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To: Virginia Cullen <vcullen@whistler.ca>; Council <Council@whistler.ca>
Subject: Alpine Learning rental request

Hello Whistler Municipal Council and Ginny,

Thank you for the work you do supporting our community. I appreciate you taking the time to read this email. I am requesting support in finding affordable commercial/office space to continue to run Alpine Learning Centre.

Alpine Learning is an educational learning service that provides support to school aged students in the Sea to Sky. We currently provide tutoring to 90 students in Whistler weekly. We support them in reading, writing, math and online school. Alpine Learning has been operating out of the Whistler Community Church since September 2021. We have been informed that the church no longer wishes to lease us the space as of June 30, 2022.

Alpine Learning provides a safe space where families trust us to tutor their children. Our goal is to build confidence in our students so they can be successful in their school learning classrooms. We work with some of the most vulnerable students in our community, supporting them with their academics and social well being. Families value our service as an integral part of their students' learning support team. Through Alpine Learning families have access to referrals for counsellors, psychologists, Occupational Therapists and other health practitioners. We also provide employment for 5 local educators who love their career and the difference they make in their community.

Currently there are no lease/rental options in Whistler for Alpine Learning that meets zoning bylaws. <https://whistlerlistings.com/commercial>

I am asking for consideration of the municipality to support Alpine Learning by providing affordable rental opportunities within a municipal building or a serviced space where a portable classroom could be placed. I want to request the consideration of a short term temporary use permit (TUP) until we find a more permanent long term space. My suggestions would be in

central or north of the village in either the alternative Meadow Park parking lots or the back parking lot of Spruce Grove. I am open to other suggestions.

The relationship of the municipality is an integral part to ensure our students receive the support they need in our community. I am looking to follow the steps to proceed and am not looking for a free ride, however an affordable solution. If you can support in any way, I am open to hearing the options and working towards a solution based approach. My goal is to continue to provide learning support for school aged children in Whistler.

Thank you and I look forward to hearing from you.

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Warm regards,

Robyn Akehurst

Alpine Learning



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