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The Thompson Regional Board of Directors (TNRD) held a public hearing Feb. 7 with regards to an application to create a destination resort with a lodge containing seven rentable units, 193 cabins, an Interpretive Centre and a restaurant on property located 23 kilometers north of Clearwater on Clearwater Valley Road.

The applicant, Trasa Lodges and Inns Inc. is being asked to provide two restrictive covenants: one limiting development of the resort to the current application proposed, and the other addressing wildfire management on the property.

John Harwood, Clearwater Mayor, speaking from a personal view said he is delighted to see this proposal go ahead. "It's the new way the economy is going. The development will offer many jobs for our area and will also increase the opportunities for winter tourism."

The company's previous plans to build a destination resort in Upper Clearwater a few years ago, consisting of a main lodge containing 12 guest rooms, one luxury cabin and nine loft-style cabins, never went to public hearing and therefore never materialized. Their goal at that time was to open in the summer of 2007.

About a year ago more land became available allowing the company to acquire another 80 acres bringing their total acreage to 110. With the extra acreage the company decided to build on a bigger scale which will also offer strata rentals.



Rick Sim, a shareholder with the company stated Phase 1 could start as early as this summer with the approval from the planning committee. Sims said, "They would be hiring locals as much as possible." "They want to involve the community citizens as much as possible when it comes to connecting tourists with local activities such as horseback riding, whitewater rafting, hiking, canoeing etc."

Trasa Lodges and Inns Inc are known for world class accommodations in a supernatural setting.

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