Mayor and Council, RM of Whistler

I am writing to ask for a return of Bus Route 32 to Rainbow and Emerald.

I am a senior living in one of senior buildings in Rainbow Estates. I have been a regular transit user since moving here from the village in 2015. Like many of my neighbors, I relied on the Route 32 bus to get to and from the gondola transit exchange and lifts. I work as a ski instructor and have a locker so the 8 minute walk from the Village Gate or highway stops on Route 10 is acceptable in street shoes but would be unacceptable in ski boots. Neighbors who used to use the 32 to get to the lifts, or to Meadow Park, now drive, as will I when I give up my locker.

Route 30 also goes to Rainbow/Emerald but meanders through Alpine taking several minutes longer in either direction and doesn't run most of the day making it useless for workers or skiers. Routes 31 and 33 also go through Alpine, I have not noticed any of them as full as the 10. Its hard to understand why 3 bus routes go through Alpine but only one to and from Emerald except later at night.

I have reviewed the Transit Future Action Plan 2022. It indicates Route 32 would be eliminated in 2025/26 "due to new coverage provided". What new coverage and its 2023/24.

Please ask BC Transit to resume Route 32.

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