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**From:** Peter Train <PTrain@sd48.bc.ca>  
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**Subject:** school benefits from canoeing and sailing on Alta Lake

School benefits from canoeing program on Alta Lake

Dear Mayor and Council,

in regard to the communal benefits of having commercially licensed boat operators (canoe and kayak and safety boats) on Alta Lake I would like to outline how many students from Whistler Secondary School for the last 10 years have benefitted from courses that have been led by both Backroads and The Whistler Sailing Association. For the last decade canoeing and Sailing courses have been part of the grade 9 and 10 Physical health Education curriculum. Tomorrow afternoon some grade 11 students will be doing their final canoeing test – which is a ‘self-managed’ team building task of canoeing across the lake and down the river of golden dreams together: they can only do this with the support of Whistler Backroads who provide the equipment, instruction and ensure safety protocols.

Our Parent Advisory Committee subsidize both the canoeing and sailing courses so that all students get to participate each year. This means that there is a significant number of young people (generations of Whistler Kids) who benefit from having Whistler Backroads and the Whistler Sailing Association working and providing high quality service on the lake.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you would like to discuss or need any further information.

Sincerely,  
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