



February 1, 2021

To: Mayor Jack Crompton and Councillors Arthur De Jong, Jen Ford, Ralph Forsyth, Duane Jackson, Cathy Jewett and John Grills

Re: Environmental Concerns of the Whistler Lakes Conservation Association (WLCA") regarding the proposed Development at 5298 Alta Lake Road.

One of our members, Russ Quinn, has sought the support of the WLCA regarding his concerns about the above proposed development adjacent to Nita Lake. His letter is attached.

For your information, the WLCA, is a Registered Society with 75 individual members each of whom has an "eligible" property on one of the Whistler's Lakes (Alpha, Nita, Alta and Green). The WLCA is also concerned with Lost Lake although there is no development on it.

Mr. Quinn's letter sets out one of the key purposes of the WLCA in Section 2 (c) of our Constitution which provides:

*"to take any appropriate actions to promote and practice conservation and environmental protection on the Whistler Lakes"*

Our concerns are raised in Mr. Quinn's letter when he states:

*"I believe that Whistler Staff also had concerns about the environmental impact. I have two concerns: what were the issues brought up by PGL Environmental Consultants that the project should not go ahead until those issues are resolved and were further studies ever completed."*

To repeat, our mission is to promote and practice conservation and environmental protection of the Whistler Lakes. If we ignore what happens on the land base, whether shoreline erosion from wake boats, fertilizer application on golf courses or upland condo development, we do so at our peril and that of the lakes. Simply put, what happens on the land affects the water.

We look forward to you addressing our concerns prior to making any further decisions regarding the proposed development at 5298 Alta Lake Road.

Whistler Lakes Conservation Association

By its

Chair, Roger McCarthy

and

President, Michael Blaxland

cc. The Pique, Letters to the Editor

January 28, 2021

To: WLCS Directors

Re: Development at 5298 Alta Lake Road

As a property owner on Nita Lake, I am writing to ask for the support of the Whistler Lakes Conservation Association (WLCA). The development proposal for the above property raises issues that relate to the future condition of Nita Lake, a gem in the Whistler Lakes group. Residents around the lake have expressed concerns about the project, namely: density, traffic and environment.

Of these concerns the most relevant to the WLCA is the environment as your Constitution provides in:

*Section 2 (c): "to take any appropriate actions to promote and practise conservation and environmental protection on the Whistler Lakes;" and*

*Section 2 (f): "to do all such other things as are incidental to or conducive to the attainment of the purposes of the Association."*

We know what happens on the land beside the lakes will also impact the lakes. Lost Lake is a good example of how much enjoyment a lake offers when there is no development around it.

In this regard, the Initial Environmental Report by PGL Environmental Consultants listed many environmental concerns and recommended further studies for the site before rezoning be approved. I believe that Whistler Staff also had concerns about the environmental impact.

I have two concerns:

1. What were the issues brought up by PGL Environmental Consultants that the project should not go ahead until those issues are resolved?
2. Were further studies ever completed?

Maintaining a healthy environment is one of the significant objectives for all of our Lakes of Whistler.

The 5298 Alta Lake Road development is the first of three potential developments on the west side of Nita Lake. The other two properties lie along the shore to the north of the property. What the environmental impact on Nita lake will look like at such time as these properties are developed has to be considered and is relevant to the future of the proposed development.

I look forward to your support.

A black rectangular redaction box covering the signature of Russ Quinn.

Russ Quinn