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From: Sam W. [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, June 23, 2020 1:36 PM
To: corporate
Subject: Attn: Mayor and Council

Hello Mayor and Council,

I write this email to you regarding the recent changes to our bus schedule. My husband and I both rely on the Whistler Bus system to safely commute to and from work. We both work late nights and feel that our options to get home safely will be greatly impacted by the reduction of services. How you suggest staff that work late nights get home safely? Cabbage nightly isn't financially feasible (\$20 one way from the village to Tamarisk). We do have a car, however we are very committed to minimizing our carbon footprint and driving to work seems to go against our wonderful communities environmental mantra. The third issue I see with this cut to transit services is that people will drive home after having a beer or two after work. I understand that the community was hit hard by COVID, and while having busses free for the majority of the pandemic, it was maybe not the best use of transit funds.

I suggest a cut in evening services to enable one bus per hour from 12 - 3am on each route to ensure our community members can get home safely.

To summarize:

How are staff supposed to get home after work?

How is this change helping to get people out of their cars?

How does this contribute to the safety of the community now having to walk home or bike home in the dark? - Many portions of the valley trail are not lit, and biking down HWY 99 is not a safe alternative.

Thank you very much for your time.

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