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Mayor and Council  
Resort Municipality of Whistler  
4325 Blackcomb Way  
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Submitted via email to: [corporate@whistler.ca](mailto:corporate@whistler.ca)

**Re: Northlands Boulevard Rezoning**

Dear Mayor and Council,

On behalf of the Whistler Chamber of Commerce, I am writing to express our support for Beedie Living's proposed development at 4500 Northlands. The Whistler Chamber supports the rezoning of the 4500 Northlands Development for market accommodation units and strongly recommends prioritization of employee housing for the Community Amenity Contributions (CACs). We commend the Resort Municipality of Whistler for open and transparent discussions throughout the fall engagement process.

The Whistler Chamber has over 750 members, representing a diverse range of businesses, from accommodation and restaurants, to construction and retail. We understand the importance and value of living and working in the same community. The benefits are expansive, for the community, the economy and for individuals' quality of life.

The Whistler Chamber commends the efforts of the RMOW and the Whistler Housing Authority in delivering employee housing. With 84% of the workforce living and working in Whistler, the community is a recognized leader in the provision of employee housing. Despite this, our membership continues to highlight affordable housing as a key issue impacting their business, along with the cost of living and the cost of doing business, noting that businesses are often providing or supplementing housing for employees.

Member feedback specific to the Northlands Boulevard development has consistently highlighted the need for affordable housing for employees and that Northlands present an incredible opportunity to develop significant employee housing in a convenient location. In a recent member survey, employee housing was the top ranked use of CACs, with more than double the support of any of the other nine CAC uses proposed by the developer. This is consistent with qualitative feedback received from members via roundtables, committee and other meetings.

The Chamber strongly supports using CACs to deliver employee housing. Based on feedback from businesses, we believe the Northlands Development creates a unique opportunity to explore alternative models for resident-restricted covenant-based homes and introduce new ways to support young and/or seasonal workers.

In addition to employee housing, the Chamber would support construction of a childcare centre, enabling parents to return to the workforce and strengthening the stability of the economy. A lack of daycare disproportionately affects women, racialized and low-income families, and so a childcare centre would support a more accessible and inclusive community.

Members have also expressed interest in a community space that could be used for social interactions and/or non-profit organizations, and a cash contribution to off-site recreation (not specific to one sport). However, it should be highlighted that these interests fall short of the significant need for more employee housing.

Above and beyond, we recommend prioritizing space and CAC funding for employee housing to fully maximise the number of units available.

To conclude, the Whistler Chamber supports the project moving forward as soon as possible. We recommend employee housing as a priority for CAC allocation. The allocation of CAC funds should not delay the project any further. Now is the time to move forward with the project so that the community can have the opportunity to benefit from the development.

Thank you for considering our recommendations.

Yours sincerely,



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