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The Honorable Jack Crompton Mayor Resort Municipality of Whistler 4325 Blackcomb Way Whistler, B.C. V0N 1B4 Canada

Dear Mayor Crompton,

The entire world has been co-existing with COVID-19 for more than a year now. I hope everyone in Whistler is in good shape.

The Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games, which had been delayed a year, was finally completed on August 8. Everyone was worried about holding this event under the present circumstances when the infection status was uncontrollable. However, I am relieved that it came to an end without any major problems. I believe the achievements of all the athletes brought dreams and excitement to people around the globe who are exhausted with COVID-19 restrictions.

I would like to applaud Team Canada's endeavors on their excellent performances and sincerely congratulate on Canada winning many medals. I would also thank team Canada for traveling such a long way from home to participate in their events. This year's Olympics was held under extraordinary circumstances in which everyone had to take extreme effort on prevention of the COVID-19. I deeply respect and admire the athletes who experienced such a challenging time.

I am sure your resort is welcoming visitors by taking thorough COVID-19 prevention measures just like Karuizawa. There is some cause for concern in the days ahead as the number of COVID-19 cases as well as the Delta variant are rapidly increasing.

We have a plan to meet online, sometime soon, so I am looking forward to catching up with what is happening on our municipalities.

Yours truly, Mayor of Karuizawa

Susumu Fujimaki