

**From:** Juniper Buller [REDACTED]  
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**To:** Council  
**Subject:** Council meeting June 9 re: Asphalt Plant

Dear Council and Mayor,

I hope this can be considered in this evening's meeting. Unfortunately I cannot attend as I am working. This is not a question, but another appeal to do the right thing this time around.

As the asphalt plant has not been producing asphalt as much as it could, and will if this procurement moves ahead, I believe that there are many residents in Cheakamus Crossing who have *not* experienced what it is like to live here and smell the effluent with the turnover in WHA and the new builds. It's possible, based on the average number of days per month that it will produce asphalt, there will be public outcry at that time, not now when we most need it. If the plant is operating on average 25% more (as production is likely only during spring-fall so the average days per month increases if you make the "year" 9 months long), that will be 7 days per month when people are also recreating, have windows open, are enjoying outdoor time around their homes. For an entire week every month (or 1 1/2 work weeks) from March through October you can expect to receive complaints from residents who have to endure living next to an asphalt plant during production. I still find this unacceptable.

Looking at the air quality data comparing Cheakamus to Meadow Park, you can see that on the days production was happening, the air quality is worse in Cheakamus. It may be within acceptable levels (even when using the correct parameters as was not initially done by the monitoring company), it is like saying "your pain is only 6 out of 10, not 9 out of 10, so I'm not going to help you, you can deal with it on your own". Or having drinking water tested for certain elements, but not the poisonous ones and saying the tests came back negative. Data can prove what you're looking for, but it can also overlook important, empirical things that are not being tested. Like quality of life.

I moved to Whistler in 2000 to get away from the city; the exhaust fumes while riding my bike to work, the traffic, the noise...all that. I now live in a pretty great community of like minded people and am thankful for that. I was very hesitant to move to Cheakamus because it has an asphalt plant beside it, but the council of the day seemed quite adamant on having it moved, and essentially told us in an open house that it would be. And then it wasn't. And now the current council has done a 180 turn and wants to increase production of asphalt. This is not why I moved to Whistler. I implore you, Councilor DeJong who is so invested in the natural and environmental causes of this town and valley, and you, Councilor Jackson, who helped developed this community and may be involved in developing phase 2 & 3, to do the right thing now and have this plant moved or at least to not move ahead with this procurement process. It is not in the best interests of the current and future residents. And to all Councillors and Mayor, time spent in Cheakamus when asphalt production is currently happening should only show you

that this is the wrong place for heavy industry with air pollution, high heavy-truck traffic volume and noise.

Thank you again for considering,  
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