



December 7, 2022

Resort Municipality of Whistler
4325 Blackcomb Way,
Whistler, B.C. V8E 0X5

Dear Mayor and Council,

RE: Budget 2022 – Learning and Education

On behalf of the Whistler Institute Board of Directors, I appreciate the opportunity to share our comments regarding the Resort Municipality of Whistler's 2023 budget process. Since 2015, Whistler Institute has been advancing education and learning initiatives to enhance the Whistler community and visitor experience as defined in the 2022 Official Community Plan (OCP).

In reviewing the budget 2023 highlights, it was not apparent that learning and education remains a priority as described in the Official Community Plan. We call on Mayor and Council to ensure this important investment to Whistler's culture and contributor to the local economy, is not overlooked.

The Community Life Satisfaction Survey findings continue to show low satisfaction scores with Personal Opportunities for Formal Learning. Despite budget challenges, we believe it is possible for The Resort Municipality of Whistler to enact a budget that reflects a commitment to education and values that have become resoundingly clear from residents and visitors alike.

Whistler Institute continues to grow and diversify its community partners and program offerings. We are ready to work with you to ensure quality education, workplace training and lifelong learning opportunities are easily accessible and elevate Whistler's unique character and culture.

I look forward to reviewing the next iteration of the budget and hope that it will accordingly reflect the RMOW's commitment to education, life learning and thought leadership.

Sincerely,

The Whistler Institute

Dave Williamson, Chair