

Hello,

My address is
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Thank you,

Jen

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> From: Jen Tiemann [REDACTED]
> Sent: Tuesday, June 23, 2020 2:02 PM
> To: corporate <corporate@whistler.ca>
> Subject: Bus schedule proposed July 1 change
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> To Mayor Jack Crompton and municipality council,
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> I'm writing in regards to the bus schedule change that is due to take place July 1. I have lived in Whistler for over 10 years and have regularly relied on the bus past midnight. Whether I was coming home from a late shift or having a night out with friends. I have lived in Emerald for the past year and prior to COVID myself and my husband worked in hospitality. We would often be in need of taking the bus past midnight to get home.
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> I understand that the buses might be quieter at this time but with businesses opening up how are workers, mainly in the hospitality industry, to get home? Yes some can bike or walk, but for many, myself included, finding a bike during these times is difficult and I wouldn't have the energy or feel safe biking home past midnight to Emerald.
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> Taking a taxi to my house with tip to the driver is \$25. That is a lot to spend 3-5 time's a week.
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> Whistler prides itself on encouraging people using public transit and not using the day lots. For those lucky enough to own a vehicle this would increase their gas and parking costs, potentially their insurance costs. Also, most people driving home at this time of night would be driving solo, this increasing the emissions that you claim to want to decrease. As much as I would like to say it wouldn't, I also believe that this could increase the risk of people making the poor decision to drink and drive.
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> What about others who have been taking advantage of the restaurants and bars opening up? People are excited to support local business and see friends. They want to have a safe and economical way home. Many will take a cab, but other people may decide to walk or bike long distances under the influence. This causes the potential for more intoxicated people wandering the valley trail, or worse the highway if they make the poor decision that it's "safer" than the dark trails. I might be thinking worst case scenario but this can increase attacks or at the very least, the fear of an attack on women walking in the dark. This is why many women might choose the highway.
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> I understand that our bus system is a privilege and I am unsure of all the reasons behind this Schedule change but there are many aspects to consider. I assume that maybe you did consider those things but

have decided to go against them. We are lucky to live in this beautiful and safe area and I hope that you listen to it's residents.

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> I know I have mentioned a lot of problems and no solutions. I would love if the schedule stayed at its same capacity but I understand that might not be possible. Having at least a bus an hour to the proposed routes would be beneficial, or speak with employers to get a feel of what time their staff leaves. Maybe at least until 1/1:30am during these times when businesses are closing early. Even if people have to wait, they will get home safe.

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> Please don't take the feeling of safety away from us. Both in our minds and in our wallets.

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> Have a great day, thank you for taking the time to read my concerns, I know it wasn't a short one!

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> Jennifer Tiemann

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