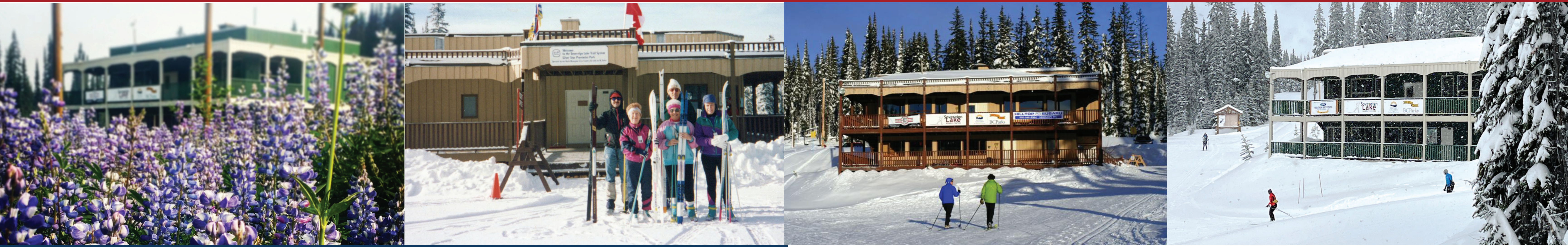


LODGE RENEWAL

Sovereign Lake Nordic Club (SLNC)



What is the Lodge Renewal Project?

Built in 1993, the SLNC Lodge is now 30yrs old! Constructed at a time when Club membership was much smaller, the Lodge is also of an age where capital re-investment is required. The SLNC Board believes it is time to start the conversation about the long-term viability of the current Lodge and what might be done to renew it. Is it a renovation? An expansion? Or is the best long-term option to replace it? No conclusions have been reached, only questions posed, and discussions begun.

As the most important asset, the Lodge supports SLNC's ability to provide access to Nordic sports at a recreational and competitive level. Skiing and snowshoeing are superbly healthy outdoor activities that provide significant benefits to personal and community health and resiliency, not to mention Sovereign's contribution to regional identity, tourism and the local economy.

Why is Renewal Needed?

One might consider what is being discussed as a combination of "urgent capital repairs", "needed improvements" to operate more effectively, and "desired improvements" to enhance the overall Lodge experience. Examples include:

URGENT

Re-roofing, structural stabilization of the decks, building code and Fire Smart improvements, investment in environmental & operational sustainability.

NEEDED

- Adequate restroom / changing facilities
- Improved access for peoples with disabilities
- Sufficient space for programs—from children to youth, masters and ski academies
- Flexible space to support larger groups pre / post ski
- Better space to maximize earned revenues (rentals, shop, etc.)
- Improved ability for hosting Nordic races—insufficient space / limited technical infrastructure

DESIRED

Everyone has their hopes, dreams and aspirations. Beyond the items listed in 'urgent' and 'needed', what would you like to see in a renewed SLNC Lodge?

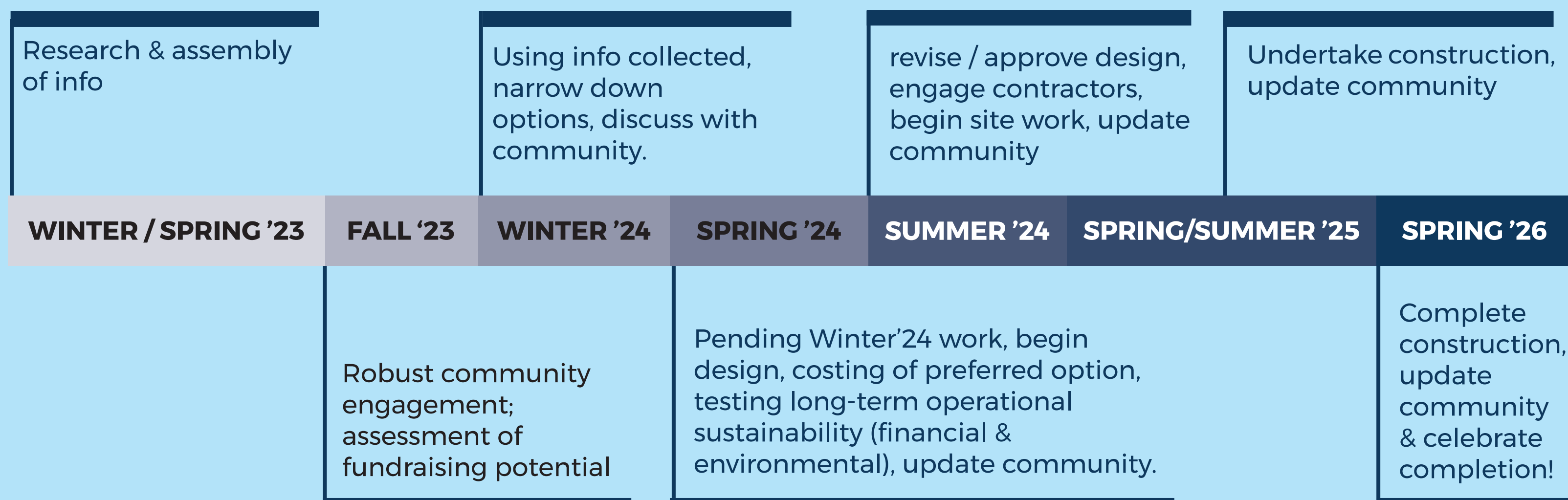
Haven't We Talked About This Before?

Indeed, Lodge Renewal is not a new topic. Over the past decade or so, various SLNC Boards have explored the idea of renewing / replacing the Lodge. For various reasons, the timing was not right. Although the situation today is quite different—having lived through and learned from a global pandemic, plus the Club's exponential growth—the past research remains valuable.

Who's Involved?

The SLNC Board has established a Lodge Renewal Committee comprised of Board members and citizens with specific knowledge, skills and connections to benefit the project. The Board / Lodge Committee are taking a long-term approach to developing the vision, building program, cost estimates and fundraising strategies to support this renewal, as well as ensuring whatever path is chosen delivers long-term operational sustainability. They are committed to working with the SLNC community and partners to find the right solutions.

What's the Timeline for Renewing the Lodge? *All dates TBC*



What's the Process for the Lodge Renewal Project?

Any capital project requires a good deal of research and forward-thinking strategy to ensure the project is truly needed; is designed for maximum efficiency, functionality, cost effectiveness and impact; that it can be funded in a realistic and timely way; and finally, operated over the long term in a realistic and affordable manner.

To do this the Club is undertaking research to understand demand (urgent requirements, needs, desires); considering design strategies to achieve operational functionality, efficiencies, and environmental sustainability; assessing fundraising capacity; and exploring operational modeling to ensure long term sustainability. As part of the research and fact finding, SLNC is also looking at opportunities to advance year-round use of the lodge—maximizing the capital investment and encouraging more visitors to engage in outdoor recreation in Silver Star Provincial Park. Throughout it all, the Club is committed to engaging active members, season's pass holders, visitors, partners and other community members in the Lodge Renewal Project.

HOW CAN I GET INVOLVED?

SLNC welcomes your involvement in the project and any questions or comments you may have.

Would you like to volunteer in some aspect of the Lodge Renewal Project?

For more information, please go to:

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

or reach out to Lodge@SovereignLake.com to get in touch.