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Dear Mayor and Council,

The BC Rural Health Network (BCRHN) represents the health interests of rural residents across BC. We seek to include the voice of Whistler in our united voice for action on the healthcare crisis in rural BC. We need your help!

We would request a meeting with the council of Whistler at your earliest convenience to explain our organization and request the membership of Whistler. We would request a 15-minute audience with council via video link where we can provide a slide presentation on our organization and why Whistler should join us.

The benefit of membership is the consolidation of the rural voice on their health and the amplification of our voice to authorities. The BCRHN relies on your voice to provide input into your community's concerns. This allows us to consolidate and amplify the local unique needs and positive initiatives of rural communities to provincial authorities. The BCRHN is a political organization with charitable status. Our purpose is to inform decision makers, policy makers, and rural citizens by providing accurate, science-based, current information on rural health issues in BC. The membership fee is small (and if a hurdle can be waived;) including the voice of Whistler would be an asset to rural wellbeing.

If you will be attending the UBCM meeting in Whistler, we hope you have an opportunity to talk with our representatives, Colin Moss, and Leonard Casley from New Denver, who sit on the BCRHN Board of Directors. We believe a rural caucus on rural healthcare is forming at UBCM and we would like to engage with as many communities as possible.

We have several meetings scheduled across party lines with the leaders on healthcare and rural initiatives over the next month. We would like to bring your voice to those and other meetings.

Our website is serving as a "one stop shop" for rural residents on all health-related news and resources. If you haven't been by, please take a look <https://bcruralhealth.org/>. Our membership form can be accessed [here](#).

Please consider this a formal request to meet with the Whistler council. We would appreciate acknowledgement of receipt via return email.

We realize that elections are upon us, and that life is very busy at the moment, however the healthcare situation in BC has become a crisis for rural communities and we need to act now!

We hope you will join us!

Yours in health and wellness,

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The BCRHN is the healthcare voice of the rural residents of British Columbia and seeks better health outcomes for all people, through solutions-based approaches with governments, and information provision to residents.

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