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The OCP and you

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Over the next 12 months, the Resort Municipality of Whistler (RMOW) will update the Official Community Plan (OCP) and a key player in the process is you.

The update is kicking off with a series of community engagement initiatives that are detailed on the Official Community Plan website at whistler2010.com. Residents can expect to see information on the OCP update process and how to get involved at Whistler2010.com, as well as on Twitter, Facebook and e-newsletters.

The OCP update is a process led by the RMOW but largely determined by Whistler residents. The OCP update will be a collaborative process, with the community involved every step of the way. The RMOW is trying to get as many people involved in the process as possible.

Simply put, an OCP is a plan for the community. It is the regulatory document required by the British Columbia Local Government Act. It is a set of high-level plans and policies, such as land use designations, that guide land use planning, social, economic and environmental policies and civic infrastructure investments.

The document also includes land use maps and designations - approximate locations and type of present and proposed public facilities, schools, parks, waste treatment and disposal sites; housing types, locations, density; restrictions on use of land; targets, policies and actions for greenhouse gas (GHG) reduction.

The last comprehensive OCP update occurred in 1993. The OCP is an organic docu-

ment, however, which has been amended over the years. The update, which will happen over the next year, is important because present-day Whistler is much different than the Whistler of 1993.

In the past 18 years, Whistler has grown and matured as a resort community. Within that time the community also developed Whistler2020, Whistler's sustainability plan and vision to be the premier mountain resort community as we move toward sustainability. The OCP update will include the Whistler 2020 vision, and address inconsistencies between the existing OCP and Whistler 2020.

The OCP doesn't replace Whistler 2020; the two documents actually work together. Whistler 2020 is Whistler's highest-level policy and guide for the OCP update. Together they will articulate and enshrine our resort community's

vision and values.

The RMOW will use Whistler 2020 as the filter through which the OCP is created, serving as the overarching guide throughout the OCP process. The OCP is one of the tools that puts Whistler 2020 into action and formally protects Whistler's vision.

Whistler's OCP has not been updated comprehensively in 17 years because Whistler has been busy developing the Whistler 2020 sustainability document as well as preparing and hosting the 2010 Winter Olympics. In the future, the RMOW plans to update the OCP every five years, as recommended by the provincial government.

The OCP update is an exciting way for Whistler to move forward post-Games and this process begins with the community - with you.



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Return of two-stage race a hit with athletes

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Halfway through his run in the 2010 Crud 2 Mud Downhill, just after ditching his snowboard and just before dashing to his bike, one participant needed a moment to share his glee in the return of the ultimate Whistler spring competition.

"Seb, thanks for reviving this race, buddy," the racer shouted to Whistler Blackcomb Events Supervisor Sebastien Fremont.

Fremont spent the race standing at the front of the transition zone near the top of Fitzsimmons Express, halting incoming skiers and snowboarders after they ripped down the final stretch of snow - a strip bordered by large green-brown patches - and ran onto rocks and dirt.

In the middle of Saturday's (May 22) two-stage event combining the final on-snow race action of the season on Whistler Mountain with the first of the bike park racing, Crud 2 Mud solo competitors had to whip off their skis or snowboards, hand in their bibs and then sprint a few steps to change gear and leap onto their bikes.

That made the transition zone an alternately interesting and hilarious place to observe the athleticism of the



Robert King snowboard

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Turning away the spam artists

Over the past few days, I have had multiple opportunities to help a friend in Nigeria protect their rightful inheritance, enter into business with an overseas bank manager, update accounts I didn't even know I had, buy deeply discounted prescription drugs, and ensure certain enhancements. If you use email, even infrequently,

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couple of questions using the Internal Revenue Service as an example), it's worth looking at for the tips it offers on how to evaluate emails.

Another great website to help you educate yourself about this issue is a project from the University of British Columbia called Digital Tattoo: digitaltattoo.ubc.ca. This site has a wide array of assessment tools and informa-

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