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## **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

### **Avalanche Fatality Confirmed East of Revelstoke in the Selkirk Mountains**

REVELSTOKE, B.C., FEBRUARY 20, 2026 — On February 19, 2026, at approximately 2:00 PM PST, a group of guests and guides from Selkirk Tangiers Helicopter Skiing experienced an avalanche.

The avalanche, classified as a size two, was triggered when one of the last of the guests was skiing down the route. The avalanche was on the Southeast Aspect at an elevation at 2,150 meters.

Tragically, that skier was overtaken by the avalanche and was buried by it. The Selkirk Tangiers team secured the guest, who was then flown to the Queen Victoria Hospital in Revelstoke, B.C. No other guests or guides were injured.

The Selkirk Tangiers team is saddened to report that the guest has since passed; Selkirk Tangiers defers to the RCMP on the details of the incident.

“It is impossible to put into words the sorrow we feel; that sadness is shared by everyone impacted as well as our staff,” said Dave Pehowich, General Manager, Selkirk Tangiers Heli Skiing. “Our guests are like family to us and our thoughts and prayers are with the families of friends of the guest that was lost and all involved.”

Selkirk Tangiers prides itself on a culture of safety and best-in-class training, processes and protocols. Selkirk Tangiers would like to thank the responding agencies for their swift support as well as its own team who jumped quickly into action when the avalanche struck. Counsellors have been available to guests and staff onsite.

“Our guides are experts and undergo extensive training over many years to certify for their roles so they can minimize risks,” said Pehowich. “However, avalanches are one of many risks to people in mountains and, similar to many outdoor activities, it’s impossible to eliminate 100 per cent of the risks in the backcountry.”