Mayor and Council

Resort Municipality of Whistler

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I am writing to inquire about the contracting practices for the new Cheakamus housing development. My understanding is that contracts with trades are being sole-sourced, rather than publicly tendered.

This development is a significant project for Whistler, aimed at addressing housing needs and involving public funds. While sole-sourcing can be justified in some cases, public tendering is generally considered a best practice for government-funded projects to ensure fairness, competition, and cost-effectiveness.

Sole-sourcing raises concerns about potential higher costs, limited opportunities for local businesses, and conflicts of interest.

Therefore, I request clarification from the RMOW Council on the following: the reasons for using sole-sourced contracts instead of public tendering for the Cheakamus development; the policies governing the use of sole-sourcing by the RMOW; and the measures in place to ensure fairness, transparency, and value for money. Clarification on these points will ensure public confidence in the project's management. I believe transparency and accountability are crucial in the use of public funds and look forward to your response.

Sincerely,

Adam Neilson

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