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To the

Honorary Council of the Resort Municipality of Whistler

Ladies and Gentlemen,

As a long term property owner and skier at Whistler, our family started skiing here in 1968/69, bought lot in 1972, built cabin in 1976 and still enjoying it all, concerns for the wellbeing of Whistler are well ingrained.

The recent events revolving around the Covid-19 virus, subsequent shut down of the mountain operations and loss of business for hotels, restaurants, bars and shops must have made a severe impact on the economy of Whistler.

Like so many places around the world, both in North America and Europe, the urge and need to re-open and revive everything is strong. Many places have already experienced the adverse consequences of abandoning safety measures – or what most impatient people call restrictions – too quickly and too soon, with a resurgence of infections and reintroducing sometimes even stronger and harsher measures than before.

Whistler has just started to re-open for business and while some businesses are still careful (Rexall on Marketplace and the large Hotels are examples) others are showing a disregard for continuing safety measures that is disconcerting. Examples are the grocery markets, some service businesses and even the BC Liquor Store. The staff don't wear masks when working in the stores and customers are not compelled to wear them. Very few customers actually wear any. Distancing seems also to have fallen victim to the urge to socially reconnect. The door man at one market, poorly regulating access, squirts disinfectant on your hands, coming within half a meter of your face, but does not wear a mask!

With the outside world, except officially people from the USA, invited to come and enjoy, it would be very important to make the guests feel safe and comfortable and not arrive to find an environment that may be dangerous to their health. There is a need to demonstrate that Whistler is safe to enjoy, if it wants to bring the tourists and weekenders back in. This is

foremost possible with a demonstrated adherence to health safety measures, - these are not restrictions -, and to compel staff in stores and markets as well as their customers to wear masks, customers to keep their distance and in the case where staff comes in necessarily close contact with customers, even wear face shields. Regulation, however, has to include enforcement, otherwise the careless, the reckless and the virus will win!!

Just because the safety measures have worked to flatten the curves of new infections, their abandonment before a cure or vaccine are available, is simply foolish!

With best regards,

Helmut Wober