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To: [corporate](#)
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: Re: Rainbow park parking
Date: Tuesday, September 10, 2024 9:12:06 AM

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Yes please Arthur, thank you

I got a response saying road is not wide enough but its the same road we parked on for 20 years, and its narrow through the housing area also (we had property expropriated to make more road - but its still narrow in some places more than the section North_ ; and even narrower when contractors have to block the whole lane off otherwise their trades have no parking and no place to work.

Parked cars on the road act to slow traffic down a lot and a lot of traffic is going to the park and parking so going very slow during the daytime. If people are on the road it slows even more. Then this spreads the parking closer to the park on both sides not just the south ; which means less people on the road for less time and no one on the tracks to the North, as the south of the park/ housing section of the road now is clogged with people walking both on the road and on the tracks.

So it makes way more sense - us residents all see it everyday and we all agree it makes more sense to allow parking both sides of the park.

Thanks

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On Aug 21, 2024, at 2:29 PM, corporate <corporate@whistler.ca> wrote:

Dear Bianca Matheson,

Thank you for writing to the Resort Municipality of Whistler.

I would like to inquire if you want your letter included in the September 10 Regular Council Agenda as correspondence. Once it is included in the Council Agenda, it will become part of the public record.

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Sincerely,

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From: Bianca Matheson <biancamatheson@icloud.com>
Sent: Monday, August 19, 2024 4:23 PM
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HI THERE Whistler Council and Engineering

I have not heard back after sending this twice so am circling back to a few council members

I am not sure why there are tow away signs all to the north of Rainbow park but council sent this to ByLaw who do not make the rules. They put more bylaw presence on the road which did not solve the problem; they were towing disgruntled tourists from parking North of the park (where it makes sense to park and no one is walking down the tracks)- We have had children crying in our driveway as they have to park over 1 km from the park and carry all their stuff.

It's not good to have tourists have a bad experience just driving to enjoy the park and Whistler . Bylaw said Engineering make the rules for parking and I sent this to them twice and no reply.

Not sure if council can draw some attention to this matter. My neighbours are all keen for the parking to be extended to the North East side of the park to ease the massive amounts

of cars all down the residential street. Builders are having trouble parking also and there is a lot of construction, it would be much more sensible to spread the parking out. This is happening on weekdays, residents have to put no parking signs and cones out. But the biggest problem is there are limited places you can access the lakes for SUP and swimming etc and people need more parking near.

See below for the letter.

Re - sending this as have not heard. Council sent this to the city and Bylaw told me to send it to Engineering who apparently make the decisions .

Hi Engineering Department RMOW

See below was sent to Bylaw after council requested RMOW to action the original request.

Simply increasing Bylaw does not solve the issue. Bylaw said it is engineering who make the parking regulations. Please see correspondence below. I have copied a few of the residents of the street after their input.

Dear RMOW

The residents of Alta Lake road were pleased that council were quick to refer this for action by the city.

Respectfully this solution of increasing Bylaw along Alta Lake road does not solve our problem. It is not illegal to park in someones driveway and parking along our neighbourhood street is allowed which leaves no parking for our visitors.

Our direct request was for council and city to consider opening the parking to the North of Alta Lake road where it used to be possible to park until 2022 when the tow away signs were erected, causing this problem for residents. Prior to this parking on the North East side of Alta Lake road was allowed for many years.

We requested consideration for the parking north of the park to be re-opened.

The best course of action would be to cover or take down the tow away zone signs. For several reasons as residents, who observe this daily note; t this is an easy and effective solution. Some of the reasons are listed below:

1. Road parking North is closer to the park than many of the houses they are parking outside. Many residents are having to put cones up in their areas.
2. If one is parked to the North it is not possible to access the railway tracks. This prevents people walking down the tracks to get to the facilities . Currently people are walking the tracks with their gear for their park stay in way larger numbers than when parking to the North was allowed.
3. Parking on the North side will slow traffic along the approach to the park

from the North and to the residential area. People slow down when cars are parked to the side and they then drive slower through the neighbourhood. We have noted cars going faster since the tow away signs to the North were erected.

4. Currently cars do park despite the signs and are being towed. This upsets visitors, causing their day to be ruined. The park is a draw for tourists and locals alike. It does not serve the greater interests of tourism to have people upset.

5. The parking lot was not finished ahead of August long weekend as stated and the contractors say it is not close. Even so this will fill fast and the problem will persist.

Can we please have Bylaw allow parking to the North of the park?

We have spoken to many of our neighbours (some copied here) who agree and have more to add. Many of us live full time along this road and summer is when those with part time places are also present. It would be great to solve this problem which we believe would be quite easy.

Thanks so much for your time and consideration

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On Jul 25, 2024, at 4:10 PM, Bylaw Services
<BylawServices@whistler.ca> wrote:

Hello Bianca and Ross,

We want to inform you that we have increased our

bylaw presence and patrols on Alta Lake Rd.

The Upper and Lower gravel parking lots at Rainbow Park will reopen ahead of the August long weekend. We hope this will help reduce the parking impacts around the park and along the road.

Please feel free to contact us directly via bylawservices@whistler.ca or by calling 604-935-8280 if this area needs our attention.

Kind regards,

Bylaw Services

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Dear Mayor and council

Bianca Matheson and [REDACTED] Whistler BC [REDACTED]

Our neighbours and ourselves have experienced a lot of cars along Alta lake road parking across our access and driveways since the park re opened. A lot of full time residents live in this area. Builders are also complaining there is no room for trades.

This has also led to people walking across our properties and the easements carrying all sorts of objects from paddle boards deck chairs, esky's, BBQs etc sometimes down the railway tracks.

We would respectfully like the council to consider reinstating parking on the road north of the park to alleviate some of this traffic. Now that there is tow away signs north of the park people are crowding their vehicles full of stuff south.

We understand there is movement to encourage people to take the bus and some people may do this; but the reality is that most of these people want their water toys, chairs, kids equipment etc with them and need to bring their vehicle. In reality they all try to park somewhere. Many locals used to use the bike concierge which is a great idea; people wanting to do water sports however bring their vehicles to carry the

equipment and many non locals drive to the park also .

As long term residents; we also note that (to our knowledge) there was no real impairment to residents or in general with the previous parking arrangement. In fact; it slows the traffic around the park if there are cars parked on the east side of the road north of the park. It seems that this parking could easily be extended 500-800 m or more without any impact. Also it is not possible to get to the tracks from the North so it would stop a lot of this walking down the tracks traffic.

Thoughts ?

Thank you for your time

Bianca Matheson and 

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