Feb. 6, 2023

Mayor and Council:

Greetings on behalf of ink-stainedwretches.org, our grassroots volunteer advocacy group dedicated to building a culture of appreciation for quality public-service journalism in Canada.

Although our group includes more than 30 volunteers across the country, unfortunately we do not have a representative in Whistler at this time. So, as the group's co-ordinator, I'm submitting this request.

We respectfully ask the Resort Municipality of Whistler to light the Fitzsimmons Covered Bridge from the evening of May 2, 2023, to the morning of May 4, 2023, in an effort to raise awareness of World Press Freedom Day.

The United Nations General Assembly, in 1993, proclaimed May 3 to be World Press Freedom Day each year.

As quality journalism is essential for healthy democracies to function, we are asking municipalities across Canada to recognize WPFD in some fashion.

In eight provinces last year, 15 municipalities — including Vancouver and Prince George — recognized the day in one way or another. Please feel free to view the list.

Thank you for your consideration,

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