



THE RESORT MUNICIPALITY OF WHISTLER

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Dear Tim Mckay,

I write on behalf of the Resort Municipality of Whistler (RMOW) located in British Columbia, Canada to request that your company begin taking financial responsibility for the climate-related harm caused in our community by your products. The RMOW is a destination four season resort which hosted the 2010 Olympic Games and boasts significant downhill skiing and mountain bike recreational amenities. As Mayor and Council, we are proud of the many people and businesses who call Whistler home, and who welcome over three million visitors each year.

Shifts in our climate are of great concern to us. Climate modelling shows that climate changes are expected to increase temperatures resulting in more rain in the valley during the winter, and less snow on the lower half of the ski areas. Our modelling also shows that summer seasons are becoming longer, hotter and drier resulting in increased risk of forest fires. Our 2018 budget alone included a \$1.4 million investment in community wildfire protection activities. These budget investments are expected to continue for at least 40 years into the future. As a town with a population of less than 15,000 people, this is a significant cost to bear along with costs associated with impacts to winter and summer sports tourism. In addition, there is increased risk of drought, flooding, and extreme weather.

These challenges and costs will only be greater if companies continue to develop fossil fuel reserves, ignoring the scientists who tell us that we cannot safely develop all of the existing reserves, and in fact need a dramatic shift toward renewable energy.

We recognize that climate change is a many-faceted issue. All levels of government, industry and individuals bear responsibility for solving and paying for climate impacts. However, we suggest that your company and industry bear a larger portion of the responsibility. Your industry is aware that its products have a negative impact on the climate, yet continues to develop new resources.

Currently, taxpayers are paying 100% of the costs associated with your product. We are writing to ask your company to commit to pay a fair share of the costs of climate change being experienced by Whistler. Communities around the world are increasingly expecting you to take responsibility for your products. We look forward to discussing how you will do so.

Sincerely,

Mayor Jack Crompton

Cc: Honourable George Heyman, Minister of Environment and Climate Change Strategy, Province of British Columbia
Honourable Catherine McKenna, Minister of Environment and Climate Change, Government of Canada