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My vision for you is...



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Renewing Whistler's Vision #MyFutureWhistler Ideabook

What's this all about?

This ideabook is your space to share your ideas, vision and aspirations for Whistler.

Whether you have been here for 30 years, three years or three months, we know you care about the future, the success and the sustainability of your home.

No-one knows Whistler better than the people who work, rest and play here. You know what makes our community a great one to be a part of and you see the areas where continued focus is required.

As part of the process of planning for Whistler's future the Resort Municipality of Whistler (RMOW) is leading the process in 2018 to update the Community Vision and Official Community Plan (OCP). To do this, we are seeking community input between March and July, 2018.

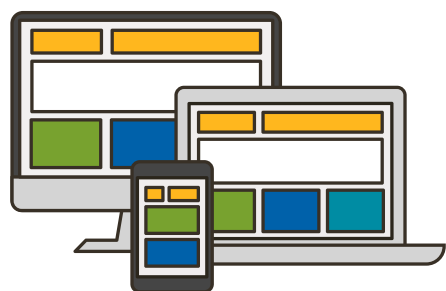
This ideabook is one avenue for collecting the community's input into the creation of Whistler's renewed Community Vision. This Vision will set our ambitions and aspirations for the future and guide community planning and decisions moving forward.

Thank you for taking this opportunity to share your thoughts and have your say on the following pages.

Prize Draw

To recognize your time and commitment to the community, you are welcome to enter your contact information into a draw – the three winners will be able to choose a month pass for either Whistler Transit or Meadow Park Sports Centre.

To enter, please add your phone number or email at the end of this ideabook.



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How to use this Ideabook

There are three sections in which you can provide input. Each section has a combination of quick and easy questions, as well as open-ended questions where you can add more detailed thoughts and ideas. You can choose how much or how little of the ideabook you'd like to complete, depending on the time you have and the topics you are most passionate about.

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Do you have?

10 minutes: Start at the 'Renewing Our Vision' section. If this is all the time you have we encourage you to complete this first section about your vision for Whistler's future.

30 minutes: The 'Our Shared Future' section delves into topics contained in the OCP. You can start with the topics that you care about most with the option to complete all questions, or skim through all sections and just complete the first rating scale question, which won't take as much time.

20 minutes: The 'Descriptions of Success' section includes statements from Whistler2020, which is being renewed. In this section you can simply pick the top statements you think should be in Whistler's renewed Community Vision and you can add statements that might be missing. Complete the topics you care most about or complete them all, it's up to you.

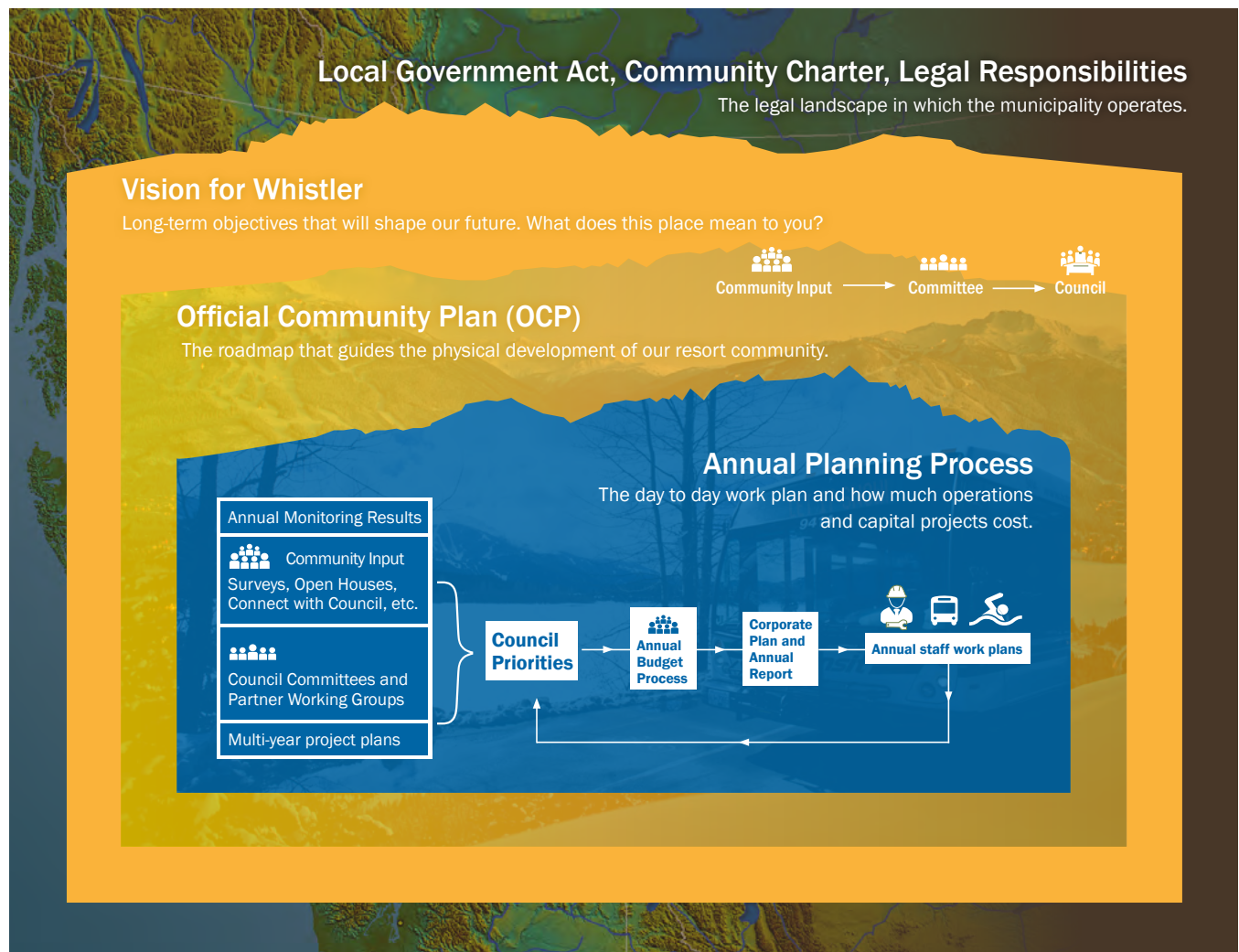
Or more: We encourage you to complete as many of the 'Our Shared Future' and 'Description of Success' topics as you can.

Why are Whistler's Vision and Community Plan important?

No matter how long you have called Whistler home or how often you visit, everyone is affected by Whistler's Vision and Official Community Plan.

Our Vision sets out our ambitions and aspirations for the future. It is what we – as a resort community – are aiming to achieve. Our current Vision, Whistler 2020, has served us well, building upon the early aspirations and visionary thinking that laid the foundation for Whistler's success.

The renewed Vision will work hand-in-hand with Whistler's OCP. Where the Vision paints a long-term (20+ year) picture of the future we want for Whistler, the OCP sets the path to realizing this future. For example, how land in Whistler is used is guided by goals, policies and regulations in the OCP. The OCP affects decisions related to these and many other aspects of life in Whistler.



Where have we come from?

Knowing where we've come from – our heritage and history – helps to ground our decisions for the future. Through careful planning and organic evolution, our community's vision for our future and connection to our mountain environment continues to be critical to Whistler's success and quality of life.

Whistler's success is the result of passion and innovation of people just like you. Our community members and leaders have made Whistler the incredible place it is today: from Whistler's first settlers, to those who helped establish it as the first resort municipality in Canada in 1975, and the thriving community that became Host Mountain Resort of the 2010 Olympic and Paralympic Winter Games.

The current process to update our Community Vision and OCP will build upon significant contributions from past project and recent work. Thanks to the contributions of community members, our current vision, Whistler2020, has successfully guided Whistler since its adoption in 2005, after two years of consultation and community collaboration. It built upon the early aspirations and visionary thinking that laid the foundation for Whistler's success. We will also build on the more than 2,500 hours of community time invested into the development of Whistler's OCP between 2010 and 2013.

With your help, the renewed Community Vision and updated OCP will reflect the best interests of our resort community and its long-term success, and will foster ever-stronger relations with the Lil'wat Nation and Squamish Nation.

Recent Community Planning Work

In addition to the development of Whistler2020 and the draft OCP, significant detailed community planning has been undertaken with many community members engaged in the work. This work will be considered and incorporated as relevant into our renewed Community Vision and updated OCP.

Community Cultural Plan: www.whistler.ca/culturalplan

Community Energy and Climate Action Plan: www.whistler.ca/climateaction

Economic Partnership Initiative: www.whistler.ca/economicdevelopment

Learning and Education Strategy: www.whistler.ca/education

Mayor's Task Force on Resident Housing: www.whistler.ca/housing

Recreation Leisure Master Plan: www.whistler.ca/recmasterplan

Resort Municipality Initiative: www.whistler.ca/RMI

Solid Waste Management Strategy: www.whistler.ca/wastestrategy

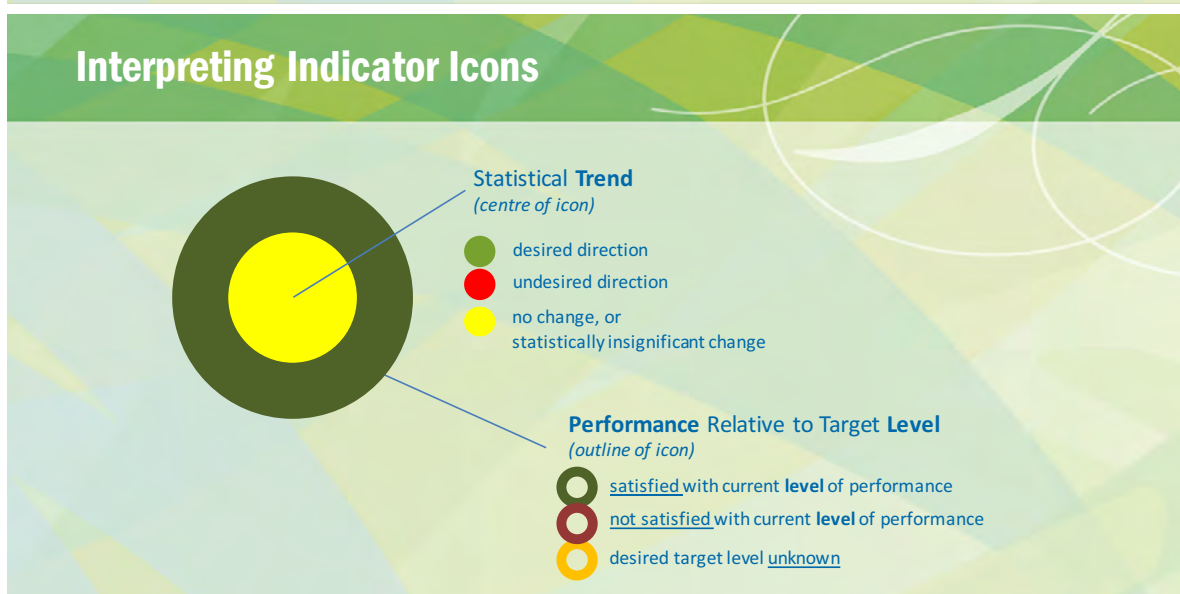
Tourist Accommodation Review: www.whistler.ca/touristaccommodation

Transportation Action Plan: www.whistler.ca/movingWhistler

Wildfire Protection Strategy: www.whistler.ca/wildfire

Community Indicators – Our Current Performance

Whistler's community monitoring program tracks our progress, informs decision-making and ensures accountability towards our Community Vision. The core community indicators are presented below along with a summary of the 2016 performance results. Note that 2017 results are currently being compiled and will be available in the second quarter of 2018. These core community indicators represent just 22 of the 90+ indicators that are regularly measured and reported. For the full set, visit whistler.ca/monitoring.





What's next?

It's your turn. Tell us what you think.

We have a long history of creating a clear vision and setting ambitious goals.

It's time to do the same again. Let's be ambitious and reach far. Let's create something that matters – something to strive for.

It's your turn. The rest of the ideabook is for you to provide input on the Vision for Whistler's future.



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Renewing Our Vision

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Vision Statement

A vision statement helps remind us – and quickly conveys to others – who we are as a community, and what we're aspiring to achieve. It should be concise, easy to remember and inspiring.

Our current vision statement:

Whistler will be the premiere mountain resort community – as we move toward sustainability.

1. To what extent do you like this vision statement for Whistler?

☐ Really dislike ☐ Dislike ☐ Neutral ☐ Like ☐ Really like

2. What do you think about the current vision statement?

What do you like about the vision statement, if anything?

What would you change? What words should be used?

Our Vision in More Detail

In addition to the vision statement, a more detailed picture of the future we are aiming to achieve is needed if we are all going to be able to move toward it in a coordinated way. Help us articulate Whistler's vision in more detail.

1. What do you love about Whistler today?

- What do you love about Whistler?
- What makes Whistler a great place? A great community? A great resort?

2. What should Whistler strive for over the next 10-20 years above all else? What are the most important achievements we should aim for? Please give us your top three ideas.

Note: To share additional ideas and more detail about what you think Whistler should strive for in the future, please see the 'Our Shared Future' section (section 2) that asks for your vision of the future in relation to specific topic areas (e.g., growth management, quality of life, economy, natural environment).

[Go to list of more specific topic areas to comment on](#)



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OCP 'Our Shared Future' Content

The Our Shared Future section looks at the desired future outcomes for key aspects of Whistler's community. It looks at topics such as growth management, quality of life, climate action and everything in between.

For each of the topics below, there are descriptions of future success that were developed in 2010-2011 and included in the 2011 draft OCP.

Go to topics below and share your thoughts. Do the vision descriptions capture what you'd like to see for the future of Whistler? Is there anything that's missing or that you'd like to see changed?

Ways to complete this section:

- You can complete some or all of the topics. We recommend you start with the topics you are most passionate about.
- Answer the quick 'rating scale' to indicate how well you think the current content describes the desired future for this topic.
- We encourage you to respond to all the questions for each topic.

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Growth Management

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Our Shared Future

Understanding our limits to growth has allowed Whistler to focus its efforts to sustain our resort community success and prosperity. The growth management framework that has been adhered to has given clear direction for land use and development and on-going enhancement of the Whistler Experience.

Whistler is proving daily we can sustain prosperity by strategically leveraging and complementing our natural, social and built assets without continual expansion and land use development. Citizens and stakeholders convene regularly to review community priorities and collaboratively consider and pursue new opportunities that advance Whistler's progress towards its vision.

The Whistler Urban Development Containment Boundary, bed unit cap and Whistler Land Use Map have proven to be successful tools in achieving the greatest benefit to the resort community from existing and planned development while preserving and enhancing the Whistler Experience. Whistler has a hierarchy of strong mixed use centres with Whistler Village serving as the town centre and hub of the resort community. Sensitive natural areas and green spaces remain intact preserving natural functions, community character and visitor and resident activities. Whistler's residential neighbourhoods are diverse and support healthy living. The local economy has benefited from strategic and collaborative efforts that have leveraged Whistler's existing built and natural assets.

By recognizing and seizing the opportunity to capitalize on existing assets, manage our growth, innovate and remain true to our values, Whistler continues to break ground as the premiere mountain resort community. We are healthy, happy and prosperous. We did this together, and in spite of global economic challenges, we are effectively participating in the global tourism sector as a recognized leader.

1. To what extent do you agree with this vision of the future?

☐ Strongly disagree ☐ Disagree ☐ Neutral ☐ Agree ☐ Strongly agree

2. What part of this vision is most important to you?

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Residential Accommodation

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Our Shared Future

Whistler is a community of distinct neighbourhoods each with a unique character supporting diversity, variety and choice in housing. Neighbourhoods have a harmonious relationship with the natural landscape which remains predominant.

Green buffers between neighbourhood pods contribute to neighbourhood identity, pride and social-wellbeing. Trail networks provide connections and promote walkability. They also extend access into nature for peace and tranquility, recreation, leisure and healthy living. Easy access to nature is fundamental to Whistler's quality of life and has been a primary consideration in the development and protection of Whistler's residential neighbourhoods.

Housing has been developed close to transit, pedestrian and bicycle routes, and amenities and services to reduce auto dependency. While single family housing remains the largest segment of housing in Whistler, densities in selected areas have increased with the support of the neighbourhood adding further variety in housing choice.

Whistler's employees enjoy a secure supply of resident restricted housing that includes a range of housing types, prices and tenures. This supply has maintained at least 75 per cent of employees living in Whistler and contributing to resort community vibrancy.

New housing and renovations incorporate a variety of green building features helping to reduce energy demand and GHG emissions and providing healthy homes.

1. To what extent do you agree with this vision of the future?

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Strongly disagree

☐

Disagree

☐

Neutral

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Agree

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Strongly agree

2. What part of this vision is most important to you?

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Visitor Accommodation

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Our Shared Future

Whistler's diverse accommodation offerings provide a variety of locations, amenities and services that fulfill visitor expectations and help maintain Whistler's position as a premiere destination resort. Visitor accommodations and tourism capacities have achieved a healthy balance resulting in increased occupancy rates and revenues.

A supportive reinvestment strategy has facilitated maintenance and enhancement of visitor accommodation properties. Reinvestment has incorporated green building practices helping Whistler to remain internationally competitive as a global tourism leader through the provision of a diverse and accessible visitor accommodation sector.

1. To what extent do you agree with this vision of the future?

☐ Strongly disagree ☐ Disagree ☐ Neutral ☐ Agree ☐ Strongly agree

2. What part of this vision is most important to you?

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Commercial and Light Industrial

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Our Shared Future

Complementary commercial and light industrial centres have been created, each with a distinct role, character and mix of uses, achieved through neighbourhood-level planning and community input.

Whistler Village is the municipality's commercial and social hub. Collaborative work with business owners on “place-making” has resulted in distinct neighbourhoods being created within the Village. Vibrant public spaces and unique local businesses work symbiotically to intensify the Whistler Experience.

Meanwhile, Whistler Creek is a thriving mixed-use centre, while Function Junction continues to be the general-purpose business district and “Back-of-House” area for the resort community. Centrally located pockets of service commercial and light industrial provide convenient and accessible space and facilities for local businesses. The social connections and walkability of neighbourhoods have been strengthened through appropriately-scaled convenience commercial that work to meet the day-to-day needs of Whistler's neighbourhoods. High-quality mountain design, architecture, landscaping and green building are a common thread throughout the resilient resort community commercial and light industrial sectors.

1. To what extent do you agree with this vision of the future?

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Resource Extraction

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Our Shared Future

Whistler has identified and managed the use of extractable natural resources wisely. Protection and enhancement of the natural environment are the key factors in resource-use decisions designed to provide Whistler with adequate and accessible rock, sand and gravel for localized use in the maintenance of the municipality's transportation routes and other infrastructure. Resource extraction operations minimize intrusion on human settlement areas while maximizing value to the resort community.

The Cheakamus Community Forest is a leading example of partnership and ecological forestry practices through the application of ecosystem-based management – establishing a new best practice in community forestry operations that has been applied in other jurisdictions.

1. To what extent do you agree with this vision of the future?

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2. What part of this vision is most important to you?

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Economic Viability

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Our Shared Future

Whistler is a bustling resort community with stable year-round visitation and business activity. Local businesses flourish and generate sustainable livelihoods for our residents and economic returns for investors. Tourism remains the primary driver of Whistler's economic success, supported by compatible activities that provide a healthy diversified marketplace.

Whistler was designed as a destination resort and the community supports building on that foundation and continues to expand into ventures that complement tourism to increase its attractiveness as a destination resort. Whistler has proven to be resilient through collaboration and partnerships. The resort's success continues to be based on its ability to promote meaningful and vibrant experiences and offerings, from the core recreational activities to shopping and dining along with numerous festivals, events and arts and cultural activities, corporate conferences, spa and wellness retreats.

Whistler's resilience is due in part to its ability to track and adapt to external trends such as globalization, demographic change, upward pressures on energy and transportation prices, and growing competition. Through proactive strategies and commitment to community values, Whistler maintains its position as a global leader amongst destination mountain resort communities.

Community investments in municipal facilities, works and services, operations, maintenance levels and resort community programming including events are an important factor in maintaining the Whistler Experience. Investments undergo scrutiny to maximize benefit to the resort community and minimize taxpayer impact. Costs are shared equitably among visitors, residents and investors through a user-pay and pay-as-you-go approach for services such as recreation, parking and utilities. Revenues from this approach are placed in capital reserve funds to pay for infrastructure projects, avoiding debt financing and associated borrowing costs. These are the foundations to the Five-Year Financial Plan, Whistler's plan for efficient fiscal planning and investment.

1. To what extent do you agree with this vision of the future?

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Natural Environment

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Our Shared Future

Whistler's natural environment is one of the resort community's greatest assets, and residents and visitors continue to understand its importance to Whistler's success and to the health of current and future generations. Whistler's stewardship ethic has informed land use decisions to maintain healthy ecosystems, beautiful landscapes and a close connection between developed and natural areas.

Sensitive ecosystems with high biodiversity values are protected through legal and policy tools. Native plants continue to thrive in the Whistler valley. Invasive species are, wherever possible, eliminated and prevented.

Residents enjoy clean water thanks to a municipal strategy that focuses on the entire water system from sourcing, through distribution and use, to treatment and disposal, as well as the state of infrastructure and management practices. Whistler's air quality exceeds provincial guidelines, due in part to a reduction in particulates and other emissions from transportation, industry, home heating and other human-created sources. At night, residents can enjoy the night sky through conservative use of lighting that still meets safety needs.

1. To what extent do you agree with this vision of the future?

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2. What part of this vision is most important to you?

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Quality of Life – Accessibility

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Our Shared Future

Supported by many community partners and the provincial government, the RMOW is a fully accessible and inclusive resort community for residents and visitors. Everyone, regardless of background or ability has the opportunity to enjoy the Whistler Experience.

1. To what extent do you agree with this vision of the future?

☐ Strongly disagree ☐ Disagree ☐ Neutral ☐ Agree ☐ Strongly agree

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Quality of Life – Arts, Culture & Heritage

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Our Shared Future

Whistler has a unique cultural identity with a rich and diverse offering of arts, cultural and heritage events and programs for the enjoyment and enrichment of residents and visitors. Whistler's people, history, First Nations culture, natural environment and sport heritage are showcased and celebrated. The resort community's spirit is alive with creative energy and aesthetic appreciation. Cultural tourism initiatives attract visitors and contribute to the Whistler Experience and local economy. Local and regional artists contribute to the resort community's health, vitality and economic prosperity. Whistler's community organizations and businesses regularly showcase the work of local and regional artists in the resort. Thanks to non-profit as well as private-sector participation, Whistler offers many opportunities for education and participation as well as enjoyment of arts, culture and heritage.

Whistler is further enriched by an array of stunning public art placed throughout the resort community. The municipality continues to encourage the installation of art throughout the resort community.

1. To what extent do you agree with this vision of the future?

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2. What part of this vision is most important to you?

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Quality of Life – Children and Youth

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Our Shared Future

The health and well-being of Whistler's children and youth are supported by a variety of programs, facilities and services facilitated by the municipality and resort community partnerships. Youth are proud of where they live and are actively engaged in the future of the resort community.

1. To what extent do you agree with this vision of the future?

☐ Strongly disagree ☐ Disagree ☐ Neutral ☐ Agree ☐ Strongly agree

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Quality of Life – Education and Learning

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Our Shared Future

Whistler offers residents and visitors a variety of options for diverse and accessible lifelong learning. The community boasts a learning culture that is nurtured and promoted locally and regionally through these opportunities.

Families choose Whistler because the community's education system is designed to support students who are striving to achieve excellence in all aspects of education, including personal growth and self-esteem. The resort community provides high quality learning opportunities and facilities by supporting and collaborating with relevant school administrations, the BC Ministry of Education and post-secondary institutions. Many additional learning opportunities are available, such as speaker series, conferences and community forums. Education is an important contributor to Whistler's culture and local economy.

1. To what extent do you agree with this vision of the future?

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Quality of Life – Health and Wellness

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Our Shared Future

Whistler's focus on health has evolved to treat the physical body, mind and spirit holistically. Whistler benefits from a healthy natural environment and abundant recreation and leisure activities.

The provincial medical health system is viable and provides high-quality service that meets the diverse needs of residents and visitors. In addition, the resort community has a wide range of world class health and wellness services provided by private practitioners. These services benefit resort community quality of life and enhance the attractiveness of Whistler as a resort destination.

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Quality of Life – Food

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Our Shared Future

Whistler enjoys a community-supported local food system, whether it's at the local farmer's market, hobby farm, community garden, local restaurant or grocer.

Whistler supports regional agricultural land being preserved and enhanced for increased production. Opportunities for food production on protected farmland and developed lands are encouraged and are supported by Whistler's population of residents and visitors. Regional food producers, retailers and First Nations food traditions are celebrated and supported in the marketplace as valuable components of the region's identity, health, vitality and economic prosperity.

1. To what extent do you agree with this vision of the future?

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Quality of Life – Recreation & Leisure

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Our Shared Future

Whistler is globally recognized as a leader in offering innovative and unique recreation, sport and leisure activities. Residents and visitors of all ages and abilities enjoy year-round opportunities that encourage an active resort community lifestyle.

Whistler's outdoor recreation and leisure opportunities take advantage of Whistler's mountain landscape and natural beauty. The resort community is recognized for its efforts to minimize impacts on the natural environment associated with recreation and leisure infrastructure and operations. Whistler is best known throughout the world for its alpine skiing, snowboarding and mountain biking, in addition to a broad range of other activities. An extensive network of open spaces, trails and parks is continually enhanced and provides an abundance of opportunities for recreation and leisure. The municipality's Recreation Master Plan (RMP) reflects the needs of Whistler residents and achieves a balance between recreation and leisure infrastructure and protection of the natural environment. With input from relevant stakeholders and agencies, the plan provides direction for municipal council to ensure that Whistler's natural and recreational resources are preserved and that parkland is set aside for future use. The RMP allows the resort community to be strategic in the provision of recreation and leisure infrastructure. Recreational trends, issues and opportunities are always changing, but Whistler remains at the leading edge, continually providing new or refreshed reasons to come to the resort.

1. To what extent do you agree with this vision of the future?

☐ Strongly disagree ☐ Disagree ☐ Neutral ☐ Agree ☐ Strongly agree

2. What part of this vision is most important to you?

3. What's missing from this vision or should be changed? What else should Whistler strive for in the future related to this topic?

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Quality of Life – Public Safety

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Our Shared Future

Whistler is kept safe for visitors and residents alike through the provision of police, fire, rescue and emergency services. In addition, the community is prepared for potential emergency events from man-made to naturally occurring emergency situations. Whistler is a healthy community and residents and visitors enjoy resort community amenities peacefully and safely.

1. To what extent do you agree with this vision of the future?

☐ Strongly disagree ☐ Disagree ☐ Neutral ☐ Agree ☐ Strongly agree

2. What part of this vision is most important to you?

3. What's missing from this vision or should be changed? What else should Whistler strive for in the future related to this topic?

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Climate Action & Energy

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Our Shared Future

Across Whistler, residents and businesses are using less energy and are reducing emissions while enjoying unprecedented success as a resort community. Whistler has effectively decoupled energy consumption from economic progress, and continues to thrive, becoming a richer, healthier, lower-carbon society.

Whistler has dedicated itself to energy conservation as a core strategy for achieving its climate change mitigation commitments. While maintaining tourism as its primary economic engine, the resort community took the lead in reducing GHG emissions from passenger vehicle transportation, commercial fleets, transit, residential and commercial buildings, as well as municipal and community infrastructure. Committing to our community-adopted targets, Whistler has reduced its community-wide energy consumption by more than 10% from 2007 levels. Whistler has concentrated development within the area bounded by Function Junction in the south and Emerald Estates in the north, utilizing existing infrastructure systems and avoiding the negative traffic and GHG emission impacts characteristic of a more spread-out development pattern. Usage of preferred modes of transportation such as public transit, bicycles and walking have increased considerably, leading to greater use of our commuter trail networks, reduced single-occupant vehicle use, and an increasingly successful public transit system.

Small-scale, renewable energy production has become prominent across the community, with cost-effective rooftop solar technologies making up the fastest growing share. Green building techniques and energy-sharing solutions like district energy systems have reduced energy consumption and GHG emissions – while proving cost-effective. A community-supported new district energy system is being evaluated for integration into the higher-density areas of Whistler Village – a community investment that could further reduce energy consumption in the core commercial area, generating operating cost savings and still further reducing our contribution to a changing climate.

Moreover, Whistler has recognized that despite our best efforts, the climate is unfortunately changing – and with these changes, comes the need to strategically adapt. Ongoing vulnerability assessments for all key social, economic and environmental systems have become core to informed planning and decision making, and collectively increasingly shape the way the community prepares for its ongoing prosperity and well-being.

In sum, the simultaneously higher-quality and lower energy visitor experience in Whistler continues to set the resort apart from other places in North America and has helped to ensure its success as a world-class resort community – all while decreasing the emissions associated with traditional tourism patterns and infrastructure, as well as limiting energy cost increases to local businesses and residents, and protecting key community assets.

1. To what extent do you agree with this vision of the future?

☐ Strongly disagree ☐ Disagree ☐ Neutral ☐ Agree ☐ Strongly agree

2. What part of this vision is most important to you?

3. What's missing from this vision or should be changed? What else should Whistler strive for in the future related to this topic?

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Transportation & Infrastructure

The content below was developed in 2010-2011 and is contained in the 2011 draft OCP to describe the desired future for this topic. Once this content is updated to reflect community input gathered through this 2018 process, the goals, objectives and policies of the OCP will be updated accordingly.

Our Shared Future

Whistler's transportation and infrastructure systems are integral to the livability and success of Whistler as a resort community. Whistler residents are encouraged to use walking, cycling and public transit, supported by excellent transportation infrastructure oriented to these modes. As a result, residents and visitors increasingly choose preferred modes over single-occupancy vehicle trips.

Whistler's transit system continues to experience the highest ridership in British Columbia and is delivered efficiently and cost effectively while maintaining affordability and the highest possible service levels. With a wide range and frequency of regional bus services, it's never been easier to travel to Vancouver and beyond.

Whistler's water, wastewater, rainwater management, and solid waste infrastructure systems set a high standard, consistent with the resort community's standing as a world class destination that is steadily moving towards sustainability. Whistler residents and visitors enjoy high quality drinking water and do their best to conserve this valuable resource. A dependable water supply is in place for personal, commercial and fire protection needs. Rainwater management and flood control measures replicate natural hydrological systems and functions as much as possible. Continual innovation in solid waste treatment as well as aggressive composting and recycling programs ensure that Whistler's Zero Waste Goal has been met and is being sustained.

1. To what extent do you agree with this vision of the future?

☐ Strongly disagree ☐ Disagree ☐ Neutral ☐ Agree ☐ Strongly agree

2. What part of this vision is most important to you?

3. What's missing from this vision or should be changed? What else should Whistler strive for in the future related to this topic?

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First Nations

Squamish Nation and Lil'wat Nation

In the spirit of establishing a cooperative government-to-government relationship and working towards the greater goal of reconciliation with First Nations, Whistler is continuing to work with the Squamish Nation and Lil'wat Nation to help create a shared future. The RMOW presents this working shared future as an opportunity for engagement and input from all community members and from First Nations.

As part of the process to renew Whistler's Vision, we recognize the need to better represent the Squamish Nation and Lil'wat Nation as an integral part of our community. Whistler, along with other community partners, has been working to enhance our relationship with the Squamish Nation and Lil'wat Nation. Working together to create our shared future is part of this ongoing collaborative process.

What is presented below was not a part of the 2011 draft OCP and is introduced as a new shared future, which aims to recognize the importance of both First Nations involvement in the overall Whistler community, highlighting the Squamish and Lil'wat Nations' current and historic connection to Whistler and its surroundings.

The content below is intended to describe the future for this topic. The goals, objectives and policies of the OCP will be updated with the aim to achieve these futures.

Notes for Our Shared Future

There is a greater overall respect and understanding of the Squamish Nation and Lil'wat Nation. Whistler recognizes the connection of the Nations to the lands and waters of the Whistler region and that Whistler's municipal boundaries lie within the unceded territories of the Squamish Nation and Lil'wat Nation. Whistler is working to create an enduring relationship with Squamish Nation and Lil'wat Nation based on trust, honour and good will.

Whistler and the Nations have moved beyond formality and have interactions rooted in a sincere and genuine relationship of mutual respect. This relationship provides an avenue for sharing information, addressing issues of mutual interest and increasing understandings of the Squamish Nation, Lil'wat Nation and Whistler.

In the spirit of a government-to-government relationship, Whistler, Squamish Nation and Lil'wat Nation recognize that they each have distinct governance authorities and responsibilities towards their respective land, resources and citizens. The governments are meeting regularly to promote and encourage open and constructive dialogue.

Building off enhanced cultural awareness and stronger government-to-government relationships, the governments are working collaboratively to support and ensure that both Whistler and the Nations benefit from the tourism economy and complementary economic development opportunities, and integrate the Squamish and Lil'wat Nations' history and culture within the resort community boundary. The Nations' archaeological, heritage and other cultural interests are protected wherever practicable.

Whistler and the Nations work collaboratively to protect and enhance sensitive and important ecosystems integral to Whistler's biodiversity. Lil'wat Nation and Squamish Nation knowledge inform policies developed to protect species at risk, reduce contact between wildlife and people and support the traditional values and practices of the Nations.

1. To what extent do you agree with this vision of the future?

☐ Strongly disagree ☐ Disagree ☐ Neutral ☐ Agree ☐ Strongly agree

2. What part of this vision is most important to you?

3. What's missing from this vision or should be changed? What else should Whistler strive for in the future related to this topic?

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Whistler2020 'Descriptions of Success'

Whistler2020 ‘Descriptions of Success’

These Description of Success (DOS) statements are a key element of the Whistler2020 Community Vision, which is now being updated. The statements were developed by the community in 2004-2005 and provided a detailed picture of the future for each of 17 topic areas.

What we want to hear from you: Which statements are most important for describing the future that Whistler should be aiming to achieve? Is there anything critical missing? Our objective is to ensure that the most important and meaningful statements are reflected in Whistler’s renewed Community Vision.

Ways to complete this section:

- Circle/check your top statements in each section (see the first question)
- Focus on the topics you care about, and complete those sections in full
- Respond to all questions in all sections

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Arts, Culture and Heritage

The statements below describe what Arts, Culture and Heritage should look like in an ideal future – one where Whistler is both successful and sustainable. They are not statements of today's situation or current performance, and they are listed in no particular order.

- ☐ The community is passionate about arts, culture and heritage, and is alive with creative energy and aesthetic appreciation
- ☐ Arts, culture and heritage, and their local creators and contributors, are appreciated and supported as cornerstones of the resort community's health, vitality and economic prosperity
- ☐ There is a physical and organizational focal point for the diversity of arts, culture and heritage activities that spread throughout the community
- ☐ Whistler's people and history, the natural environment and First Nations culture are retained, celebrated and reflected through authentic and diverse offerings
- ☐ Local and regional heritage, culture and community spirit are shared locally and beyond Whistler
- ☐ A range of arts, cultural and heritage opportunities are meaningful, accessible and financially affordable
- ☐ Arts, cultural and heritage opportunities attract visitors and contribute to the experience and local economy
- ☐ Whistler is a magnet for international artists who come here to perform, create, teach and be inspired
- ☐ Ecologically harmful substances and practices are replaced with more sustainable alternatives

1. What are the top 3 statements that describe what success in this topic area MUST look like in the future? (Check/circle your top 3 statements)

2. What critical statements (if any) are missing?

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Built Environment

The statements below describe what this topic should look like in an ideal future – one where Whistler is both successful and sustainable. They are not statements of today's situation or current performance, and they are listed in no particular order.

- ☐ Limits to growth are understood and respected
- ☐ The built environment anticipates and accommodates the needs of the resident community while also satisfying the expectations of guests
- ☐ Continuous encroachment on nature is avoided
- ☐ Residents live, work and play in relatively compact, mixed-use neighborhoods that reflect Whistler's character and are close to appropriate green space, transit, trails, amenities and services
- ☐ Community spaces encourage personal interaction and shared activities
- ☐ Building design, construction and operation is characterized by efficiency, durability and flexibility for changing and long-term uses
- ☐ The new and renovated built environment has transitioned towards sustainable management of energy and materials
- ☐ Landscaped areas consist of native plant species that eliminate the need for watering and chemical use
- ☐ Smart growth policies and initiatives contribute to the financial health of the community
- ☐ Whistler's green building sector contributes to the local economy
- ☐ To maintain vibrancy, Whistler Village is the core of the resort community
- ☐ Streamlined policies, regulations and programs have helped to efficiently and effectively achieve green development
- ☐ Building ownership is structured to continually encourage transition toward a flexible and improved built environment over time
- ☐ Whistler is globally recognized as a centre of excellence in sustainable community development

1. What are the top 5 statements that describe what success in this topic area MUST look like in the future? (Check/circle your top 5 statements)

2. What critical statements (if any) are missing?

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Economic

The statements below describe what this topic should look like in an ideal future – one where Whistler is both successful and sustainable. They are not statements of today's situation or current performance, and they are listed in no particular order.

- ☐ Whistler has a diversified and year-round tourism economy
- ☐ The Whistler economy provides opportunities for achieving competitive return on invested capital
- ☐ Whistler's tourism economy is progressive and ensures the highest and best use of limited financial, social and natural resources in the long-term
- ☐ Whistler proactively seizes economic opportunities that are compatible with tourism, and effectively adapts to changing external conditions
- ☐ Locally owned and operated businesses thrive and are an encouraged component of a healthy business mix
- ☐ Whistler holds competitive advantage in the destination resort marketplace as a result of its vibrancy and unique character, products and services
- ☐ Products and services that offer high net value to users drive Whistler's economic activities
- ☐ A skilled workforce supports the local economy, and the local economy supports the skilled workforce
- ☐ Physical and social infrastructure attract and support work and investment
- ☐ Effective partnerships with government and tourism organizations support economic health
- ☐ The Whistler community shares resources and works together to compete in the destination resort market
- ☐ Whistler is an integral part of the region's economy

1. **What are the top 4 statements that describe what success in this topic area MUST look like in the future?** (Check/circle your top 4 statements)
2. **What critical statements (if any) are missing?**

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Energy

The statements below describe what this topic should look like in an ideal future – one where Whistler is both successful and sustainable. They are not statements of today's situation or current performance, and they are listed in no particular order.

- ☐ Whistler's energy system is supplied by a mix of sources that are local and regional wherever possible
- ☐ Whistler's energy system maximizes economic opportunities within the energy sector, and optimizes a balance between increasing energy efficiency and generating new supply
- ☐ The energy system is continuously moving towards a state whereby a buildup of emissions and waste into air, land and water is eliminated
- ☐ The energy system is continuously moving towards a state whereby the net physical impact to land and water ecosystems is eliminated
- ☐ Community energy needs are met equitably
- ☐ Whistler's energy system is transitioning to renewable energy sources
- ☐ Energy is generated, distributed, and used efficiently, through market transformation, design, and appropriate end uses
- ☐ Residents, businesses and visitors understand energy issues
- ☐ Whistler's actions will positively influence other communities' and stakeholders' movement toward sustainability

1. What are the top 3 statements that describe what success in this topic area MUST look like in the future? (Check/circle your top 3 statements)

2. What critical statements (if any) are missing?

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Finance

The statements below describe what this topic should look like in an ideal future – one where Whistler is both successful and sustainable. They are not statements of today's situation or current performance, and they are listed in no particular order.

- ☐ Whistler lives within its financial means
- ☐ The resort community effectively and efficiently balances its costs and expenditures
- ☐ The cost of maintaining the resort community is shared
- ☐ Resort community partners work together to identify shared spending priorities, share resources, and leverage funds and financing opportunities
- ☐ Resort community partners align their financial planning
- ☐ Senior levels of government recognize the value of the resort community and support its success
- ☐ Whistler has a healthy economy that generates revenue to contribute to the resort's funding base
- ☐ Financial principles, practices and tools employed by both the public and private sectors encourage behaviour that moves Whistler toward success and sustainability
- ☐ The long-term consequences of decisions are carefully considered
- ☐ Common evaluation criteria are used to assess actions and spending priorities, ensuring that all resource allocations strategically move Whistler toward its vision

1. **What are the top 3 statements that describe what success in this topic area MUST look like in the future?** (Check/circle your top 3 statements)
2. **What critical statements (if any) are missing?**

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Food

The statements below describe what this topic should look like in an ideal future – one where Whistler is both successful and sustainable. They are not statements of today's situation or current performance, and they are listed in no particular order.

- ☐ All community members have dignified access to sufficient, nutritious, culturally appropriate, safe and affordable food
- ☐ Regional agricultural land is preserved, enhanced and replenished and encroachment on nature is minimized
- ☐ Opportunities for food production on both protected farmland and developed lands are encouraged
- ☐ The food system is managed through best practices to maximize biodiversity
- ☐ Materials, synthetic chemicals and persistent compounds in the food system are proactively managed to protect and promote human and ecosystem health
- ☐ Waste from the food system is continually decreasing, what remains is being increasingly diverted from landfills, and material inputs are progressively more sustainable
- ☐ Water is used efficiently and water quality is protected throughout all aspects of the food system
- ☐ Energy use and related emissions are being reduced within the food system and are transitioning toward renewable energy
- ☐ Community members continually learn about food, its cycles and the complexity of its social, economic and environmental benefits and impacts
- ☐ The food system and related activities enhance the regional economy, increasing regional jobs and wealth from farm to fork
- ☐ Regional food producers, retailers and First Nations traditions are celebrated and supported in the marketplace as valuable components of the region's identity, health, vitality and economic prosperity
- ☐ The region holds a shared vision for the food system and works together to achieve that vision and share it with visitors

1. **What are the top 4 statements that describe what success in this topic area MUST look like in the future?** (Check/circle your top 4 statements)
2. **What critical statements (if any) are missing?**

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Health and Social

The statements below describe what this topic should look like in an ideal future – one where Whistler is both successful and sustainable. They are not statements of today's situation or current performance, and they are listed in no particular order.

- ☐ Community members and visitors maintain and improve their physical, mental, spiritual and social health through prevention and treatment services provided by the Partners
- ☐ Community members and visitors learn about and enjoy experiences with other cultures and generations through activities and events stimulated and facilitated by the Partners
- ☐ Community members understand and respect diverse views and are encouraged to do so through a variety of initiatives provided by the Partners
- ☐ Chemical-free, organically-grown food produced in the Sea-to-Sky Corridor is available year-round at a price affordable to community members. When it is not available or affordable, then the nearest possible sources are used to supply the community
- ☐ Community members and visitors are civil and law abiding, and they respect each other's physical space and emotional boundaries
- ☐ Community members eat healthy food, exercise and engage in leisure and other stress relieving activities that assist in preventing illness and they avoid the abusive use of substances that evidence indicates have negative effects on physical and mental health
- ☐ Community members accept responsibility for their own health, and that of other members of the community, by participating in the activities identified in this description of success
- ☐ The special needs of community members and visitors with disabilities are met

1. What are the top 3 statements that describe what success in this topic area MUST look like in the future? (Check/circle your top 3 statements)

2. What critical statements (if any) are missing?

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Learning

The statements below describe what this topic should look like in an ideal future – one where Whistler is both successful and sustainable. They are not statements of today's situation or current performance, and they are listed in no particular order.

- ☐ Diverse and affordable lifelong learning opportunities exist to meet the community's needs
- ☐ A learning culture is nurtured and promoted locally and regionally through diverse formal and informal opportunities and leverages Whistler's international stature
- ☐ The early learning needs of children in the resort community are met
- ☐ A high quality kindergarten through post-secondary education system offers a diversity of programs that meet the needs and expectations of the community
- ☐ Residents and visitors have many opportunities to actively learn about the resort community, the natural environment and First Nations culture
- ☐ Opportunities exist within developed and recreational areas for people to learn about the natural environment
- ☐ Learning opportunities contribute to the local economy and attract visitors to the resort community for learning vacations
- ☐ Learning opportunities foster collaboration, trust and community engagement and build the community's capacity for achieving Whistler's vision of success and sustainability for future generations

1. **What are the top 3 statements that describe what success in this topic area MUST look like in the future?** (Check/circle your top 3 statements)
2. **What critical statements (if any) are missing?**

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Materials and Solid Waste

The statements below describe what this topic should look like in an ideal future – one where Whistler is both successful and sustainable. They are not statements of today's situation or current performance, and they are listed in no particular order.

- ☐ Whistler offers the same or higher quality service using less materials than in the past
- ☐ Whistler is using durable materials that are less environmentally harmful, preferring recycled, natural and sustainably harvested materials, and plentiful metals
- ☐ The resort community is 'closing the loop' by providing appropriate opportunities for reducing, reusing and recycling materials
- ☐ Increased business performance and economic opportunities are being realized as a result of smart materials management
- ☐ Whistler has adopted 'zero waste' as a defined goal
- ☐ The community is committed to providing infrastructure capable of continually decreasing our residual wastes
- ☐ Local businesses, residents and visitors are knowledgeable about material flows, and demonstrate a strong ethic of responsibility and stewardship toward resources and materials
- ☐ Substances and chemicals that are harmful to human health are being eliminated, replaced, or managed in a way that they do not disperse in nature
- ☐ Partnerships are developed such that collective procurement choices favour companies and suppliers that are consistent with our identified materials and solid waste values

1. **What are the top 3 statements that describe what success in this topic area MUST look like in the future?** (Check/circle your top 3 statements)
2. **What critical statements (if any) are missing?**

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Natural Areas

The statements below describe what this topic should look like in an ideal future – one where Whistler is both successful and sustainable. They are not statements of today's situation or current performance, and they are listed in no particular order.

- ☐ An ecologically functioning and viable network of critical natural areas is protected and, where possible restored
- ☐ Use of critical natural areas is avoided and use of surrounding areas is limited to ensure ecosystem integrity
- ☐ Indigenous biodiversity is maintained
- ☐ The protected natural areas of the Corridor include a full spectrum of locally representative ecosystems
- ☐ Backcountry areas are protected from overuse and degradation
- ☐ A policy of no net habitat loss is followed, and no further loss is preferred
- ☐ Developed and recreation areas are designed and managed to protect as much of the natural environment within and around them as possible
- ☐ Community members and visitors act as stewards of the natural environment
- ☐ Continual learning about natural areas and species informs appropriate restoration and protection efforts
- ☐ Corridor partners adopt Natural Areas Strategies consistent with the intent of this document
- ☐ Natural systems guide management approaches

1. **What are the top 4 statements that describe what success in this topic area MUST look like in the future?** (Check/circle your top 4 statements)
2. **What critical statements (if any) are missing?**

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Partnership

The statements below describe what this topic should look like in an ideal future – one where Whistler is both successful and sustainable. They are not statements of today's situation or current performance, and they are listed in no particular order.

- ☐ Residents, taxpayers, business and local government hold a shared vision for the resort community and work in partnership to achieve that vision
- ☐ Partners work together to achieve mutual benefit
- ☐ Partners support each other and live up to the agreements established within partnerships
- ☐ Partners work toward aligned budgeting processes that leverage limited resources for increased effectiveness and efficiency
- ☐ Partners participate in policy making and other decisions at various levels of government where relevant
- ☐ Trust is established and maintained among Whistler partners and stakeholders
- ☐ Partners meaningfully engage stakeholders and practice 'good governance' guided by Whistler's Partnership Principles

1. **What are the top 2 statements that describe what success in this topic area MUST look like in the future?** (Check/circle your top 2 statements)
2. **What critical statements (if any) are missing?**

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Recreation and Leisure

The statements below describe what this topic should look like in an ideal future – one where Whistler is both successful and sustainable. They are not statements of today's situation or current performance, and they are listed in no particular order.

- ☐ Residents and visitors of all ages and abilities enjoy activities year-round that encourage healthy living, learning and a sense of community
- ☐ Recreation and leisure are part of the Whistler lifestyle and all community members are able and encouraged to participate
- ☐ Visitors are aware of and have access to a variety of recreation and leisure offerings at a range of price points
- ☐ The resort community is globally recognized as a leader in innovative recreation products and services
- ☐ Recreational experiences reflect an appropriate balance between adventure, challenge and safety, and exist within the comfortable carrying capacity of the amenity
- ☐ Quality recreation and leisure activities are delivered with exceptional service
- ☐ Local and regional stakeholders use a collaborative and comprehensive approach to developing amenities and offerings, and to resolving user conflicts
- ☐ Recreation and leisure infrastructure and practices minimize the degradation of natural areas and are transitioning toward sustainable use of energy and materials
- ☐ Recreation and leisure is a core contributor to the Whistler economy
- ☐ The cost of amenities is covered within the resort community's financial means and is equitably shared among stakeholders

1. What are the top 3 statements that describe what success in this topic area **MUST** look like in the future? (Check/circle your top 3 statements)

2. What critical statements (if any) are missing?

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Resident Affordability

The statements below describe what this topic should look like in an ideal future – one where Whistler is both successful and sustainable. They are not statements of today's situation or current performance, and they are listed in no particular order.

- ☐ Income and innovative benefits help make it affordable to live and play in Whistler
- ☐ Residents have access to affordable goods and services that meet their needs
- ☐ Diverse and affordable opportunities for recreation, leisure, arts and culture exist
- ☐ A buy-local culture helps to circulate wealth within Whistler and the region
- ☐ Products and services offered to meet residents' needs move continuously toward meeting our sustainability objectives

1. **What are the top 2 statements that describe what success in this topic area MUST look like in the future?** (Check/circle your top 2 statements)

2. **What critical statements (if any) are missing?**

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Resident Housing

The statements below describe what this topic should look like in an ideal future – one where Whistler is both successful and sustainable. They are not statements of today's situation or current performance, and they are listed in no particular order.

- ☐ Resident restricted housing is affordable for permanent and short-term residents, through innovative and effective policy and financial models
- ☐ Effective financial and legal tools exist to develop and manage resident restricted housing affordability in perpetuity
- ☐ The planned flexibility within neighbourhood design, housing form, and housing tenure enables the adaptability to meet changing housing needs and future affordability considerations
- ☐ Whistler has a sufficient quantity and appropriate mix of quality housing to meet the needs of diverse residents (Target already established: 75% of Whistler employees live in the resort community)
- ☐ Residents enjoy housing in mixed-use neighbourhoods that are intensive, vibrant and include a range of housing forms
- ☐ Housing has been developed close to transit, pedestrian and bicycle routes, and amenities and services to reduce auto dependency
- ☐ Housing is healthy and livable, and housing design, construction and operations are evolving toward sustainable and efficient energy and materials management
- ☐ Developed areas are designed and managed to be sensitive to the surrounding environment

1. What are the top 3 statements that describe what success in this topic area MUST look like in the future? (Check/circle your top 3 statements)

2. What critical statements (if any) are missing?

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Transportation

The statements below describe what this topic should look like in an ideal future – one where Whistler is both successful and sustainable. They are not statements of today's situation or current performance, and they are listed in no particular order.

- ☐ Whistler policy, planning and development prioritizes preferred methods of transportation in the following order: 1. pedestrian, bicycle and other-non-motorized means, 2. transit and movement of goods, 3. private automobile (HOV, and leading low-impact technologies), 4. private automobile (SOV, traditional technology)
- ☐ Transportation alternatives and options are developed, promoted and supported so that inter-community mobility minimizes the negative impacts of traditional modes of travel
- ☐ The convenience and seamlessness of the alternative transportation system to, from and within Whistler ensures usage rates continue to rise
- ☐ Whistler's transportation system is transitioning toward renewable energy sources, improving air quality, and maintaining ecosystem integrity
- ☐ Whistler's local and regional transportation systems minimize encroachment on nature
- ☐ Regional partnerships enhance the journey to the resort as part of the experience
- ☐ Residents, businesses and visitors are increasingly aware of the importance and benefits of alternative transportation choices
- ☐ The transportation system efficiently meets both the short- and long-term needs of all users
- ☐ Whistler's transportation system is safe and enjoyable
- ☐ The transportation systems to, from and within the resort community offer affordable travel options

1. What are the top 3 statements that describe what success in this topic area MUST look like in the future? (Check/circle your top 3 statements)

2. What critical statements (if any) are missing?

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Visitor Experience

The statements below describe what this topic should look like in an ideal future – one where Whistler is both successful and sustainable. They are not statements of today's situation or current performance, and they are listed in no particular order.

- ☐ Community members' passion for Whistler inspires visitors, and interaction among the two groups creates memorable experiences
- ☐ Visitors feel genuinely welcome
- ☐ Community members and organizations work collectively to ensure exceptional experiences that exceed visitor expectations
- ☐ Visitors perceive Whistler products, services and activities to be excellent value
- ☐ Whistler proactively anticipates market trends
- ☐ The resort community's authentic sense of place and engaging, innovative and renewed offerings attract visitors time and time again
- ☐ A diverse range of year-round activities is developed and offered
- ☐ Visitors choose Whistler to actively participate in recreation, learning, and cultural opportunities
- ☐ Communication, travel and services are seamless and convenient at all phases of visitors' trips, from prior to departure until after returning home
- ☐ The resort is comfortable, functional, safe, clean and well-maintained
- ☐ A comfortable carrying capacity of the resort, its amenities, and the surrounding natural environment is respected
- ☐ The visitor experience is based on practices and systems that efficiently use sustainable materials and energy

1. What are the top 4 statements that describe what success in this topic area MUST look like in the future? (Check/circle your top 4 statements)

2. What critical statements (if any) are missing?

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Water

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- ☐ Whistler's potable water supply system delivers water of excellent quality, which meets or exceeds all relevant health standards, and meets benchmark aesthetic standards whenever possible
- ☐ Water supply is distributed reliably, equitably and affordably – and is managed proactively within the context of effective and efficient emergency preparedness
- ☐ Residents and visitors are educated about, and encouraged to protect and conserve natural water resources
- ☐ All potable water is used sparingly and only used to meet appropriate needs
- ☐ Wastewater and bio-solids are readily assimilated in nature
- ☐ Water supply, wastewater management and flood control infrastructure minimize energy requirements, and favour sustainably managed materials and resources
- ☐ Watershed-based management approaches and policies guide and integrate overlapping land and resource values including (but not limited to) development, infrastructure, forests, habitat, recreation, fisheries and aquifers
- ☐ Effective stormwater management and flood control measures are in place, and replicate natural hydrological systems and functions as much as possible
- ☐ Flood control systems are maintained at a high level of emergency preparedness, where risks are managed proactively, effectively, and efficiently
- ☐ With respect to water resources, capital and long-term costs are managed in a financially prudent and fiscally responsible manner
- ☐ Potable water supply source protection is optimized within a multi-barrier approach
- ☐ Healthy streams, rivers, lakes and wetlands support thriving populations of fish, wildlife and aquatic invertebrate

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