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Enjoy the refreshments –
Program starts **6:20**



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YOUR
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for impact!**



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TONIGHT'S OBJECTIVES

- Formal launch of MEMBERS AND FRIENDS CAMPAIGN – the first phase of public fundraising
- Brief project history and development of Functional Design
- Show the “first cut” design concepts
- Project budget, fundraising targets, and progress to date
- **ASK FOR YOUR SUPPORT!**

Situated on the ancestral, traditional and unceded territories of the Syilx and Secwepemc Nations. We are grateful to have the privilege to ski and work on these lands.

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Project
Website is
live!



<https://www.sovereignlake.com/lodge-legacy-project>

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Why Lodge Renewal & Why Now?



And why Lodge Renewal needs your support

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Why Renew the Lodge?



National team before last Olympics

30-year-old lodge showing its age after seeing over 1,000,000 visits

Existing lodge is unable to support growing community demand

Overcrowding: Insufficient space for families, friends and groups to gather, connect and stay warm

Inadequate amenities: Limited rest/changeroom facilities and food services

Inadequate space: for youth and adult programs, for hosting major ski competitions and for community events

Limited accessibility: Not inclusive, no meaningful accommodation for people living with disabilities

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“I’ve skied at Sovereign as a disabled athlete since 2006... I’d like to see more accessible washrooms on the main level. ... It’s often difficult to move around in the lodge when crowded... Having a reserved table with wheelchair access would be wonderful.”

- Dr. Rex Hawthorne

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Youth programs include S’Cool Ski (3,500 school-aged kids in 2022-23) and Jess4Kids, which supports underprivileged children by helping cover costs.

Healthy kids,
healthy communities



“We want our children to feel part of a healthy, inclusive community. A sense of belonging and camaraderie develops naturally before, during and after Nordic program activities.”

– Sue Cairns, Nordic enthusiast, parent and SLNC Board Member

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Why now?

Why are we serious about moving forward now?

- Doing nothing is not an option
- 92% of members agreed that an upgraded day lodge is needed
- Strategic Plan #1 priority
- BC Parks is our committed partner



Why are we launching the Members & Friends campaign now?

- **A generous SLNC member has donated \$100,000!**
- To take advantage of the normal pre-season enthusiasm
- To be present during all 2024-25 camps, competitions, and events
- **Members' giving is a prerequisite for many grants and private foundations!**

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We invite you to help enrich the lives of thousands in our community!

By honouring our past and reimagining what's possible, we expect a revitalized day lodge to:

- Be a **Nordic community hub** for skiers, snowshoers and guests to meet, warm up and enjoy meaningful social connections
- **Benefit** a wider range of community groups, with a priority on **youth, people living with disabilities, Indigenous people, and less privileged students** in our local school divisions
- **Contribute to local economic development** by positioning Sovereign Lake as a tourist destination that attracts visitors to the region and a place for regional, national and international events
- **Reduce our environmental footprint** through the adoption of greener technologies

SLNC's vision: To be a world-class Centre for Nordic sport and recreation

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FUNCTIONAL DESIGN & DRAFT CONCEPTUAL DESIGN

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Typical Design Stages: Where are we?

1. Functional Design
2. Preliminary/Conceptual Design ←
3. Schematic Design
4. Design Development
5. Construction Drawings & Tender Documents



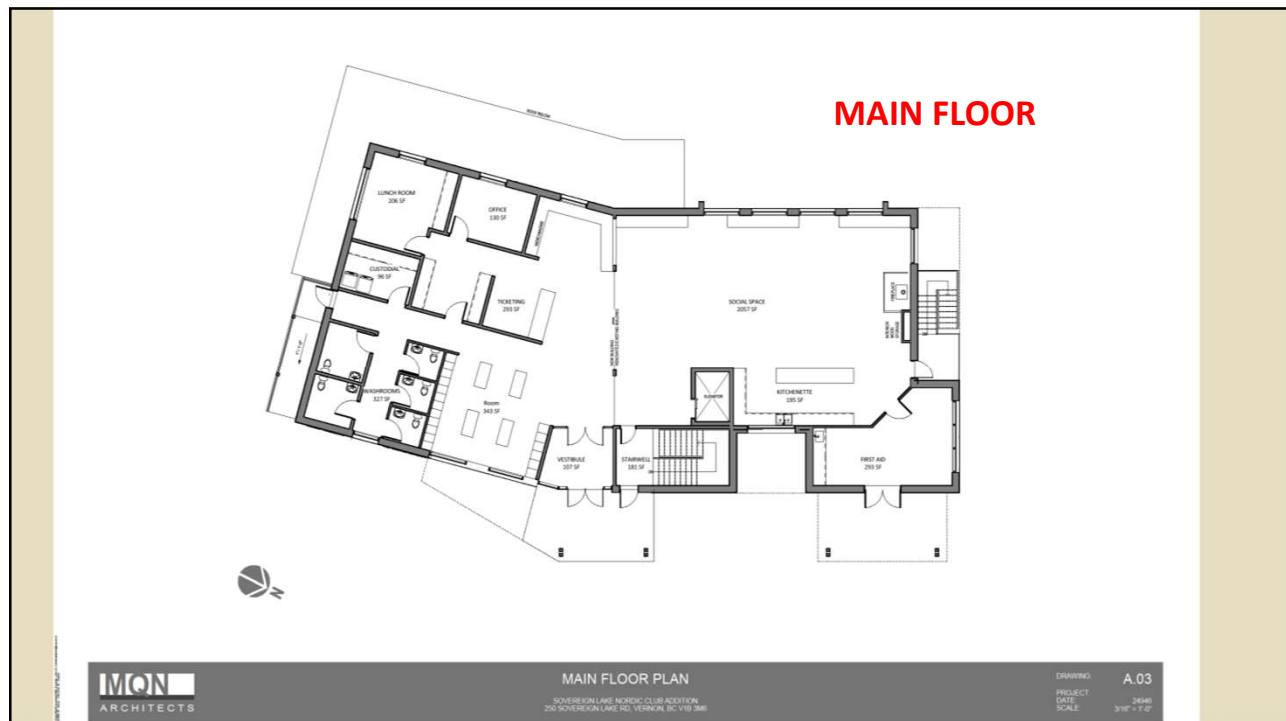
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Functional Design: What we heard

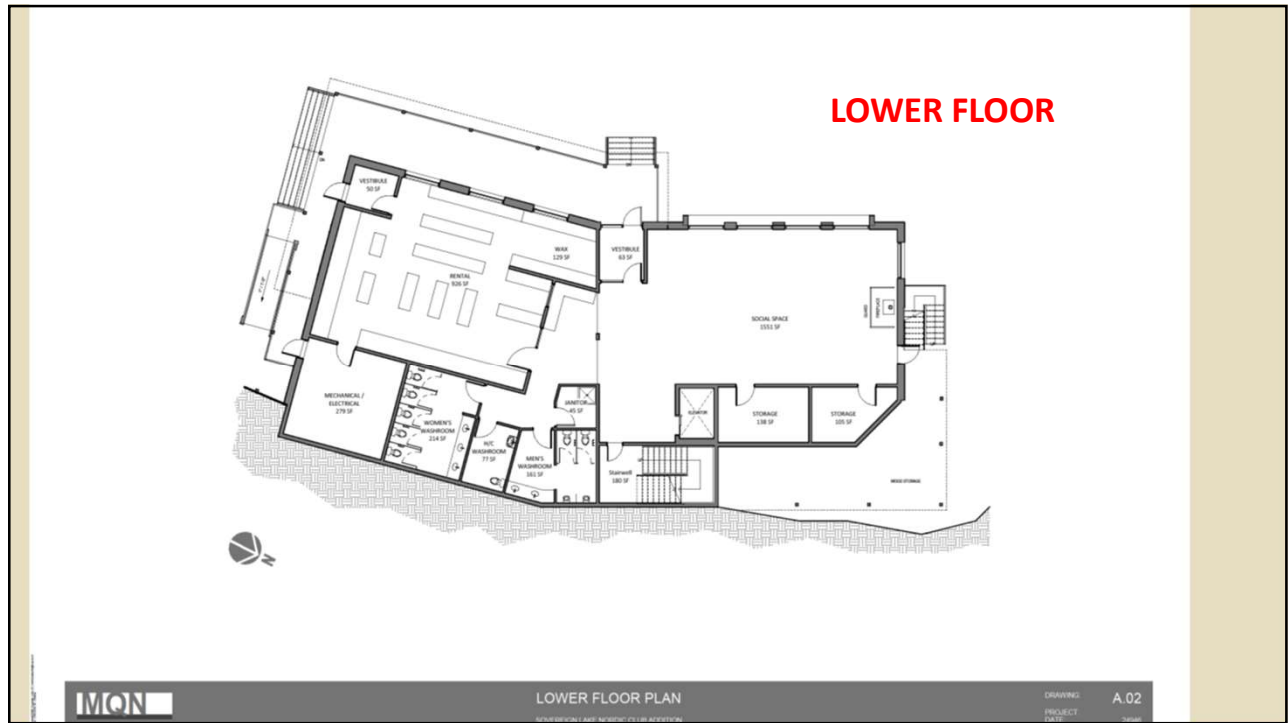
- More space!
- Better flow
- Sustainable design
 - Renewable energy, low carbon
- Improved rentals & sales area, with separation from social areas
- Looks & feels like a Nordic lodge
- Wood stove as a focus area
- Play area for small kids
- Accessible to all – elevator, wider doors, etc.
- More washrooms
- First aid room in main lodge
- Kitchen area for club events
- Lots of cubbies
- Staff lunchroom
- Meet BC Building Code
- Meet WorkSafe BC



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Selected Challenges & Outcomes

CURRENT CHALLENGE	DESIGN SOLUTIONS
<i>Accessibility</i>	Elevator, wider doors, accessible washrooms
<i>School kids must change in old cabin</i>	More changing/social space on both levels
<i>Rental & sales area is cramped</i>	Better separation & flow; direct access to snow
<i>Aging structure – high repair & maintenance \$\$</i>	Renovation and expansion; meeting current Building Code
<i>Crowding during Masters & race/biathlon events</i>	More space & flexibility in use of space; a kitchen; more washrooms

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FUNDRAISING

Budget and Sources of Funding

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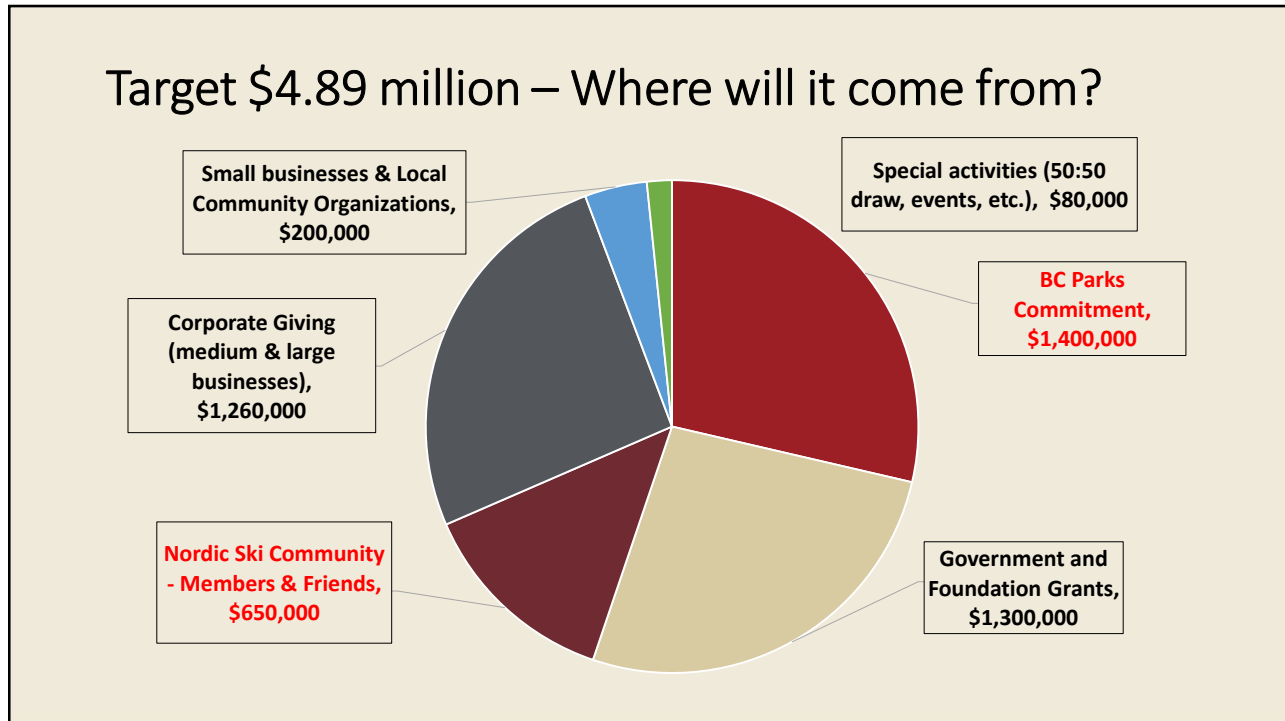
PROJECT COST ESTIMATE (preliminary, for fundraising)

\$4,890,000

- 8,250 square feet @ \$385 per sq. foot
- Plus, allocations for:
 - Design (10%), site preparation & civil works
 - Environmental & archaeological assessments, fundraising
 - Furniture, signs, & seed money for future maintenance
- Includes **25% contingency** on top of all components



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WHERE ARE WE AT?

Fundraising Goal

\$4,890,000

Raised
\$1,606,550

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Source	Value
BC Parks Commitment	\$1,400,000
Members' donations to date	\$110,000
Grants	\$20,050
In-kind services donated	\$10,000
SLNC Capital reserves	\$66,500
Total	\$1,606,550

About 33%

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WAYS TO GIVE



Online through Nordiq Canada

- Tax deductible
- Receipt issued within minutes!
- Our website has a “Donate Now” button that will take you to Nordiq Canada’s site
- Lump sum or monthly

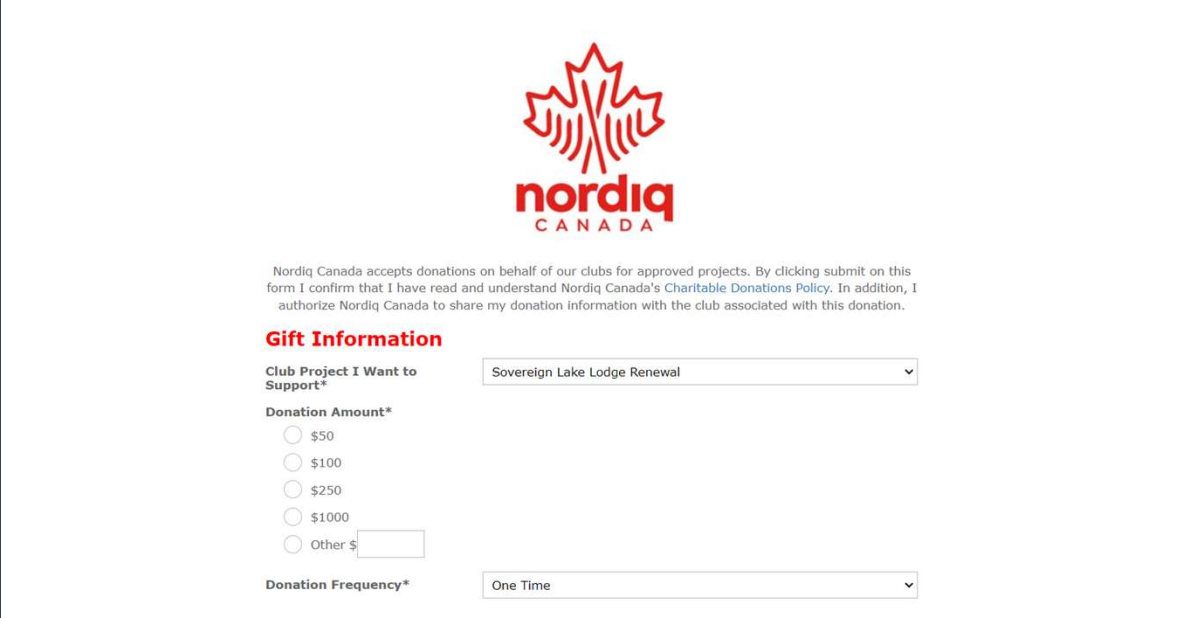



Other ways to give

- In-kind donation of materials
- Stocks and bonds (via Nordiq Canada and Canada Helps)
- Cash or cheque

For more information or to discuss your options, contact Hugh Hamilton at lodgefunds@sovereignlake.com or 250-938-3408

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Nordiq Canada accepts donations on behalf of our clubs for approved projects. By clicking submit on this form I confirm that I have read and understand Nordiq Canada's Charitable Donations Policy. In addition, I authorize Nordiq Canada to share my donation information with the club associated with this donation.

Gift Information

Club Project I Want to Support*

Donation Amount*

\$50

\$100

\$250

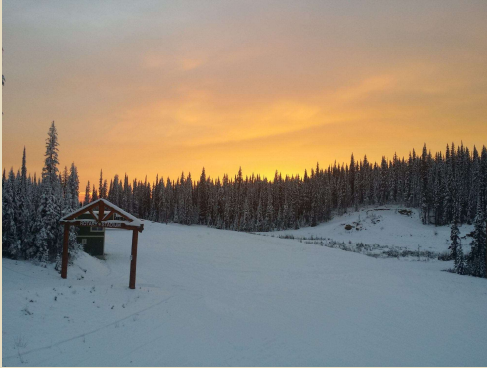
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Other \$

Donation Frequency*

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EXAMPLE – MONTHLY GIVING



Commitment of \$1,000

- 12 months at \$83.33 per month

Tax Credits for BC Residents

- \$406.52 on a gift of \$1,000
- Cost to you is just \$593.48!

Source: <https://www.canadahelps.org>

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Photo: Vanessa Garrison

ANNOUNCEMENT – MATCHING OPPORTUNITY!

- An SLNC member has committed a matching gift of **up to \$40,000**
- Will match donations received from fellow members and the Nordic community, **if** received by **February 14, 2025**
- Please help jumpstart the campaign by making an early contribution, where every \$1 quickly becomes \$2

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SPECIAL RECOGNITION LEVELS



TIER	DONATION LEVEL
Raven	\$100,000 and up
Black Bear	\$25,000 to \$99,999
Ermine	\$5,000 - \$24,999
Lynx	\$1,000 - \$4,999
Jackrabbit	\$500 to \$999

- For Raven and Black Bear, we will work with donors to develop a **customized recognition plan** that meets their needs.
- All tiers will receive acknowledgement through the SLNC website and social media, and with both temporary and permanent signage. Donations can also be **confidential**.
- Donation levels include either cash or in-kind contributions

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THANK YOU!



.... and to our anonymous donors (so far and in the future!)

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QUESTIONS?



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