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Mayor and Council

Resort Municipality of Whistler
4325 Blackcomb Way
Whistler BC V8E 0X5

Re. Whistler Asphalt Plant

Dear Mayor and Council,

It is my understanding that following up on the information meeting that was held with regard to the existing asphalt plant, council is considering rescinding the existing directive. That directive as I understand it does not allow for the RMOW to source asphalt products from anywhere within the municipal boundaries and further states that it must be sourced at a minimum of 3 kms outside the municipal boundaries.

Historically I believe the directive was a bad faith, poorly thought out measure, to create a change. It has proved itself to be an ineffective expensive initiative and to continue the directive makes no sense. With regard to the summary of cost that was included, there are many municipal infrastructure projects that involve some element of paving that is not captured within the costing summaries that were presented. I do not know what those number are but they are considerable. For example, the watermain project that we did last year in White Gold had a large item for pavement restoration, all the asphalt had to come from Squamish at a large premium and this extra cost was buried within the overall project cost. The point being the cost is more than has been presented.

The directive also fails the “green test” in a big way. Hauling asphalt from Squamish is obvious but also the existing plant in Squamish is not a modern plant and without a doubt creates more emissions than the existing modern plant in Whistler.

In closing I would strongly urge council to rescind the current directive as it simply makes no sense. Further, if there is still a desire to move the existing activity, it should only be done by good faith, fair negotiation.

Sincerely,



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