

Mayor and Council RMOW;

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I want to reiterate my sincere gratitude expressed on Tuesday night to our Mayor and Council for conferring on me the huge honour of Freedom of The Municipality, and for celebrating this honour for Nancy Wilhelm-Morden and myself with a remarkable presentation at Council, created and delivered by Brad Nichols, followed by a splendid reception at the Audain Art Museum. I am deeply proud, and humbled, to have received this award from the Resort Municipality of Whistler.

And beyond that, this letter is to express my immense appreciation to the community of Whistler - friends, colleagues, associates, and our families - all of whom make up the vibrant fabric of Whistler, for the terrific turnout and the incredible warmth of sentiments shared on Tuesday night, along with the steadfast support and enthusiasm from the community throughout the years.

I feel incredibly blessed in so many respects,

Thank you again, each and every one of you,

Hugh Smythe

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