David Krasny 1385 Alpha Lake Road Whistler, B.C.

Mayor & Council Resort Municipality of Whistler 4325 Blackcomb Way Whistler, B.C.

Dear Mayor & Council:

On behalf of Slope Side Supply Ltd, I am writing to support the housing project consisting of 43 townhome units, 21 of which are designated for employee purchase, on Alta Lake Road. Affordable employee housing has been identified as a priority by both the community and the Whistler Chamber of Commerce, and we believe this project is a good example of how private development can supplement the housing provided by the Whistler Housing Authority.

Slope Side Supply Ltd has operated in Whistler since 1995 and we currently have over 11 employees. For the first time we are beginning to struggle to attract and retain key employees to run our business, due to the lack of housing that is both appropriate and affordable. Our belief is that the proposed development will be ideal for technically skilled, supervisory, and management employees. This will help not only help our business, but will ensure all businesses can attract and retain key employees.

I have read criticism of the development by some current residents in the area, including some who have concerns over having employee housing in their neighbourhood. Whistler currently has employee housing mixed with market housing though out the valley. I understand this is a best practice in urban planning, and I believe this has been a win for our community.

I can draft a multi-page list of wonderful people who have widely contributed to the success of Whistler who live in employee housing. We need to move forward on housing solutions like this to ensure the long-term success of our businesses and to keep our community vibrant.

Sincerely,

