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3rd June 2022

Dear Minister Bains and Minister Fleming,

Re: Ongoing Transit Strike in Sea-to-Sky Corridor

We are writing to you on behalf of Whistler Cooks group of companies; to urge decisive action regarding the ongoing public transit strike in the Sea-to-Sky Corridor

Families, workers, students, visitors and vulnerable population that keep the corridor running, continue to be negatively impacted because of the public transit strike that has gone on far too long. Unfortunately, the strike continues to disproportionately affect an already marginalized and underserved population in our community.

In particular, the strike impacts workers in the more vulnerable positions: shift workers who must wait long hours for taxis in the middle of the night, or worse, walk the highway; service workers who cannot get to shifts or are forced to pay half a shift's wages to take taxis to and from home; young adult workers who have been forced to leave town because the cost of finding transportation is too much; and overstretched business operators who are trying to support their employees with company shuttles and are finding it impossible to recruit new workers to the region due to the lack of transit.

The community's well-being has been gravely impacted and the situation is not sustainable. Continued absence of a public transit system will have a long-term impact on our ability to attract and retain workers, causing irreparably damaging the region's economy, and will negatively affect the physical and mental well-being of our community.

With only so few days of negotiations since the strike began on January 29, a tentative agreement reached last week that was voted down, it is clear that both sides cannot reach a deal. We urge that the B.C. provincial government take further action to end this labour upheaval by ensuring an agreement is reached immediately or by starting third party binding arbitration.

We look forward to a speedy resolution to the public transit strike in the Sea-to-Sky Corridor.

Yours Sincerely,

Alistair Cray
General Manager

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Founder and CEO

CC – via email

Honorable Harry Bains, Minister of Labour

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