

Dear Mayor Crompton

I understand that Whistler Council will be meeting tomorrow to (amongst other matters) review the Whistler-Blackcomb Covid policy. I am unable to attend (I live in Toronto), but I wanted you to know my position on the Covid policy proposed for Whistler this winter.

In short, the stated policy is that masks will be required for any close-quarter contact, but proof of vaccination will only be required for indoor dining. In my view, proof of vaccination should be required for any lift ticket purchase, similar to many other Canadian resorts. This would help ensure the safety of all concerned. Yes – I know that a relatively high percentage of people are double vaxxed. But to ignore the (small) percentage of the unvaccinated population is to condone their irresponsible and/or ignorant behavior. They should be rejected – not rewarded.

Regardless, the current policy is to require masks only on the gondolas, and to pack them fully as if Covid didn't exist. This is sheer madness and makes zero sense. Indoor restaurants may have tables well-spaced out and have top of the line ventilation and filtration systems, and yet proof of vaccination will be required. Meanwhile, in a tightly-packed small gondola with no ventilation system, no such proof of vaccination will be required. As I said – sheer madness. And total inconsistency.

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