

Dear Mayor and Council,

I read with great excitement about the extension of the Valley trail and planned route through/adjacent to Pine Park and the West Side of Alpha Lake. Great news! A boardwalk would be really cool!

What I don't understand is how the route from Bayshore's to Millar's Creek has been seemingly ignored or forgotten.

1. In 2019, Mayor Crompton lauded the following:

**Function Junction to Twin Lakes/Tamarisk:** *This addition to the trail will span 1.8 kilometres, linking Function Junction to Alta Lake Road in Twin Lakes/Tamarisk. The new linkage will make use of two new concrete bridges that have been completed over Millar and Sproatt Creeks. The trail will pass through the Prism lands recently acquired by the RMOW, while lighting will be added for night-time use. This section is expected to be complete by summer 2020.*

**Twin Lakes/Tamarisk to Bayshores:** *A 900-metre section of Valley Trail will be added along Alta Lake Road in Twin Lakes/Tamarisk to Highway 99, where the new trail will join up with the existing Valley Trail at Bayshores. The expected completion date for this portion of the project is also summer 2020.*

**Alta Lake Road:** *A new 1.4-kilometre section of paved trail will link Rainbow Park to Old Mill Lane (near the Alta Lake Station House). "This linkage will run along the far side of Alta Lake Road," explained the RMOW in the release. This section of the trail is slated to be complete by fall 2020.*

Funding was from the Province of British Columbia through its Resort Municipality Initiative (RMI) per Mayor Crompton's comment, "Thank you to the Province of British Columbia through its Resort Municipality Initiative (RMI) for making this improvement to Whistler's active transportation infrastructure possible."

2. On February 17 2022, after I enquired about the status of the project vis-a-vis Twin Lakes/Tamarisk to Bayshores Valley Trail, I received the following:

*Dear Patrick,*

*Thank you for this enquiry. I have checked in with staff and here is an update.*

*The Twin Lakes/Tamarisk to Bayshores Valley Trail completed its design phase in 2019 and had an anticipated 2020 construction target.*

*The emergence of the Covid-19 virus and the declaration of a provincial state of emergency on March 17, 2020 led the RMOW soon after to hold advancement of any non-essential expenditures that were not already under contractual obligation. Also of note, all three of the projects mentioned in the Pique article were submitted to the provincial government active transportation grant opportunity of which unfortunately none were selected.*

*The RMOW still has the Twin Lakes/Tamarisk to Bayshores Valley Trail construction project within its 5-year budget plan currently showing for the 2024/2025 years.*

*Thank you for your interest in this project.*

*Best regards,  
MANAGER CORPORATE PROJECTS*

**3. Please provide answers to the following:**

- a. Why did the RMOW thank the Province for funding before funding was approved?
- b. What are the plans now for these extensions?
- c. What was the projected budget for the 2019 announced routes that have not being done?
- d. How will the new route through Pine Park be funded?

The designs are complete for the Alta Lake extensions, a route laden with people walking to Westside Staff Housing, Tamarisk and Twin Lakes on a narrow gravel shoulder. In the winter, one's only option is to walk on the road. Notwithstanding, people coming from Bayshore's would have an alternative route to Function; a much easier and faster walk/bike.

Let's finish up what was promised before we commit to more, please.

Regards,

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