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**Subject:** Cheakamus Crossing - Asphalt Plant

Dear Whistler Mayor & Council

I understand you are considering procuring asphalt from Cheakamus Crossing again.

Please, NO.

Aren't there enough stressful, shitty things happening in the world right now?

**How about we make this a good news story? Please show us that RMOW cares about its residents more than its balance sheet.**

An industrial operation such as the asphalt plant should not be located in close proximity to a residential neighbourhood, for multiple reasons. **Health** (air pollution), **noise** (residents live here), **safety** (increased traffic of industrial vehicles), **basic city planning standards** and also simple **common sense**. These two land uses should never have been placed next to each other in the first place...

But **let's look FORWARD**, not back. It's 2020 and here we are in Whistler, BC - arguably the best community on earth. Please do the right thing and support the quality of life of our citizens. This isn't the 1970s and there's no good reason to go backwards...

Residents of Cheakamus Crossing have been SO GRATEFUL for the past several years without RMOW's asphalt being produced here, it has been **such a positive difference!** Please make that difference permanent - for everyone who lives, works and plays in this neighbourhood.

The additional \$50,000 to spend is a drop in the bucket compared to the money RMOW spends on things like the soccer field (which we could easily have lived without) and **it's an expenditure that helps protect the health and quality of life for all residents and users of Cheakamus Crossing**. The asphalt plant is a **big deal** to those who live, work and play here. Do you want all the kids playing on the Taj MaSoccer field to be inhaling the quarry dust and asphalt smoke every week in the spring/summer/fall? What about the BMX riders? All the kiddie combo camps and forest/nature camps who bring about 100 kids into this neighbourhood every day to play outside?

It is an extremely stressful situation, having a puffing, toxic, noisy, busy asphalt plant and related traffic beside your home and in your neighbourhood. Please spare us this additional stress - there's more than enough going on in the world right now, I'm not sure how much more we can take. COVID-19. Economic upheaval. Homeschooling in crisis mode. Systemic racism, injustice and resulting societal unrest. Can we please at least avoid adding "asphalt plant smoking beside us" to the list?

**Asphalt plants and neighbourhoods do not mix.** We're not moving the neighbourhood, so let's do what it takes to move the plant or at least stay the course of **not** using this plant for RMOW's asphalt needs.

**Please do the right thing for our community. No asphalt from Cheakamus Crossing. #somegoodnews #somethinghastochange**

Thank you

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