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> Sent: Sunday, June 07, 2020 9:29 PM

> To: corporate <corporate@whistler.ca>

> Subject: Chili Thom Mural & Mural Projects

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> To Mayor and Council,

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> Thank you for taking the time to read my e-mail. I am writing today as a community member and local in beautiful Whistler.

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> My e-mail is in regards to local mural art and preserving murals that are already in town. I am one of the founders of Sea to Sky Creative, we are a mural company in The Sea to Sky whose mission is to bring happiness to others by creating colourful artwork in view of the public. We also complete videography and photography projects.

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> I am very interested in discussing mural projects in Whistler, I think that art is an incredible part of this community and has helped to form it in several ways.

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> I have a few ideas which I would love to discuss:

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> 1. A way to preserve murals. One of Chili Thoms artworks was defaced recently and this I believe partly due to the fact that there is nothing to identify the artists significance in town such as a plaque. Another solution would be to graffiti proof these murals.

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> 2. I would like to see more legal art spaces or mural projects in Whistler. I have spoken to Arts Whistler, several businesses and community members who would like more public murals. They say that municipality is quite strict on public murals and it's hard to get them passed. I've moved here from a big city like a lot of others and a big reason for that is because of the outlets that Whistler offers.

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> It's important that people of all ages have an area to express themselves creatively with visual arts. The skate park is very hard to paint and when trying to there is often conflict with skaters as we're in the way. This area would be ideal for a public legal wall though and would create a great backdrop to the parking lot.

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> Mural projects add an incredible theme or element to small towns. Art walks and maps can be created and this is a free activity for families to enjoy. The legal mural wall would also be a great place to host community art events and is in great proximity to The Audain and Maury Arts Centre. This will also give youth a place to further express themselves.

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> 3. I would also like to request a space within Whistler to complete a Chili Thom memorial mural wall which would help to create awareness of his art and the significant impact that he has had on this town. There are bridges that could definitely use an update and have disgusting and old graffiti under. We are currently working with Squamish Municipality to help restore their skate park which has racial and homophobic graffiti. We're volunteering our time for a project like this as we don't want our children and visitors reading these things and feeling unwelcome.

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> I am happy to work with the Municipality on projects like this. Myself and my business partner, Kyle are incredibly passionate about projects like this and are willing to dedicate our time to great community initiatives. We love this town and our Sea to Sky communities!

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> Thank you very much for taking the time to discuss my proposals and please feel welcome to reach out should you have any questions at all.

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> Kind Regards and be healthy,

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