

Mayor and Council,

I would encourage you to re-visit the recently passed water-use Bylaw. It is my understanding that this decision was made void of any consultation with either the Whistler landscape industry or local irrigation companies. If true, why not?

We installed a controlled drip irrigation system many years ago as a cost-effective and sustainable solution for efficient water management in addition to the time saving it affords. The new Bylaw handcuffs the use of the system and invites us to resort to hand watering or sprinklers which I am sure you agree can only result in the use of significantly more water. The letter in the Pique from Heike Stripper (Whistler needs to do better on water use Bylaw) is accurate and I couldn't agree more.

The goal of water conservation could be far better served by addressing the aging infrastructure that is the biggest source of many municipalities water leaks. Depending on the municipality and the condition of its infrastructure the percentage of water loss can range from 15% to as high as 60%. The RMOW Utilities Department could easily provide the percentage in addition to the number of gallons lost.

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