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Mayor and Council
Resort Municipality of Whistler
4325 Blackcomb Way
Whistler, BC
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Dear Mayor and Council,

Re: Whistler BC

I am a property owner in Whistler, and I am writing to you today to voice my concerns regarding the general enjoyment of the resort community.

Our property faces Nita Lake directly and we have clear view of both the public dock and the private Lodge dock. (Yes I have already submitted my letter regarding the proposed development – so will leave that out for now).

While we have owned the property for more than 15 years, I have noticed in the past 2 – 3 years a fast ramp up of traffic and congestion in and around the municipality. I know that tourism is and will always be a huge part of Whistler which is understandable and graciously appreciated. What I AM noticing getting a lot worse though, is the blatant disregard for the community environment.

We are barely able to walk the valley trail without hopscotching all the way along to miss all the dog excrement scattered everywhere. I do notice the Municipality has put out dog waste bag stations lately which is really an excellent move but I wonder if we have any resources for bylaw officers to walk the trail and ticket people who are not in compliance? It is just such a huge problem and only getting worse.

Another problem I am witnessing is the higher winter traffic on Nita Lake while it is frozen. It is like a carnival land out there and likely the same on the other lakes. People bring props and things out onto the frozen lake and leave them out there. Recently we fished pylons off the lake and currently there is a plastic

broom laying out there that someone decided to throw onto the lake. I am getting too nervous to go out there to retrieve it now so, unless anyone else braves it, the broom will sink to the bottom of the lake and slowly disintegrate and pollute the waters.

The other day I witnessed a person having a photo op the dock with about 20 helium balloons and then releasing them for a fly away "action" shot. They are now stuck in a 80 foot tree for the next 25 or more years for the wildlife to get tangled in and poisoned by. Another of my neighbours rushed to the dock the other day thinking there was a fire, while it was wedding photos with some sort of toxic smoke bomb for effect. The chemicals settling nicely into snow/ice then melting into lake....

I write today to respectfully ask whether there are any solutions that can come directly from the RMOW? Some hotels in the Municipality have stopped offering bottled water for sale. Can that be a Municipality wide plan? We have the best water in Canada! What about making the Municipality "eco-friendly"? With the ban of single use plastics (HOPEFULLY) coming down the pipe for all of Canada, can Whistler implement its own plan? Can the hotels have strict wedding protocols such as: No glitter, no balloons, no single use plastic decorations? There are many options available for decorations and I am sure some entrepreneurial community members could even start an eco-friendly decorating service that is endorsed by the hotels and restaurants.

In any event, I appreciate your attention to this matter and hope that perhaps, if nothing else, my letter might start a conversation in your offices with a view to addressing a lot of these growing concerns.

Sincerely,

Lisa Di Tosto



