the safety program.

BCSA is an independent, self-funded, not-for-profit organization. Under BCSA's Administrative Agreement with the Province of British Columbia, BCSA is required to have 'each industry sector cover its own direct program costs' and have 'indirect costs be allocated in an equitable manner.' BCSA's decision to proceed with the fee increase is made in order to meet these requirements, sustain and improve safety program oversight, and meet client service needs.

BCSA also notes that in feedback respondents expressed a desire to see the passenger ropeways fee structure re-modelled to better align services with values perceived by stakeholders, or the offering of additional services. BCSA will consider these points in 2017.