

Mayor and Council

I'm encouraged that Council has determined that a racquet facility needs to be part of the Development plan for the Northlands Suite. Hopefully Council has directed the RMOW staff to request a proposal from Beedie that includes the costs and benefits of leaving the racquet club where it is. This should be the base case, against which all other development proposals are measured. Clearly, the racquet club is a very valuable community amenity appreciated by many sectors of the Whistler community. The Carbon footprint of demolishing the existing club, and rebuilding it somewhere else will be very significant. If the club remains where it is, then the rest of the site can still be developed with increased density to compensate for the loss of the surface area of the club.

Current development proposals from Beedie do not include the cost of relocating the club. If the club is demolished, without looking at the cost and benefits of leaving it where it is, then the Mayor and the Council will not be able to say that you did everything you could to save the club.

To summarize; RMOW needs to direct Beedie to present a plan that includes leaving the bubble, the Clubhouse and 1 outdoor court where it is, then assess the costs and benefits of acquiring a new site and building a new club including the extensive carbon footprint of demolishing the existing facility and constructing a new one.

Ideally a rejuvenated Racquet Club will stay where it is and the rest of the site can be devoted to employee housing, a win for everybody!

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