

Dear Mayor and Council,

Having visited your beautiful resort this last weekend we couldn't help but not notice how congested the highway has become. Even during the shoulder season. And, sadly, it will only get worse as our region grows.

There are existing railway tracks adjacent to the road, and I wonder why there isn't a passenger train service in effect?

I think it would make perfect sense. Many years ago there was such a tourist train called ,the Hudson, if I remember correctly, that brought people to either Squamish or Alta Lake. So the idea of having a commuter train shouldn't be that unrealistic, I would think.

To me it would make logical sense, in terms of less traffic, safety and a friendlier environmental alternative to driving.

It might also help alleviate the housing issue faced by employees as they could live further afield and take the train to and from work daily.

Many other countries have exceptional train service to ski resorts, for many decades now; the one that comes first to mind is Switzerland.

Those against the idea say we don't have the density. I personally don't think that's the case judging by how popular Whistler has become, the proximity to a large city like Vancouver and the huge population growth in neighbouring communities such as Squamish. And, more importantly, we already have the train tracks laid and pretty much ready to be used.

Just my thoughts, which I'm sure others have expressed before.

Sincerely,

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