

Mayor and Council
Resort Municipality of Whistler
4325 Blackcomb Way
Whistler, BC V8E 0X5
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Dear Mayor and councillors,

I am writing this letter in reference to a bylaw that requires a building permit for re-roofing existing homes. The issues we and our competitors are having are as follows.

- 1) The costs associated to the home owners is very high.
- 2) The turn around from application to engineering to receiving a permit and then doing the work can take up to 1.5 years.
- 3) The re-roof season and weather window is very short.
- 4) I personally don't know of any other municipality requiring a permit.
- 5) Other companies are coming from elsewhere to do the work, not taking out a permit because no one in the sea to sky corridor wants to deal with the requirement.

I believe that with out the required permit, the liability is solely held by the roofing contractor.

Currently, a permit is required when one is changing to different type of roofing product, ie. Cedar shake to metal, or if one is to add plywood over top of existing wood strapping, thus improving the R value, waterproof underlayment and seismic integrity of the structure.

I understand the need for permits when re-roofing a large strata complex, but not single family homes and duplex's.

An idea I thought of to reduce risk to the Muni, if that is a concern, would be to ask for a copy of the contractors insurance, upon application or renewal of the Whistler business licence.

I hope you will consider removing this bylaw, allowing all of us to improve efficiency

Thank you

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