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Mayor and Council

This a copy of an email sent by myself to Mr. Russell of Parks and Recreation. The letter was copied to several residents on Green Lake , all of whom share the concerns expressed in the letter. We hope to see RMOW proactively dealing with the issues which have been festering for some time. There are some other serious issues which are not mentioned in the letter including sea doos on the lake and some foresight in the development of the newly acquired property at the north end of the lake.

Respectfully  
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> Salutations Lorne,  
> I hope all is well with you in these trying times.  
> I was hopeful that with Covid sanctions, possibly applying to the RMOW Boat Ramp on Green Lake, that this summer would be paddle-craft quiet, and enjoyable. Such has not been the case. Sometime ago, I noted the RMOW decision not to close the boat ramp, was inconsistent with what many other jurisdictions are enforcing. For example, the First Nations in Darcy have closed access to Anderson Lake, to trailered motor boats, as a Covid precaution. This has become an issue, because many of the boats that would normally travel to Anderson Lake, to ski and wake board, are descending on Green Lake. Many of

the operators ignore boating restrictions, thereby causing shore erosion, environmental degradation, and infringement on the rights of kayakers, canoeists, and paddle boarders, who are frequenting the lake in greater numbers.

> As you and I have discussed, without legal enforcement capability, the RMOW signage, buoys, and restrictions, are meaningless. This has been the case for over ten years, since the RMOW was compelled to institute the measures, on a trial basis. By not moving forward with an application to the appropriate federal agency, the RMOW has left Green Lake open to environmental degradation, and the residents to shore erosion, dock damage, noise pollution, and has exposed all paddle craft users to unpleasant and dangerous situations, created by the wake from large, trailered motor boats.

> There is no boat wash at the RMOW boat ramp. As a result, there is a real risk that invasive species, such as Milfoil, will be introduced into the lake.

> I appreciate that the RMOW is moving forward to address the issues affecting Alta Lake, which may entail an application to the Federal Government, for enforceable regulations. Although the issues on Green Lake are different, an application for restrictions on Green Lake, could be added to that initiative. Also, there should be proper engagement between the RMOW and the various stakeholders.

> The prime consideration should be the health of the lake. Destruction or degradation of marine life, wild life, and waterfowl habitat, by way of lake bottom, or shore erosion caused by wake turbulence must be stopped.

> People may think of Green Lake as being "the largest lake" in Whistler, but, in fact, it is not a large lake, by any measure, and with the onslaught of numbers of trailered boats, its size is shrinking.

> What we have now is not working, and the abuse of the lake is growing. This fact is attested to, by the many lake residents, copied with this letter, who share the concerns.

> At the end of the day, the interest that must prevail, is the environmental well being of this precious Whistler asset.

> Those of us who live on the lake, would appreciate the RMOW engaging us in working toward a solution to this problem. It may mean some sacrifices will have to be made by stakeholders, but if that is what it takes to preserve the lake, then, so be it.

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> Best regards,

> Fred

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> Fred Shandro

> 9019 Summer Lane, Whistler

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