

June 17, 2020

To: Mayor and Council  
Resort Municipality of Whistler

Dear Mr. Mayor and Councillors:

Re: Empire Club DP Proposal RZ001157

I have reviewed the latest plans submitted to the Advisory Design Board.

I have not yet seen the Environmental report despite requests to have it released. There are always concerns of bias when a report is requested and paid for by a developer and here is no way of confirming that the information is provided in the best interests of Whistler residents. The environment is important to me, to you, to future generations, and for any development happening in my Whistler community the environmental impacts to be assessed, considered, and prioritized which cannot happen without a transparent process regarding the environmental report.

There are always costs to the immediate environment of any development during the clearing and building phase. This always results in significant immediate tree loss but the impact of the development is not truly known until years later. I suggest all councilors walk down Nita Lake Drive and view at least 50% of the trees post development are now dead. I understand that the buffer was an important requirement for approval and would suggest councilors look at this development through to a post development lenses when 50% of the trees could be dead, will you be as supportive? I understood many councilors liked the development but did not want to see the development from the Valley Trail or the deck at Nita Lake Lodge.

For these reasons, I suggest that the municipality should demand a significant bond to ensure a healthy environment for the future.

Sincerely,



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