

# 'Brainstorm' invite issued

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There's nothing like a good discussion around the picnic table. With that in mind, the Whistler Backyard Brainstorm initiative was created.

Over the next year, the Resort Municipality of Whistler is updating its Official Community Plan (OCP) with input from Whistler's residents every step of the way. The Backyard Brainstorms provide a convenient summertime opportunity for neighbours and community groups to identify issues, opportunities, and actions that will help shape the OCP.

What's the big deal? The OCP is important because it serves as the framework for all policies, regulations, and decisions pertaining to land use and development in Whistler. It is also intended to provide a degree of certainty for the future of the community, reaffirm Whistler's success factors and its ongoing journey toward sustainability as outlined in Whistler2020.

For the OCP to be as effective as possible, community members need to work together in its development.

Whistler residents are invited to host an informal Backyard Brainstorm session to sound off on what they think is important in our OCP update. The goal of the Whistler Backyard Brainstorms is to guide constructive, informal conversations in our neighbourhoods and with community groups.

The Backyard Brainstorm initiative includes a workbook, which is designed to facilitate discussion and ideas about ways to preserve, maintain and enhance what we love about Whistler. Hosting a session will take 1 1/2 to two hours.

Hosting a Whistler Backyard Brainstorm is simple:

1. Think - Who are 10 to 12 people you would like to brainstorm with to make Whistler a better place? Invite your guests.

Download the workbooks from [www.whistler2010.com](http://www.whistler2010.com) and print them out or email [ocp@whistler2010.com](mailto:ocp@whistler2010.com) to pick up printed copies from the Municipal Hall (4325 Blackcomb Way).

2. Meet and Discuss - Gather your group together in your "backyard" meeting place to discuss and define your group's input to the OCP update.

As a host of this discussion, your role is to ensure that everyone has a say, that the discussion stays on topic, and that the group summarizes its shared ideas in a workbook.

3. Submit - Provide your completed workbook to the Whistler Municipal Hall by Aug. 31, 2010.

For more information about Whistler Backyard Brainstorms visit [www.whistler2010.com](http://www.whistler2010.com) or email [ocp@whistler2010.com](mailto:ocp@whistler2010.com).

Backyard Brainstorms are your chance to tell us what's important. Passionate Whistler residents are the foundation of our community.

## LETTERS

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used in making wigs for children with cancer, and the rest of the hair that was shaved will be sent to the Gulf in aid of the oil clean up efforts (hair is very absorbant).

So, if you didn't believe it before, then hopefully you believe it now - that "From all bad things comes something good." See you at Balding for Dollars 2011.

**Dave and Wendy Clark**  
Co-Founders,  
Whistler Friends

## Kudos to 'allstar' hockey organizers

Dear Editor,

Kevin and Jennifer Sopp run the annual Whistler International Allstar Hockey tournament at the Meadow Park Arena between mid-June to mid-July for players aged 8 to 17 years of age in eight divisions from Major Novice to Midget. Each division has players born in a birth year so, for example, Major Atom would feature players with a 1999 birth year.

Kevin, Jennifer, and their family put in countless hours, over the winter months, booking hockey teams from B.C., Alberta, Washington, Colorado, Arizona and California, who combine a love of AA and AAA spring hockey with family vacations in Whistler. Close to 80 teams, 1,200 players, and 3,600 family members participate in this annual hockey event that the Sopps have

run for eight years but this tournament has now been running nearly 20 years.

It's unfortunate that the Olympic legacy did not include an excess sheet of ice at Meadow Park (tho to four sheets in total would allow for more teams!). The Sopps would then be able to expand their tournament to more than 200 teams (12,000 family members and parents) but they are currently limited by the fact that Whistler has one available sheet of public ice at Meadow Park Arena.

The Sopps organize a great tournament, they hire a competent group of experienced referees, they make a huge contribution to their community and to the businesses that benefit from having these hockey families vacation in Whistler (these families come to spend in excess of \$500,000 during their stay in Whistler!).

We have been fortunate

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### RESORT MUNICIPALITY OF WHISTLER LIQUOR LICENCE ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP

Applications are being requested from persons interested in serving as a volunteer on the Liquor License Advisory Committee for the 2010-11 term. The Terms of Reference for this Committee of Council are available in the Resort Experience Department at Municipal Hall. Committee members are appointed by Council for two-year terms and typically meet once per month for half a day during business hours.

The Liquor License Advisory Committee advises staff and Council on liquor license applications and on liquor related issues as they affect the community. Applications are sought for representatives from the following

### NOTICE: WATER MAIN FLUSHING

The RMOW Environmental Operations Department is conducting a unidirectional flushing program to clean water pipes of the piping system, and maintain water quality.

**Flushing of water mains through fire hydrants will continue until October 2010.**

When crews are flushing in your area there will be reduced water pressure.