

Re: Expressions of Interest - Resident Housing Representative, WHA Board

Dear Whistler Community at Large,

Please accept this application for the position of Resident Housing Representative on the Whistler Housing Authority (WHA) Board.

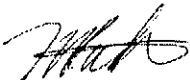
As the Environmental Coordinator for the Resort Municipality of Whistler and as a Resident Restricted Housing owner, I understand and value the importance of the synergies between Whistler's natural and economic environment and Whistler's resident housing strategy. Being a resident and employee in Whistler, I know that my family's long-term viability is dependent on the equal success within these three areas. I am therefore deeply committed to working with the community and the WHA Board as the Resident Housing Representative in supporting the Resident Housing Strategy and in staying aligned to our Whistler 2020 vision and plans that will allow us to achieve sustainability by and hopefully before 2060.

My experience is grounded in a range of practice from project development and management, research and report writing, small and large group facilitation, and community engagement across provincial and local governments and non-profit organizations within the energy and green building sectors. Stemming from input from the community, my current work with the RMOW focuses on developing environmental programs and policies that consider the needs, barriers and opportunities prevalent to businesses, residents, and visitors with respect to meeting Whistler 2020 goals. My aim is to foster supportive relationships and a community-wide learning capacity for broader systemic thinking that leads to long term wise action. I hold a Masters in Environmental Education and Communication from Royal Roads University and both a BA and a diploma in Sustainable Community Development from Simon Fraser University. My interdisciplinary background enables me to identify the patterns and relationships that are inherent to community and planetary health.

I bring to the WHA Board four years of experience as former Chair and Board Member for Better Environmentally Sound Transportation. I am currently a founding Board member (Treasurer) of the Sea to Sky Invasive Species Council and voting member of the Sea to Sky Air Quality Coordinating Committee. It would be a great pleasure to commit to a three year WHA Board term of which I offer my services to complement the existing WHA Board so that as a team, we continue to support the WHA and local organizations in maintaining an inventory of housing that is both sustainable and affordable for Whistler's active and retired workforce.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you require any other information.

Sincerely,



Nicolette Richer