

Dear Mayor and Council,

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Re: Climate Action

We were delighted to learn about council's concerns about hitting our climate targets. At the most recent council meeting, it was asked: "Is there one or two bylaws that we could change today that could make a small difference, or a big difference?"

YES, there are two motions that council can make that would make a HUGE difference.

1-Declare a climate emergency

2-Legislate that all municipal spending must reduce emissions, until we have exceeded our Big Moves climate targets

Every budget item should include a line outlining how much GHG reduction is expected from this expenditure. We could then prioritize our spending based on what will have the most impact.

This will result in a war-like focus on climate action.

This will change business-as-usual, no doubt about it. Many planned projects will have to be delayed or cancelled. This will allow Whistlerites to look back at this time (early 2020s) with pride.

Will it cause an emergency if this budget item is not completed immediately? If yes, proceed the minimum viable project.

Of course there are items that will cause an emergency if not completed, these projects should proceed, but at the smallest possible scale. But there are many projects that RMOW plans to undertake over the next five years that will cost millions and result in no GHG reductions - these need to be postponed or cancelled.

These are the two bylaws that RMOW council can take today, that will radically alter its approach to climate action and put Whistler at the forefront of climate action.

Dear Council, be brave, have the courage to meet the looming climate apocalypse with as much ammunition and intention as possible. We need bigger moves and sooner, and we also need to create a

plan to meet our climate targets announced last year. And please, stop spending money on items that will not result in GHG reductions, those projects can be revisited AFTER we hit our climate targets.

Sincerely,

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