

Dear Mayor and Council -

I am writing to express concern over the speed with which RMOW is implementing its climate policy. As a licensed professional engineer and ski industry executive I understand that Whistler resort's ski business as well as the viability of the whole Whistler community is highly dependent on accelerating the reduction of green house gas emissions. As you know most GHG's come from the transportation and building sectors as well as from power plant emissions. Fortunately, BC has a lot of low carbon electricity so that is not so much of a problem.

My wife and I have been coming here since 1991 and have owned property here for over seven years. We recently decided to upgrade our nearly 30 year old windows with Energy Star rated units but found out the wait time for a building permit is about a year. This requirement seems to exemplify why the RMOW is having trouble achieving its GHG emission reduction goals. Compare this with Squamish's exemption from a Building Permit for a "like for like" replacement of doors and windows. <https://www.slrld.bc.ca/planning-building/building-inspection/frequently-asked-questions>. It is admirable that you have recently hired an energy consultant to advise you over the next two years about good clean energy practices but expediting people's ability to upgrade window replacements should be somewhat obvious. Time is of the essence.

As an EV owner I would also note that the RMOW could use many more EV charging stations which would encourage your millions of annual visitors to use nearly zero carbon electricity during their drive here. The #1 ski resort community in Canada has an opportunity to take a strong climate leadership position here.

As a business owner I know that some goals can be expensive to achieve but also that we can often make meaningful progress by simply changing the laws that we create. On the other hand, it is nearly impossible to change the laws of physics.

Thank you for your consideration.

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