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From: Erin Stone <erin@theravenroom.ca>
Sent: Tuesday, June 23, 2020 3:24 PM
To: corporate
Subject: Att: Mayor & Council. Re: Bus Service

To The Mayor & Whistler Council,

My name is Erin Stone, I have been a Whistler resident since October 2006. My address is 2106 Timber Ridge, Whistler, V8E 0A8

I have heavily relied on the public transport system during my time here. I do have a vehicle now but share it with my partner who works opposite shifts to me. So I need the bus to get to & from work most days.

I am the Head Chef at The Raven Room & we serve food until midnight. This means I don't finish work most nights until after midnight. I am not comfortable riding my bike home at that time of night & it's late for my partner to pick me up. Also in the hospitality industry we often have a drink or two after work. Obviously I would never encourage drunk driving but I feel that some may do this if they don't have the bus option. This is not a safe or responsible choice but we can't all afford to taxi home each night.

I read an article that you were encouraging people to use your vehicle less & leave it home one day a week. But if I then can't get home safely or easily or in an inexpensive way, then this is simply not an option for me or others in my industry.

We, as businesses, are just reopening & trying to get back on our feet. We are relying on locals to do this & that's why we are open later at night. Other locals in the hospitality industry want somewhere to go for food & a drink after they are done work.

So my question to you is by stopping the bus service after midnight

"How does that contribute to the safety of the community if we are to bike or walk home in the dark?"

I very much hope this will have an impact on your decision to stop running the bus service past midnight.

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