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Hello to Whistler Mayor and Council,

My name is Ashley Bordignon and I am a Whistler resident who like many, is extremely concerned about the ongoing bus conflict.

Someone is going to get hurt and it's sad to imagine a fatality could possibly be the reason for it to be resolved. There are way too many citizens and youth taking matters into their own hands and using the highways for walking and/or hitch hiking.

Families and people who rely on this service the most are struggling and taking on unnecessary stress. It's shameful we as a community have let this go on for so long.

The bus drivers deserve a living wage and benefits, as we need these workers to be skilled and reliable. They shouldn't have to rely on working two jobs when the community needs them to do this job safely.

In my opinion, with parking being busy and expensive I always wondered why our buses weren't free. We should be encouraging more people to use the buses. We should be making transit more accessible as low income families are the ones who use it most. Especially as we are told revenue from parking goes to the this exact system it feels misleading.

It all seems backwards and it feels like no one in the community is being supported or heard as the cost of living and job opportunities don't line up.

We have to work harder to hold these private companies accountable or find another way.

This is switching to a different topic but take Vail for example. They come into this town and take over without paying their fair share of supporting it. They don't hire enough people... they can't get the workers because they don't pay them enough or give them job security and in some cases benefits. This results in a high percentage of people in a low tax bracket. We are a yearly run resort town and these jobs should be good paying jobs.

Instead, Vail has automatic ticket scanners that previously would have been an employee paying tax to our town. They have youth workers working alone at lifts which is also extremely dangerous.

Robots should pay taxes. A tax that originally a worker would have paid but is now replaced with automation.

We should be encouraging a stronger workforce for the mountain to sustain our town. Vail should be contributing to the health and safety of our communities including mental health... not causing more of it. Which in turn comes back to the bus drivers. When we lift each other up, we all rise. We need more of that in Whistler.

Thank you for reading. Hope my thoughts were insightful.

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