

Dear Mayor and Council,

I hope this message finds you well.

I'm writing to sincerely thank you for passing the updated Environmental Protection Bylaw and the new Tree Protection Bylaw. These important steps reflect a deep commitment to Whistler's environmental values, and I truly appreciate the thoughtful work that Council and RMOW staff have put into moving these bylaws forward.

Like so many others in Whistler, I believe that protecting our trees and natural ecosystems is essential to the health, character, and future resilience of our community.

Trees are more than just part of the landscape - they're vital to biodiversity, habitat connectivity, carbon sequestration, and climate adaptation. They also support public health, mental well-being, and even the economic vitality that Whistler depends on. This bylaw doesn't just align with environmental goals; it strengthens the fabric of our entire community.

It also complements other critical RMOW initiatives, like the Priority Habitat Framework and the Big Moves Climate Strategy - particularly Goal 3, which focuses on protecting and enhancing the resilience of our natural assets and ecosystems.

Thank you again for your leadership on this issue and for helping to ensure that Whistler's policies reflect both the urgency of the climate crisis and the values of the people who call this place home. I am delighted by the news of the adoption of these bylaws alongside many others who care deeply about the future of our shared environment.

Warm regards,

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