# SCHEDULE 1 WHISTLER VILLAGE DESIGN GUIDELINES

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#### 1.0 INTRODUCTION

#### 1.1 PURPOSE

The purpose of the Whistler Village Design Guidelines is to convey a sense of the expected quality and image of the built environment and landscape for Whistler Village and describe its important design principles and features in order to facilitate the ongoing evolution of Whistler Village as a successful people-place integrated within its mountain setting. The guidelines are intended to assist property owners, business owners, architects, landscape architects and other design consultants to understand the expectations regarding Whistler's built environment and landscape.

These guidelines have been updated in 2011 to incorporate lessons learned from previous projects, recognize a focus on renovation and redevelopment, and recognize advances in building technologies and materials. The guidelines pertain to the original area of Whistler Village, Village North and the Upper Village lands. They continue to place significant emphasis on landscape and design at the human scale, and carry forward the original planning and design principles fundamental to the success of the original Whistler Village, as well as detailed

guidelines for solar access protection, view protection and building colour specific to the original area of Whistler Village.

Applicants are invited to submit creative and imaginative proposals which build on these guidelines and contribute to the overall form and character of Whistler Village. Applicants should review the guidelines and meet with municipal planning staff at the outset of the design process to discuss the design objectives/issues relative to their property and immediately surrounding area. Each design will be reviewed in the context of surrounding development and specific design objectives for the property.

# 1.2 HISTORY AND EVOLUTION OF WHISTLER VILLAGE

Whistler Village is a master planned mountain resort village and community town centre that has been developed over multiple phases with a consistent vision and application of village design principles.

The economy of the Whistler area is based on tourism, and the original area of Whistler Village was designed as a focal point for destination visitors. Begun in 1978, the original area of Whistler Village was conceived as a winter destination featuring direct skier access to both

# An inspiring and enduring Vision

In 1978, the vision was charted for a multi-use pedestrian town centre set in the forest and the mountains; offering visitors a setting distinct from their everyday environment, Whistler Village was to be a place of life and excitement in all seasons; a social place, a restful place, a place of discovery and delight, a place to catch the sun, a place to be entertained, and a place to participate. Carefully situated buildings responsive to light and landscape, linked by a meandering central pedestrian promenade connecting lively public plazas and squares, were central to this vision of the Village as a journey of constant discovery and a destination in and of itself.

Whistler Mountain and Blackcomb Mountain, two of North America's largest ski mountains. The quality and continuity of the pedestrian system and the location and scale of public spaces was, and still is, the controlling fabric of the Village. These spaces were to have sunlight even in winter months, views of mountains, comfortable human-scaled proportions, architectural design appropriate to the mountain environment and the presence of a mountain landscape throughout. The design encouraged meandering and discovery through the careful placement and orientation of the pedestrian system, public spaces and buildings. Each development parcel had very specific design parameters including building siting, massing, volumetrics, density and specific uses. The idea was to build a nucleus of essential services in the town centre that would draw both residents and tourists to the areas.

By the mid 1980's the original Village was substantially complete and construction began for the Upper Village, a pedestrian oriented environment located at the base of Blackcomb Mountain and a short walk over Fitzsimmons Creek from the original Village. Shortly thereafter, a design plan for Village North was developed including building volumetrics and parcel specific design guidelines. Village North was designed to be of a scale consistent with the original Village and an extension of the pedestrian oriented environment. In 1991 construction began and by the end of 1997 virtually all of the development parcels in Village North had been constructed.

With all parcels developed in accordance with approved development permits and designs, Whistler Village has evolved and matured into a successful four-season destination mountain resort village and community town centre.

Through this evolution and maturity, the master plan vision and design guidelines have endured, establishing the foundation for a unique identity that has truly set Whistler apart. While a natural desire exists to preserve and protect this renowned Village "gem", there is recognition that ongoing rejuvenation, revitalization, and evolution is needed within the framework of these design guidelines to remain vital and alive and continue to be competitive in the destination resort market. While the basic village scale, structure and organization is fixed and there is limited opportunity for increases in building massing, there are opportunities to add detail, richness, diversity and functionality to the existing built environment as well as create distinct neighbourhoods or subareas within the larger Whistler Village.

#### 2.0 OBJECTIVES

To foster Whistler Village's unique character and sense of place, the following objectives should be considered in all development:

- 1. Continue the high standard of urban design, architecture and landscape architecture, which is the trademark of the Village and the basis for its success with visitors.
- Consider that Whistler is a year round destination resort. Respond to the existing and future needs and interests of a broad range of visitors and residents through the four seasons.
- 3. Build upon the sense of a small and dynamic town centre that has grown and continues to evolve, while ensuring that all development is planned and designed as an integral part of the Village.
- 4. Create a street scene with significant texture in building facades. Maintain variety in the size of building sites and developments and design larger buildings as a series of smaller modules.
- 5. Create a "user friendly" atmosphere in the Village: continue the prominent pedestrian orientation; provide open space amenities (outdoor seating areas, activity areas, site features, etc.) that will contribute to its success.
- 6. Organize spaces, orient buildings and continue the scale of the Village to maximize mountain views and sunlight in public spaces.
- 7. Express individuality, yet contribute to the image of a cohesive village, yet still. To reinforce mountain village character, some uniformity of form, scale, proportion, texture, materials and colour is necessary.
- 8. Build on the existing character and image, i.e., "mountain village" built by local craftsmen of local materials, incorporating elements of "West Coast" architecture.
- 9. Respond to extreme climatic conditions, intensive use and the surrounding mountain environment.
- 10. Provide substantial landscape planting throughout the Village that links to the mountain environment and creates seasonal variety in colour and texture. Manage this landscape over time to complement the built environment.
- 11. Create a fully accessible and inclusive built environment.

#### 3.0 SITE PLANNING

#### 3.1 BUILDING SITING, FORM AND MASSING

Whistler Village contains variety in the size of development sites and building form and massing, with each site being unique depending on its location and context. The siting, form and massing of buildings in Whistler Village have been established through the master planning process to create a pedestrian oriented town centre with a "village scale". All future development shall give consideration to these master plans and continue this scale, structure and organization as described in these guidelines; there is limited opportunity for increases in building massing.

Building siting, form and massing must be responsive to:

- 1. the overall Village development context, scale, structure and organization;
- 2. adjacent development;
- 3. pedestrian and vehicular access and circulation;
- 4. topography;
- 5. geology/soils conditions;
- 6. hydrology, drainage and flood plain considerations;
- 7. vegetation;
- 8. views and view corridors;
- 9. solar and micro-climatic considerations; and
- 10. seasonal response and snow management.

Encroachments onto public lands beyond the property line must be noted on the drawings and considered by the municipality at an early design stage.

#### 3.2 PEDESTRIAN AND OUTDOOR ACTIVITY AREAS

The scale, quality and continuity of the pedestrian spaces are instrumental to the pedestrian experience and are of highest priority.

The unifying element of the village is the central pedestrian mall, which comprises the pedestrian stroll and plaza areas. Buildings and landscape forms should create a sequence of stopping and sitting places along this space.

#### 1. Provide inclusivity and choice

For ease of pedestrian movement throughout the Village, provide a pedestrian system that offers diversity and choices, and includes accessible routes to an acceptable standard.

#### 2. Create outdoor activity areas

Provide visible outdoor activity areas accommodating a range of ages and activities to reinforce social activity and interaction

Seating areas and restaurants overlooking pedestrian areas create special comfort areas and are encouraged to contribute to the social life and vitality of the Village.

Optimal locations for restaurant patios are adjacent to a plaza, a pedestrian crossroad or bend on the central pedestrian mall. These locations should be preserved as they assist to activate the pedestrian mall, leverage views and sun exposure, create view terminuses, and create an active and interesting environment to entice people to walk further along the pedestrian mall.

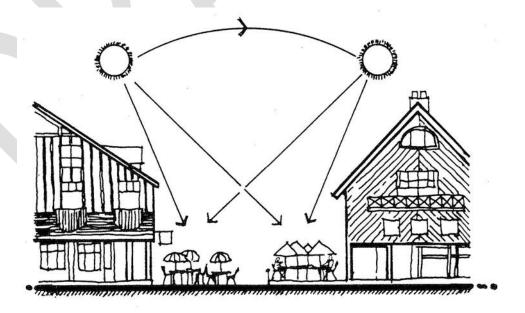
In some instances, there may be overall advantages to the pedestrian experience for an extension of a restaurant patio or other individual property use into the pedestrian mall. Such proposals will be considered on an individual basis by the municipality.

#### 3. Preserve solar access

Building volumetrics should preserve and enhance year-round sunlight on pedestrian and outdoor activity areas and neighbouring indoor spaces. To encourage winter use, design building volumetrics to create sheltered sunny pockets in public spaces.

Landscape features and plantings should provide for maximum solar access.

Detailed solar access guidelines applicable to the original Whistler Village area are provided in the Whistler Village Solar Access Protection Guidelines, attached as Appendix A.



#### 4. Preserve and enhance views

Preserve and enhance public views to the mountains and the natural landscape beyond the village precinct. Public views are views from public locations within and adjacent to Whistler Village that contain view characteristics that make a positive contribution to the aesthetics, character, identity or image of Whistler and contain special view features to protect (ski runs, ski lifts, peaks, ridgeline, mountainsides).

Detailed guidelines applicable to the original Whistler Village area are provided in the Whistler Village View Protection Guidelines, attached as Appendix B. Development within the other areas of Whistler Village shall meet the same criteria and guidelines established in Appendix B.

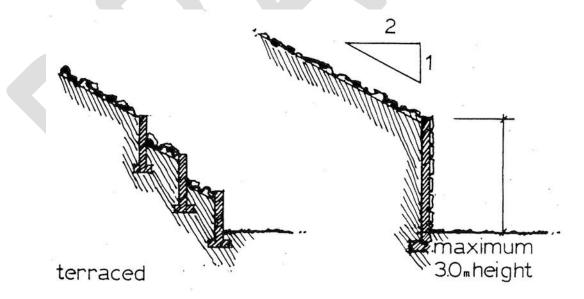
#### 3.3 GRADING

Grading requirements should be resolved within the property boundary.

Cuts and fills should be minimized and blended into the existing terrain.

Slopes of cut and fill banks should be determined by soil characteristics for the specific site to avoid erosion and promote re-vegetation opportunities. Maximum allowable slope is 2:1 (3:1 grass).

No retaining wall should be higher than 1.0 metres adjacent to pedestrian corridors or patios. Walls up to 3.0 metres in height may be permitted elsewhere. Timber retaining walls are generally discouraged, especially where they front onto public property. Terraced or battered retaining walls are preferred.



#### 3.4 DRAINAGE

The very heavy snowfalls and precipitation of the Whistler area requires special attention to drainage.

#### 1. Site Drainage

No surface drainage shall be directed off the site.

Runoff from impervious surfaces such as roofs and pavement areas should be collected and directed to planting areas or drains. Internal storm drainage or storm water retention may be required.

#### 2. Area Drains

Positive drainage of all public and private plaza and walkway areas is required. Drains should be full catch basins or trench drains. Balcony floor type drains are not acceptable.

#### 3.5 SERVICING INFRASTRUCTURE

The predominant pedestrian orientation and compactness of the Village warrants special consideration to servicing infrastructure.

#### 1. Service bays and loading docks should be unobtrusive

Locate service bays within the building or parking structure. If exterior service bays are necessary, avoid locations visible to the central pedestrian mall and main entrances to hotels or commercial businesses. Provide permanent visual screening where exterior service bays are located.

Service vehicle access, circulation, queuing and loading must be organized to address functionality, aesthetics and minimize impacts on the pedestrian experience.

#### 2. Service bay design should be durable

Select materials to withstand wear and tear.

Design service bay entries to prevent ice and snow build-up.

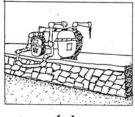
#### 3. Solid waste storage should be internal

Provide adequate space within a building or parking structure for an enclosed solid waste (garbage, recycling and compost) storage room. Ventilation should be provided (exhaust to roof).

If exterior storage is necessary, it must be in a wildlife resistant container or enclosure, and locations visible to the central pedestrian mall and main entrances to hotels or commercial businesses should be avoided. Provide permanent visual screening where exterior storage facilities are located.

#### 4. Minimize the visual impact of utilities

Confirm locations at an early stage of the design process and locate utilities such as transformers, condensers and







utility meters outside the viewscape of the pedestrian realm, or screen with planting or other landscape features.

Incorporate fire hose connections and utility meters directly into exterior building walls to avoid damage from snow clearing.

#### 3.7 VEHICULAR ACCESS AND PARKING

Vehicular access, circulation and parking must be designed to minimize conflicts between vehicle and pedestrian circulation.

#### 1. Underground parking prevails

All parking must be underground. For convenience purposes, small amounts of surface parking may be permitted to complement the underground parking.

Refer to Zoning and Parking Bylaw 303 for additional parking and loading regulations.

#### 2. Parking entrances designed to be easily identifiable

Parking entrances should be easily identifiable from the street. Consider the use of landscaping, materials and signage to make parking entrances a positive feature of the Village architecture. Signage should be illuminated and clearly indicate parkade use for either public or private parking. Consider colour coding to identify proposed use.

Consider automatic garage doors for aesthetic and security reasons.

Consider making underground parkade clearance higher than usual, given the prevalence of larger vehicles made taller with ski racks.

#### 3. Driveways

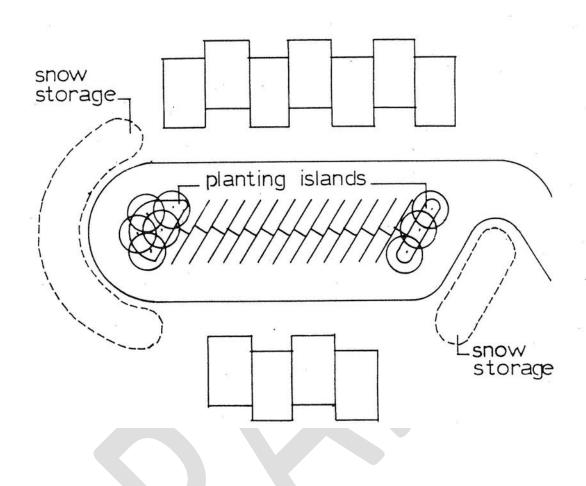
Refer to Zoning and Parking Bylaw 303 for permitted driveway gradients.

#### 4. Surface Parking

Surface parking must be screened by a combination of landscaping and berms, sufficiently illuminated and appropriately drained. Designated snow storage areas should be provided. Large surface parking lots should incorporate planted islands. Refer to Zoning and Parking Bylaw 303 for specific surface parking regulations.

Ensure accessible pedestrian connections from parking lot to adjacent sidewalks.

Consider providing separate pedestrian circulation routes within large surface parking areas.



#### 4.0 SITE DESIGN

#### 4.1 PEDESTRIAN MALL

#### 1. Create variety and continuity of interest at ground level

The pedestrian experience is that of stopping, sitting, looking, strolling, as well as walking with directness to distant destinations. As such the pedestrian system should have variation in width and character. There should be small places for sitting, as well as larger gathering places for groups of people with potential to accommodate street entertainers and small events. Pedestrian movement should be able to pass comfortably around entertainment places.

#### 2. Consider views

Walkways and sitting places should be carefully organized to direct views toward the mountains as well as specific spaces or objects. The physical layout of buildings and landscape spaces must consider the composition of views within spaces and of views to the mountains and the nearby landscape.

#### 3. Year round seating/social organization

Sitting places must be frequent. Benches should be organized, in some places, to permit and promote talking between people on adjacent benches. In other places, single and private benches are appropriate. Within a given area, at least 50% of the available seating should be on benches with backs and at least one armrest. Other surfaces, such as steps, low walls and lawn areas should be designed to permit casual seating.

Increase opportunities for year round seating.

#### 4. Other street amenities

Garbage and recycling containers should be of the Village standard and be frequently located.

Ski and bicycle racks for use by the general public should be provided near entries to commercial spaces (stores, restaurants).

Street amenities should be placed in areas that do not impede pedestrian movement, maintenance, or winter snow clearing.

#### 5. Surface treatment

Unit paving, to the municipal standard, is the predominant surface treatment on the pedestrian mall.

In some places, a mixture of surface types can be interesting and effective in modulating the scale of a space.

There should be a course of pavers at the base of walls, stairs and ramps to neatly edge the paver to wall/stair/ramp relationship.

#### 6. Stairs and Ramps

All stairs and ramps accessing buildings are encouraged to be roofed. Notwithstanding Development Permit Area Guidelines for Energy and Water Conservation and Reduction of Greenhouse Gases, building access ramps steeper than 5% slope should be heat traced if not roofed.

It is recommended that exterior steps be wider and shallower than those used within buildings such that the tread can accept the size of a ski boot.

#### 4.2 LANDSCAPING

## 1. Landscape standards

All landscaping shall be designed, installed, and continuously maintained and managed to current BCSLA/BCNTA standards. Landscaping should be replaced when damaged.

A landscape security may be required.

## 2. Integration and coordination

Landscaping is a major, integral part of a project design and planting should be substantial to emphasize the natural setting.

Preserve and protect existing vegetation, especially significant trees wherever appropriate. Replant and re-landscape areas that have been cleared.

Coordinate planting to create a pleasing composition and cohesive look, define and enliven public spaces, moderate building massing, maximize views into stores, emphasize and frame important building features and natural focal points, and provide shade for comfort.

Incorporate managed 'higher impact' planting with texture and bold colour in the central pedestrian mall area.

Landscaping along the outer forested edges of the Village, along primary roadways including Highway 99, and around surface parking lots should be densely clustered to simulate the scale and variety of forest plantings in order to integrate with the surrounding trees and natural setting.

In a few instances outside of the central pedestrian mall area a more orderly planting is appropriate; in particular, at hotel entrances and along Main Street.

The Owner/Developer must install parking, curbing, landscaping and lighting to municipal standards beyond the edge of the parcel boundary up to the centreline of any pedestrian system or adjacent street.

#### 3. Planters

The pedestrian mall is to have substantial planting in raised beds a minimum of 1.5 metres in width to create transition from the building to the pedestrian mall.

Planter walls integral to building designs are encouraged. Walls should be primarily stone, at heights varying from .200 to .800 metres. Higher walls discourage seating and are not in scale with pedestrian areas, and should be stepped.

Where appropriate, visually break up long linear planter beds or walls and consider alternative plant bed edge treatment to give relief to the rigidity of continuous walls and curbs.

Planter beds located over structures must be drained into the storm drainage system and cannot be drained through weep holes in walls creating surface water flow over pedestrian areas.

#### 4. Plants and Planting

Use plant species suited to the local climate, requiring minimal irrigation, which also provides dynamic seasonal interest.

A mix of evergreen and deciduous trees is required. Planting used for screening must be primarily coniferous. Understory plants are required to add to the seasonal variety of colour and texture. Spring, summer and fall floral displays are encouraged in feature areas. Lawn is acceptable if it works well in response to social use.

Trees should have minimum size for immediate effect. Deciduous trees should be a minimum of 75mm (3") Caliper and 3.6m (12') height. Conifer trees should be a minimum of 2.0m height. Deciduous trees greater than 100 mm (4") Caliper and conifer trees greater than 5 m height are not advised on account of winter snow load.

Trees must have sufficient soil volume for long term health consistent with BCSLA/BCNTA standard. Trees in planters overtop of structures or where the subsoil drains poorly shall have 1000 mm soil depth. Trees in hard surfaced areas must use silva cell type or other approved equal to meet soil volume requirements.

Plants located in snow dump areas must be sufficiently durable to survive the effects of snow dump.

#### 6. Irrigation

Planted areas must incorporate programmable automatic irrigation system to current IIABC and BCSLA/BCNTA standards.

Drip irrigation is required for hanging planters. Irrigation lines should be concealed.

#### 7. Landscape elements

All landscape elements adjacent to areas which require snow clearing by machinery should be designed to resist damage by incorporating durable materials, rounded edges and eliminating unnecessary protrusions.

Special features such as public art, fountains, water, exterior display kiosks, flags, banners and graphics are encouraged provided they contain no commercial message.

#### 4.3 LIGHTING

Outdoor lighting should be used for safe pedestrian passage and property identification firstly. Seasonal festive lighting and limited architectural and landscape feature lighting is also supported.

Use the correct amount of light. Illumination levels should be of sufficient intensity to provide safe pedestrian passage and property identification but not over-power the nightscape. The overall preference is for a soft, lower illumination level and even lighting experience.

Direct light downward by selecting full cut-off and fully shielded fixtures that shield the light source to avoid light pollution and protect dark skies. Notwithstanding Development Permit Area Guidelines for Energy and Water Conservation and Reduction of Greenhouse Gases, limited applications of up lighting may be permitted to illuminate architectural and landscape features where downward lighting cannot be accommodated if light pollution is minimized.

Select the correct light source (bulb type) to create good colour rendition and warm colour temperature. Coloured lighting is permitted, but is restricted to seasonal festive lighting and public amenities. Flashing and blinking lights and, with the exception of window signs, neon, are not permitted.

Utilize shut off controls such as sensors and timers.

Design interior lighting so that it sufficiently illuminates window displays but does not illuminate the outdoors.

#### 4.4 SIGNAGE

Well executed and creatively designed signage of durable, high quality materials is an important component of the Village visual interest and character.

The design and placement of signs shall be carefully coordinated with the architectural elements of the facade and associated storefronts, and complement, not obscure architectural details.

The size, number and placement of signs pertaining to a building or development should ensure a hierarchy of signage. Within this hierarchy, there must be a balance between consistency and individual creativity. For instance, consistency may come in the location, size, materials or lighting to create a rhythm, and creativity may come in the shape, colour, materials, and individual mounting brackets to create interest and individual business expression; character signs are encouraged.

All sign materials and mounting brackets should be high quality, textured and durable. Raised or recessed letters or symbols are strongly encouraged.

Lighting fixtures should be quality, unobtrusive fixtures.

Signs may support fairly intense colour applications, but should be harmonious with the colour scheme of the building with which they are associated

All signage must also meet the requirements of Whistler's Sign Bylaw.



#### 5.0 BUILDING DESIGN

#### 5.1 BUILDING CHARACTER AND SCALE

The continuity, enjoyment, and excitement of the pedestrian areas are to be created in large part by thoughtful massing, scale and detail of each building.

Buildings are usually restricted to 3-1/2 storeys or less. Higher buildings must be stepped back or otherwise respond to pedestrian scale.

Consider a large building as a series of smaller modules; the objective is to create a street scene with significant texture in building facades, rather than long buildings featuring a single design idea.

Façade design must display a consideration of the building's appearance on all sides of the building: there are very few buildings in the Village with only a "front" and "back".

#### 5.2 PEDESTRIAN LEVEL DESIGN

The ground floor building design, in coordination with the related landscape design, provides the opportunity for the greatest visual interest. All design efforts should focus on the organization of form and materials so that the pedestrians relate clearly to the retail shops and pedestrian level activities.

#### 1. Continuous covered walkway system

The ability for a pedestrian to walk undercover throughout the central pedestrian mall area is important for visitor weather protection and comfort and covered walkways on one or two sides of all commercial buildings are typically provided.

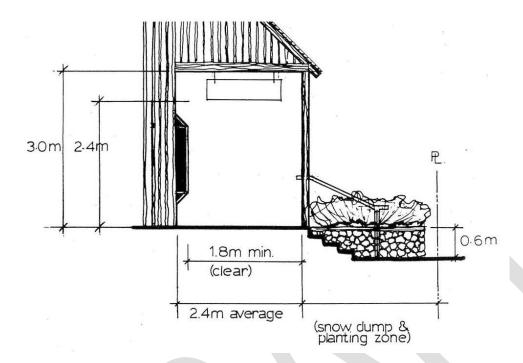
In some instances, covered walkways may be changed and storefronts may extend outward to the edge of the pedestrian mall if weather-protected access into the retail space is provided.

Covered walkways should have a varied width to enable pedestrian circulation and provision for outdoor displays and amenities. Covered walkways shall have a 1.8 metre minimum clear width and 3.0 metre minimum clear height. Doors shall not swing into this required width.

Walkways may be within the building (i.e. set in from the face of upper storeys) or may extend partially or fully outwards from the building face. Walkway roof and column design should be an integral part of the building design and strike a balance between the creation of a strong building base and unobstructed views of storefronts from the pedestrian mall.

The ceilings and the space of the covered walkways should be illuminated in a creative way to create a welcoming and engaging environment between the pedestrian mall and the store interior.

Canvas or acrylic awnings in lieu of structural covered walkways are not acceptable; however, may be used to add to visual interest, storefront identity and character.



#### 2. Inviting building entrances and storefront access

Building entrances should front the street and pedestrian mall and be visible, identifiable and inviting from both.

Although the main entrances into buildings from the pedestrian mall should be noticeable, they should not be monumental such that they disrupt the continuity and flow of retail façades and the harmony of the pedestrian mall. Street entrances may be more prominent and may include a porte-cochere. The ground floor level of the building should be as close as possible to the pedestrian mall grade. In many instances, the ground floor level is typically a minimum of 0.6 metres above the adjacent pedestrian mall for floodproofing. Where the vertical separation is greater than 0.6 metres, intermediate terraces should be created to break up the vertical separation and enhance the connection between storefronts and the pedestrian mall; in no event should the vertical separation exceed 1.2 metres.

In some instances, there may be overall advantages to the pedestrian experience to permit encroachments into the pedestrian mall to enhance stair and/or ramp access to building and storefront entrances. Such proposals will be considered on an individual basis by the municipality.

# 3. Façade design requires variety, scale and modulation while achieving visual harmony

Create pedestrian interest with use of scale and modulation in the placement and detailing of architectural elements such as canopies, entrances, doorways, windows, lighting and signage.

The quality of individual storefronts is of highest priority. Design shop facades as individual entities, to strengthen their character and interest to the pedestrian. Continuous linear storefronts are not acceptable. The organization of the upper floors does not have to dominate the order of the retail level; allow retail frontages to be evident in the architecture of the building at street level and break up the structural rhythm of the building. This may be achieved by stepping of façades, by material change, or by colour change.

Inviting entrances and clear window glazing offering visibility into a store are especially important to enhance indoor/outdoor connections. Windowpanes should be divided with a muntin or mullion bars to add detail and expression. Glass should not extend to the ground level. Interior lights should illuminate the merchandise to reduce the mirror effect of dark interiors. Interior renovations that close in storefront windows with display walls and cabinets and that impede views into a store are discouraged.

## 4. Consider outdoor displays

High quality outdoor displays that contribute to Village visual interest and storefront character are encouraged. Ensure 1.5 metre metre minimum clear width is maintained for pedestrian circulation.

#### 5.3 UPPER FLOOR DESIGN

The design of the upper façade of buildings is important to the scale and texture of the Village. The building faces are envisioned as a rich collection of varied yet harmonious façades, adding interest, scale and rhythm to the Village.

#### 1. Façade elements must reflect "Village scale"

Building façades must include architectural features including bay windows, balconies, dormers and facade detailing as textural elements which strengthen the Village scale and resort image.

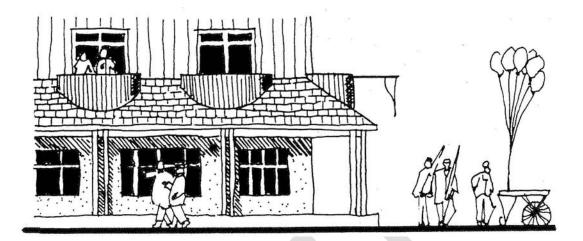
Building facades should give a substantial appearance consisting of "punched" openings. Curtain walls or façades incorporating long horizontal strip windows are not permitted. Long, motel-like balconies and exterior circulations systems are not permitted.

#### 2. Every living unit should have a spot to catch the sun

Decks, balconies, and porches are strongly encouraged as they provide sunny usable outdoor space and add life and interest to the street.

In the design and positioning of elements such as decks, balconies, bay windows, and living area windows, incorporate the opportunity of formal and informal "overlooks" to activity outside.

Decks and balconies should consider proper protection to minimize snow catching, interior leakage, water staining and improper runoff.



#### 5.4 ROOF DESIGN

Roof design is important for snow management, and is a major contributor to Village visual harmony and character. Roofscapes are an important design element, which are viewed from the pedestrian level, the ski slopes above the Village, Highway 99 and the Village approaches.

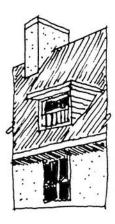
The skyline of the Village is conceived as a unified composition of sloping roofs in a limited variety of materials and colours.

#### 1. Roof form should be modulated

Roof form should be suited to mountain shapes and views, and broken up with the use of dormers, or other architectural features to reduce the apparent bulk of a building and to create more visual interest. The ridgeline should not be continuous but should be varied in height or broken with chimneys, cupolas, towers or other features.







#### 2. Roofs must have sloped appearance and sufficient overhangs

A composition of sloped roofs is required for each development with small areas of flat and/or mansard roofs acceptable. Roof slopes should be between 5:12 and 12:12; lower sloped roofs may be permitted subject to design justification that meets the objectives of the Roof Design guidelines. Large areas of flat roofs are not acceptable.

Roof overhangs should be sufficient to protect the building fascia from rain and snow.

## 3. Roofs of connected and adjacent buildings must be fully coordinated

Consider coordination with adjoining eaves, peaks, gables and slopes.

Minimize exposure of party walls. Where present, consider them as an important design feature designed in a manner to complement the overall building design while minimizing flashing workmanship problems.



#### 4. Flat roof design

All flat roofs shall incorporate a neutral or muted coloured roof membrane or roof aggregate.

#### 5. Roof materials and colour

Roof materials should be of high quality and architectural dimension and texture, and sufficiently durable to withstand Whistler's harsh climate.

The colour of roof materials must be generally neutral or muted to blend with the colours of the natural landscape. Brightly coloured enamelled metal roofs will not be considered.

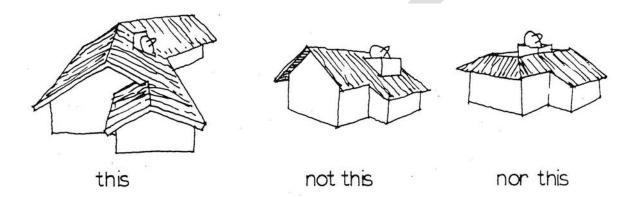
All roof flashing materials shall be pre-finished metal to match roof colour.

All chimneys should be enclosed in a material identical or similar to the building cladding (or other architectural treatment incorporated).

#### 6. Roof mounted equipment must be concealed

Satellite dishes, communications antennae and mechanical equipment should be planned as part of the roof so they are concealed from pedestrian viewpoints and overlooking development.

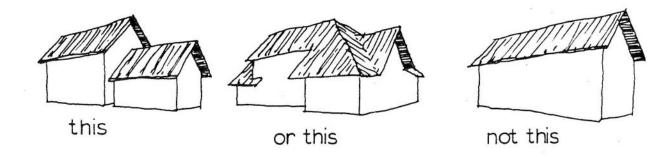
Venting stacks, flues and other similar projections should be concealed or integrated within the roof form as sculptural elements.



#### 7. Trim and Eave lines

Trim and eave lines should have substantial appearance for visual interest; thin wood trim sections are discouraged..

Eave lines or a major cornice/trim line should be located below the third storey to bring the building face down to a pedestrian scale.



#### 5.5 BUILDING MATERIALS

A consistent use of a small number of materials chosen for their durability and natural quality is an important component of the Village visual harmony and character. The materials and their method of application must reflect the regional style and ruggedness of the Whistler region and convey the image of a mountain village.

- Materials should be complementary to those of adjoining buildings.
- 2. Primary exterior materials include stone, wood, stucco and architectural concrete. Other materials may be acceptable subject to particular technical and design justification that meets the objectives of the Building Materials guidelines.
- a) Stone

The use of natural stone is required at ground level; both for building base and for streetscape elements. Artificial or "cultured" stone is not acceptable.

#### b) Wood

Wood siding is strongly encouraged. Priority is given to resawn or rough sawn vertical boards. Board and batten is recommended. Wood may also be present as timber elements and for infill panels in non-wood frame buildings. Small area of wood shingle is appropriate.

Plywood or particle board is not acceptable as exterior cladding.

#### c) Stucco

Stucco must be acrylic based and incorporate an acrylic (as opposed to painted) finish.

Stucco must incorporate heavy reveals and expansion joints. Stucco must be protected from weather exposure by deep overhanging eaves.

Stucco is acceptable for large areas, only where it is combined with heavy timber, wood or stone cladding.

#### d) Concrete

Exposed concrete must be trowel finished, heavily ribbed, textured or bushhammered; unfinished exposed concrete is not acceptable.

Seal all finished concrete.

Special finish concrete block may be used in limited areas with complementary materials; standard concrete block shall not be exposed.

3. All building materials are to be sufficiently durable and shall be detailed to withstand Whistler's harsh climate.

#### 4. Windows.

Reflective or heavily tinted glass is not permitted.

#### 5.6 BUILDING COLOUR

Building colours consisting of muted tones or shaded tints, neutrals and earth tones that are drawn from Whistler's surrounding natural environment contribute to the Village visual harmony and character. Building colours should also be complementary to neighbouring buildings.

Colour schemes should accent the architectural detailing of the building.

Deeper shades and more vibrant colours may be used in the design of individual retail storefronts to create a sense of uniqueness and visual interest at the street level. Storefront colour schemes however, should acknowledge, and be harmonious with adjacent storefronts as well as the general colour scheme of the larger building to which it is a part.

Building accessories such as awnings and signs may support fairly intense colour applications drawn from the surrounding natural environment, but should be harmonious with the colour scheme of the building with which they are associated.

Detailed guidelines applicable to the original Whistler Village area are provided in the Whistler Village Colour Guide, attached as Appendix C. Development within the other areas of Whistler Village shall meet the general colour principles as established in Appendix C.

#### 5.7 NOISE CONTROL

The relatively high density of Whistler Village, combined with the mix of residential, commercial and entertainment facilities creates the potential for noise problems.

#### 1. Locate nightclubs below grade.

Nightclubs must be located primarily below grade unless exceptional noise isolation measures are included.

# 2. Locate entrances to nightclubs, licensed lounges and pubs away from tourist or residential accommodation.

Provide vestibule (double door) entrances.

No operable windows are permitted facing a public street or mall for nightclubs. Other licensed premises may have operable windows facing a public street or mall subject to limiting noise escaping to the street.

Nightclubs must be sound-isolated from any tourist accommodation or residential uses.

#### 5.8 BUILDING RENOVATION AND REDEVELOPMENT CHECKLIST

Renovation and redevelopment creates opportunities for improvements that could produce measurable benefits to the Village character and quality, contributing to the overall success of the Village. Targeted improvements are categorized and listed below:

#### 1. Enhancement of the pedestrian precinct

- Changes that promote social life in public spaces
- Improvements in ease of access to stores
- Improvements in storefront visibility, life, colour and interest
- Changes to the base of buildings, improvement of the building connection to the land
- Entrance improvements (shelter, welcoming, personality)
- Preservation/creation of intimate, close up views
- Preservation/creation of distant mountain views
- Improvements in solar access, brightness, colour, delight
- Improvements to the landscape
- Accessibility improvements

#### 2. Modification of roof forms

- Forms better suited to mountain shapes and views
- Resolution of snow dump issues (which impact on the form and usability of pedestrian spaces)
- Improved forms that contribute to Village visual harmony
- Forms that protect the building envelope

#### 3. Modification of building façades

- Changes that emphasize horizontal features rather than vertical
- Windows and balconies that are direct, well shaped, not cute
- Surface colours and textures that catch the light, are not dull
- Façades that are weather resistant

#### 6.0 SNOW MANAGEMENT

The effects of snow and ice build-up, if improperly handled, can be destructive to buildings, pose risks to pedestrians and vehicles, and impose high ongoing snow removal and maintenance costs. The heavy snows and extreme freeze/thaw cycle of Whistler combine to make snow management an important design consideration. Designers not thoroughly familiar with snow country design should retain an expert consultant early in the design process.

#### 1. Snow management is the responsibility of each developer

Snow and drainage from roofs must not be dumped onto adjoining streets or properties.

Snow must be positively shed or positively retained. Snow diverters or snow retainers should be designed as an integral part of the roofscape.

Building entrances and pedestrian routes must be fully protected.

Snow dump areas must not be accessible to pedestrians.

Building projections below the main roof must be durable. Generally, conventional eaves troughs or built-in eaves troughs should be avoided as they are subject to damage from snowshed.

# **APPENDIX "A"**

WHISTLER VILLAGE SOLAR ACCESS PROTECTION GUIDELINES (to be inserted as pdf)



## **APPENDIX "B"**

WHISTLER VILLAGE VIEW PROTECTION GUIDELINES (to be inserted as pdf)



## **APPENDIX "C"**

WHISTLER VILLAGE COLOUR GUIDE (to be inserted as pdf)



# DRAFT DEVELOPMENT PERMIT AREA GUIDELINES

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#### **DEVELOPMENT PERMIT AREA:**

# PROTECTION OF DEVELOPMENT FROM HAZARDOUS CONDITIONS

#### 1.1. **AREA**

All lands located within the Resort Municipality of Whistler (RMOW).

#### 1.2. **DESIGNATION**

Pursuant to Section 919.1(1)(b) of the Local Government Act, these lands are hereby designated a development permit area for protection of development from hazardous conditions.

#### **JUSTIFICATION** 1.3.

The RMOW is located in a mountainous area characterized by natural features that may create hazardous conditions for development and human safety including creeks and watercourses prone to flooding, unstable rock formations, steep slopes, heavy snowfall and avalanche tracks, and heavily forested areas that pose a fire hazard. To ensure that development and human safety are protected from these hazards, all development is subject to providing and adhering to detailed assessments and protection measures that must be prepared by qualified professionals.

#### 1.4. **EXEMPTIONS**

The following activities are exempt from the development permit requirement established by this section, but other development permit requirements may apply.

- a. Activities on land that is subject to a land use contract.
- Construction of trails for non-motorized use, consistent with the Whistler Trail Standards as amended from time to time.
- b. Maintenance of existing trails in accordance with best trail maintenance practices for environmentally sensitive areas.
- c. Erection of fencing to prevent human access to environmentally sensitive areas, provided that the design and installation of fencing has been reviewed and approved by a biologist knowledgeable and experienced in the habitat requirements of wildlife species inhabiting the area in question.
- d. Activities conducted under the Provincial Emergency Program or the RMOW's emergency plan.
- e. Works in or about a stream approved under Section 9 of the Water Act.

- Maintenance of existing permanent infrastructure within its established footprint, including existing paved surfaces, dykes, drainage works and other utility works.
- g. Reconstruction, repair or alteration of a permanent structure on its existing foundation in accordance with any building permit required by the RMOW.
- h. Alteration of land or construction of a building in accordance with the conditions of approval resulting from a federal or provincial environmental assessment or review process.
- Alteration of land or construction of a building or structure that has been approved through a resort master planning process administered by the Province of British Columbia.
- j. Activities conducted in the Cheakamus Community Forest pursuant to the Province of British Columbia Forest Act.
- k. Alteration of land or construction of a building or structure in accordance with a development or building permit issued prior to the adoption of Official Community Plan Bylaw No. 1983, 2011.
- The following activities when carried out in accordance with the recommendations of and under the supervision of a Qualified Environmental Professional:
  - i. Ecological restoration and enhancement projects
  - ii. Vegetation management related to wildfire hazard reduction
  - iii. Removal of dead, terminally diseased, damaged or dangerous ground cover. hazard trees or invasive plant species, when carried out in accordance with the recommendations of an environmental professional.

#### 1.5. **GUIDELINES**

- a. Prohibit development from being located in areas that may be subject to flooding, mud flows, torrents of debris, erosion, land slip, rock falls, subsidence or avalanche. The municipality will require detailed natural hazards assessments prepared by qualified professionals, where appropriate.
- b. Development should conform to Fire Smart principles.
- Require a snowshed analysis for all buildings, except detached and duplex dwellings, conducted by a qualified professional.

# DEVELOPMENT PERMIT AREA: PROTECTION OF WETLAND & RIPARIAN ECOSYSTEMS

#### 1.6. **AREA**

All lands shown on Schedules K and L together with all land on the same parcel as such lands are designated as a Development Permit Area for Protection of Wetland and Riparian Ecosystems. In the case of wetland ecosystems, Schedule K is intended to illustrate the designation of all areas of land within 35 metres of the natural boundary of the wetland, and 100 metres in the case of wetlands with an area greater than 10 hectares. In the case of riparian ecosystems. Schedule L is intended to illustrate the designation of all areas of land within 35 metres of the natural boundary of a watercourse.

#### 1.7. **DESIGNATION**

Pursuant to Section 919.1(1)(a) of the Local Government Act, these lands are hereby designated a development permit area for protection of the natural environment, its ecosystems and biodiversity, and in particular wetland and riparian ecosystems. These lands are also designated under section 920.01 of the Local Government Act as areas in which the RMOW may require development applicants to provide information on the anticipated impact of development activities on the natural environment of the area affected.

#### 1.8. JUSTIFICATION

Wetland and riparian ecosystems represent areas of high biological function offering a range of habitat features, including access to water. They provide an important nutrient cycling function between land and water and are important components of the hydrological cycle, as well as functioning in natural erosion, deposition, metabolism, photosynthesis, and succession processes. They are also important as areas within which energy is stored and released into the environment. Riparian areas may also function as corridors for movement of wildlife, from insects to large mammals, as well as genetic material for Protista, fungus and plants. They provide local microclimates, and aesthetic and economic values of great significance to the RMOW. For all these reasons, wetland and riparian ecosystems warrant protection from development. In addition, the RMOW is obliged by the Fish Protection Act to protect riparian areas from the effects of residential, commercial and industrial development. This development permit area protects and enhances habitat for vegetation and other species of wildlife, as well as for fish species. The RMOW's development permit application procedures require applicants to provide environmental impact assessments that result in a level of protection of wetland and riparian ecosystems, comparable or exceeding that described in the Riparian Areas Regulation.

#### 1.9. **EXEMPTIONS**

The following activities are exempt from the development permit requirement established by this section, but other development permit requirements may apply.

- a. Activities on land that is subject to a land use contract
- b. Construction of trails for non-motorized use, consistent with the Whistler Trail Standards as amended from time to time
- c. Maintenance of existing trails in accordance with best trail maintenance practices for environmentally sensitive areas
- Erection of fencing to prevent human access to environmentally sensitive areas, provided that the design and installation of fencing has been reviewed and approved by a biologist knowledgeable and experienced in the habitat requirements of wildlife species inhabiting the area in question.
- e. Activities conducted under the Provincial Emergency Program or the Resort Municipality's emergency plan.
- f. Works in or about a stream approved under Section 9 of the *Water Act*.
- g. Maintenance of existing permanent infrastructure within its established footprint, including existing paved surfaces, dykes, drainage works and other utility works.
- h. Reconstruction, repair or alteration of a permanent structure on its existing foundation in accordance with any building permit required by the RMOW.
- Alteration of land or construction of a building in accordance with the conditions of approval resulting from a federal or provincial environmental assessment or review process.
- Alteration of land or construction of a building or structure that has been approved through a resort master planning process administered by the Province of British Columbia.
- k. Activities conducted in the Cheakamus Community Forest pursuant to the Province of British Columbia Forest Act.
- Alteration of land or construction of a building or structure in accordance with a development or building permit issued prior to the adoption of Official Community Plan Bylaw No. 1983, 2011.
- m. The following activities when carried out in accordance with the recommendations of and under the supervision of a Qualified Environmental Professional:
  - İ۷. Ecological restoration and enhancement projects
  - ٧. Vegetation management related to wildfire hazard reduction
  - νi. Removal of dead, terminally diseased, damaged or dangerous ground cover, hazard trees or invasive plant species, when carried out in accordance with the recommendations of an environmental professional

#### 1.10. GUIDELINES

#### GENERAL GUIDELINES

- a. Require that development be carried out in accordance with any recommendations of an environmental professional contained in development approval information provided with the development permit application, including:
  - i. recommendations as to areas of the land that should remain free of development
  - ii. recommendations that specified natural features or areas on the land be preserved, protected, restored or enhanced
  - iii. recommendations that the bed of any privately-owned natural water courses on the land be dedicated to the Crown
  - recommendations that works be constructed on the land to preserve, protect or iv. enhance wetlands or riparian areas or restore degraded habitat
  - recommendations for protection measures, including the retention or planting of vegetation or trees on the land to preserve, protect, restore or enhance fish habitat or riparian areas, control drainage or erosion, or protect the banks of watercourses
  - vi. recommendations as to when any such work should be carried out on the land
- recommendations that the performance and completion of such work on the land be vii. monitored by the environmental professional
- b. Require provision of compensatory habitat where permanent impact to a wetland or riparian ecosystem cannot be avoided. Compensation should be provided at a 2:1 ratio. On-site compensation is preferred but not mandatory. Compensation for lost habitat and ecological functions may involve either or both restoration of existing habitat and creation of new habitat.
- c. Require that the applicant provide security in the amount of 110% of the environmental professional's estimate of the cost of any of the foregoing work.

### WETLAND ECOSYSTEMS GUIDELINES

- a. Maintain the natural groundwater and surface water hydrologic systems that support the wetland's ecological processes
- b. Protect water quality by preventing pollutants, deleterious substances, sediment and nutrients from entering the water either directly or indirectly
- c. Maintain or restore historic flood frequency and storage capacity
- d. Maintain or restore wildlife and plant habitat including breeding, nesting and feeding areas for wildlife, especially species at risk
- e. Maintain or enhance the water recharge and discharge and nutrient exchange functions of wetlands

- Maintain the original vegetative composition, soil characteristics, nutrient cycling, and water chemistry features of the wetland, or restore them if they have been altered
- g. Do not locate buildings, structures or impervious surfaces within 35 metres of the wetland unless an environmental professional has advised that such development will not harmfully alter, disrupt or destroy fish habitat.
- h. Consider variance of applicable zoning or parking regulations, including lot line setbacks and building height restrictions, to prevent the loss of habitat within 35 metres of the wetland and 100 metres for wetlands with an area greater than 10 hectares.
- Protect wetland buffers and connectivity corridors with development permit conditions.
- Install, where appropriate, appropriately designed permanent fencing, rails, signage and access controls to identify and protect wetland ecosystems, without impeding wildlife access.
- k. Identify the outer boundary of the wetland buffer area with brightly coloured, secure snow fencing or equivalent, and appropriate signage, to prevent disturbance during construction or land alteration activities.

### RIPARIAN ECOSYSTEMS

- a. Avoid harmful alteration, disruption or destruction of natural features, functions and conditions that support riparian plant and animal life.
- b. Locate development on portions of the land that are least environmentally sensitive.
- c. Allow the continuation of the natural processes of disturbance events and ecological succession such as natural flow regimes of streams, seasonal flooding, stream channel movement, senescence of seral species, windthrow or blowdown of trees, and natural slope failures.
- d. Retain all natural vegetation that contributes to the normal functioning features and conditions of riparian ecosystems.
- e. Avoid the net loss of riparian habitat within 35 metres of the top of bank of the watercourse.
- In redevelopment situations, locate replacement buildings, structures and impervious surfaces no closer to the watercourse than existing or previously existing buildings, structures and surfaces.
- Do not locate buildings, structures or impervious surfaces within 35 metres of the top of bank of the watercourse unless an environmental professional has advised that such development will not harmfully alter, disrupt or destroy fish habitat.
- h. Consider variance of applicable zoning or parking regulations, including lot line setbacks and building height restrictions, to prevent the loss of habitat within 35 metres of the top of bank of the watercourse.
- Preserve natural wildlife corridors and connectivity of riparian species and habitats with adjacent upland ecosystems.

- j. Avoid locating trails, roads and utility corridors along, parallel to or across riparian ecosystems, and if such crossings are unavoidable, design riparian area crossings that:
  - i. are perpendicular to the riparian area, as narrow as practically possible, and elevated where possible
  - ii. provide passage for fish and wildlife
  - iii. are sited so as to minimize impacts on the stream channel and riparian vegetation
  - are sited so as to conform to the natural topography as much as possible ίV.
  - ٧. are constructed and maintained so as to prevent erosion and allow the natural movement of surface water and groundwater
- Design and construct permitted lakefront docks in accordance with best practices for lakeshore development and applicable provincial and federal regulations.
- Schedule all work in and around riparian ecosystems to minimize negative impacts.
- m. Incorporate into construction plans measures to protect against erosion, sedimentation of watercourses, uncontrolled drainage, infiltration of deleterious substances into watercourses or groundwater, restriction of groundwater movement, slides, habitat disturbance, and excessive excavation or deposit of fill or removal or disturbance of vegetation.
- n. Use brightly coloured snow fencing or equivalent temporary measures during construction to identify the boundary of riparian buffer areas.
- o. Conduct fuel reduction and management of ladder fuels for wildfire hazard protection without degrading riparian habitats, by trimming lower dead branches and maintaining green, shrubby vegetation.
- p. Install, where appropriate, appropriately designed permanent fencing, rails, signage and access controls to identify and protect riparian ecosystems, without impeding wildlife access.

## DEVELOPMENT PERMIT AREA: PROTECTION OF OTHER **ECOSYSTEMS**

### 1.11. Area

All lands shown on Schedule M are designated as a Development Permit Area for Protection of Other Ecosystems, other than wetland and riparian ecosystems.

### 1.12. DESIGNATION

Pursuant to Section 919.1(1)(a) of the Local Government Act, these lands are hereby designated a development permit area for protection of the natural environment, its ecosystems and biodiversity. These lands are also designated under section 920.01 of the Local Government Act as areas in which the RMOW may require development applicants to provide information on the anticipated impact of development activities on the natural environment of the area affected.

#### 1.13. JUSTIFICATION

Whistler"s Protected Areas Network (see Goal No. 1.0 under "Natural Environment") has identified five sensitive ecosystem types located throughout the municipality, in addition to the wetland and riparian ecosystems. Lands shown on Schedule "O" represent the municipality's best opportunity to manage development so as to preserve, protect, restore and enhance these other sensitive ecosystems; land in other designations has generally been developed or altered such that protection and restoration opportunities in redevelopment or new development are very limited. The RMOW's objectives for this designation are to protect sensitive ecosystems from the effects of development and to restore and enhance degraded ecosystems where possible.

Forested floodplains provide essential ecosystem functions including flood control and water storage and purification. They provide critical upland habitat for riparian organisms, promoting connectivity across the landscape. Old growth and mature forest ecosystems are very important to biodiversity, accommodating highly specialized species of plants and animals. Early succession forest ecosystems support high levels of local biodiversity, providing habitat for species that are generally more adaptable and tolerant to change. High mountain ecosystems, while they tend to escape development due to their location and site conditions, are well-used recreation areas and need to be managed to protect their fragile nature. Avalanche tracks are formed by dramatic and intense releases of energy resulting in alterations to the edges of adjacent forests and the establishment of specialized flora and fauna that are sensitive to development. The municipality's development permit application procedures require applicants to identify specific sensitive ecosystem types in the vicinity of proposed development and assess the impact of proposed development on those ecosystems, so that appropriate development permit conditions may be established.

### 1.14. EXEMPTIONS

The following activities are exempt from the development permit requirement established by this section, but other development permit requirements may apply.

- a. Activities on land that is subject to a land use contract
- b. Construction of trails for non-motorized use, consistent with the Whistler Trail Standards as amended from time to time.
- c. Maintenance of existing trails in accordance with best trail maintenance practices for environmentally sensitive areas
- d. Erection of fencing to prevent human access to environmentally sensitive areas, provided that the design and installation of fencing has been reviewed and approved by a biologist knowledgeable and experienced in the habitat requirements of wildlife species inhabiting the area in question

- e. Activities conducted under the Provincial Emergency Program or the RMOW's emergency plan
- f. Works in or about a stream approved under Section 9 of the Water Act
- g. Maintenance of existing permanent infrastructure within its established footprint, including existing paved surfaces, dykes, drainage works and other utility works
- h. Reconstruction, repair or alteration of a permanent structure on its existing foundation in accordance with any building permit required by the RMOW
- Alteration of land or construction of a building in accordance with the conditions of approval resulting from a federal or provincial environmental assessment or review process
- j. Alteration of land or construction of a building or structure that has been approved through a resort master planning process administered by the Province of British Columbia
- k. Activities conducted by in Cheakamus Community Forest pursuant to the Province of British Columbia Forest Act.
- I. Alteration of land or construction of a building or structure in accordance with a development or building permit issued prior to the adoption of Official Community Plan Bylaw No. 1983, 2011.
- m. Alteration of land or construction of a building or structure involving, in any period of 5 or fewer calendar years, the disturbance of soil or vegetation or the placement of fill affecting an aggregate land area of less than 1000 m<sup>2</sup>, including in any disturbance of soils or vegetation or placement of fill within an area wholly or partially contiguous to the area of the alteration of land and on a separate parcel, whether or not related to the development in question, and any disturbance of soils or vegetation or placement of fill on any highway or statutory right of way providing access or services to the land being developed
- n. The following activities when carried out in accordance with the recommendations of and under the supervision of a Qualified Environmental Professional:
  - i. Ecological restoration and enhancement projects
  - ii. Vegetation management related to wildfire hazard reduction
  - iii. Removal of dead, terminally diseased, damaged or dangerous ground cover, hazard trees or invasive plant species, when carried out in accordance with the recommendations of an environmental professional

### 1.15. GUIDELINES

(If proposed development within this Development Permit Area is within an area comprising a wetland or riparian ecosystem on Schedule "M" (Wetland Ecosystems) and "N" (Riparian

Ecosystems), the guidelines for Development Permit Area Protection of Wetland and Riparian Ecosystems also apply.)

### **GENERAL GUIDELINES**

- a. Require that development be carried out in accordance with any recommendations of an environmental professional contained in development approval information provided with the development permit application, including:
  - i. recommendations as to areas of the land that should remain free of development
  - recommendations that specified natural features or areas on the land be preserved, ii. protected, restored or enhanced
  - recommendations that the bed of any privately-owned natural water courses on the iii. land be dedicated to the Crown
  - ίV. recommendations that works be constructed on the land to preserve, protect or enhance environmentally sensitive areas or restore degraded habitat
  - recommendations for protection measures, including the retention or planting of ٧. vegetation or trees on the land
  - vi. recommendations as to when any such work should be carried out on the land
- recommendations that the performance and completion of such work on the land be vii. monitored by the environmental professional
- b. Require that the applicant provide security in the amount of 110% of the environmental professional's estimate of the cost of any of the foregoing work

### FORESTED FLOODPLAIN ECOSYSTEMS GUIDELINES

- a. Plan, design and implement development in a manner that will not lessen the natural function of forested floodplains, including by removing vegetation, altering surface water and groundwater regimes, and separating forested floodplain habitat from upland habitat
- b. Schedule work in forested floodplains to occur when impacts to wildlife, hydrology and other ecosystem elements will be minimal
- c. Maintain or restore the historical pattern of inundation
- Manage runoff from development by filtering and infiltration into the soil
- Minimize impervious surfaces in forested floodplains, ensuring that at least 90% of the site area remains permeable
- Install appropriate permanent signage indicating the environmentally sensitive nature of the area

#### OLD GROWTH AND MATURE FOREST ECOSYSTEMS GUIDELINES

a. Ensure that old growth and mature forests continue to provide interior conditions unaffected by nearby human activity

- b. Preserve to the greatest extent possible remaining low elevation old growth forest; consider variance of applicable zoning or parking regulations, including lot line setbacks and building height restrictions, to prevent loss of low elevation old growth forest.
- c. Ensure that areas of mature forest are managed to develop into old growth forest.
- d. Manage natural disturbance regimes including wildfire to ensure the environmental integrity of old growth and mature forests while minimizing damage to human infrastructure and values.
- e. Plan, design and implement development activities to minimize impact to ecosystem functions and connectivity by protecting large old trees, snags, large woody debris on the forest floor and understory vegetation while minimizing life safety hazards, and designing linear utility corridors to be as narrow as possible.
- f. Keep free of development old forest ecosystems that are red or blue-listed by the Conservation Data Centre, or are otherwise identified as regionally rare or at risk.
- g. Conduct harvesting and tree removal in accordance with site-specific minimum patch size evaluations based on the specific characteristics of the forest ecosystem and its contribution to local biodiversity and ecosystem integrity, including the amount of interior habitat, proximity to connectivity corridors and other old growth or mature forest patches, constituent elements of the patch including the presence of red or blue-listed ecological communities, and patch condition.

### EARLY SUCCESSION FOREST ECOSYSTEMS

- a. Provide for a mix of succession stages within Whistler forests.
- b. Design development so that early succession forest ecosystems maintain connectivity of forest functions, species and habitats with adjacent ecosystems.
- c. Design transportation and utility corridors to be as narrow as possible, and configured to allow for wildlife crossings.
- d. Manage early succession and second growth forests to develop mature and eventually old growth forest characteristics to improve habitat quality and connectivity and, where appropriate, wildfire management.
- e. Manage natural disturbance regimes including wildfire to ensure the environmental integrity of early succession forests and minimize damage to human infrastructure and values.

### HIGH MOUNTAIN ECOSYSTEMS

- a. Plan, design and implement development in a manner that does not diminish slope stability.
- b. Manage development on individual sites with a view to conserving high alpine forests within the municipality in an undisturbed state.

### AVALANCHE TRACK ECOSYSTEMS

- a. Plan, design and implement development in a manner that does not diminish slope stability or disturb natural drainage patterns.
- b. Plan, design and implement development in a manner that does not adversely affect or disturb biodiversity or ecosystem function.

## DEVELOPMENT PERMIT AREA: AQUIFER PROTECTION

#### 1.16. Area

Any land use that involves the use, storage, processing, manufacturing or sale of chemicals, substances, compounds, whether in solid, liquid or gaseous form, that could accidentally or intentionally migrate into the ground and affect the groundwater aguifer, within those areas identified as Aquifer Protection Development Permit Area shown on Schedule "N", must adhere to the guidelines contained herein.

#### 1.17. Justification

The designation of this development permit area, will ensure that development applications identify the proposed land uses, the local drainage measures that can be carried out to protect the aquifer, spill protection measures, transportation of dangerous goods techniques that can be implemented to minimize risk of aquifer contamination, and spill response plans

#### 1.18. Exemptions

Aquifer Protection Guidelines shall apply to all zones except the following:

- a) Subdivision of land.
- b) Activities within those areas identified as Aquifer Protection Areas on Schedule "N" that do not involve the use, storage, processing, manufacturing or sale of chemicals, substances, or compounds, whether in solid, liquid or gaseous form, that could migrate into the ground and affect the groundwater aquifer.
- c) Activities of all types in the following zones:

All zones within Section 10 Leisure Zones

All zones within Section 11 Residential Zones

All zones within Section 12 Multiple Residential Zones

All zones within Section 14 Tourist Accommodation Zones

All zones within Section 15 Tourist Pension Zones

The following zones in Section 16 Lands North Zones: LA1, LA2, LA3, HA1, HA2, LNR, LNP, CNL, LNRTA1, LNRTA2, LNRTA3

All zones within Section 19 Institutional Zones

All zones within Section 21 Parking Zones.

### 1.19. Guidelines

- a) All improvements, buildings and structures and alterations to land must be designed, constructed, undertaken and maintained in a manner that does not result in contamination of any aquifer or groundwater.
- b) Buildings, structures and uses involving the transportation, storage or use of materials, chemicals, compounds or substances that could contaminate an aquifer or groundwater, including materials or substances used during land alteration and construction activities, must be located, designed, constructed, and maintained to eliminate the possibility of any such contamination.
- c) The RMOW may incorporate into any development permit, measures to preserve or protect aquifers and groundwater from contamination.

### DEVELOPMENT PERMIT AREA: WHISTLER VILLAGE

### 1.20. AREA

All lands located within the Whistler Village Development Permit Area, as shown on Schedule "O".

### 1.21. DESIGNATION

Pursuant to Section 919.1(1) (d) and (f) of the Local Government Act, these lands are hereby designated a development permit area for revitalization of an area in which a commercial use is permitted and the establishment of objectives for the form and character of commercial or multifamily residential development.

### 1.22. JUSTIFICATION

Whistler Village is a master planned town centre designed as a pedestrian-oriented environment for people's comfort, convenience, interest and experience.

This original design has endured, establishing the foundation for a unique identity that has truly set Whistler apart. While a natural desire exists to preserve and protect this Village "gem", there

is recognition that ongoing rejuvenation, revitalization, and evolution is needed in order to remain vital and alive and continue to be competitive in the destination resort market.

The elements of the character, quality and identity of Whistler Village which help to make it a unique and special place requires coordinated site planning, architecture and landscaping.

#### 1.23. EXEMPTIONS

Pursuant to Section 919.1(4) of the Local Government Act a development permit is not required in respect of the following:

- a. interior renovations, except renovations that impede views into a store per Section 5.2.3 of Schedule 1;
- b. lands regulated by a land use contract and;
- c. all roads and municipal parks.

#### 1.24. GUIDELINES

Any proposed development shall be in accordance with the Whistler Village Design Guidelines attached as Schedule 1.

- a. Development, including construction and alterations that will inconvenience or jeopardize the use of public areas in Whistler Village by creating construction noise or the placement of construction materials or barriers in public areas shall not be carried out between July 1 of any year and September 5 of the same year, except as specified in the Development Permit.
- b. The municipality may accept or encourage the dedication of public trails to promote pedestrian movement.

### DEVELOPMENT PERMIT AREA: WHISTLER CREEK

### 1.25. AREA

All lands located within the Whistler Creek Development Permit Area, as shown on Schedule "P".

### 1.26. DESIGNATION

Pursuant to Section 919.1(1)(d) and (f) of the Local Government Act, these lands are hereby designated a development permit area for revitalization of an area in which a commercial use is permitted and the establishment of objectives for the form and character of commercial or multifamily residential development.

#### 1.27. JUSTIFICATION

Whistler Creek is the historical gateway to Whistler anchored by the Creekside ski base. The area has evolved into a mixed use destination for visitors and residents, encompassing recently developed ski base area visitor accommodations and a village-scaled mixed commercial development with day skier parking facilities, known as Franz's Trail. The area extends to include mixed commercial development on adjacent corners at the Highway 99 and Lake Placid Road intersections, and runs along Lake Placid Road to the recently developed Nita Lake Lodge and train station, where the area is connected to the Valley Trail to Alpha Lake and Nita Lake. Revitalization of remaining aging commercial and multi-family residential properties and further improvements to enhance the interconnectivity and pedestrian-orientation of the area through high quality urban design, architecture and landscape architecture will reinforce and strengthen the character, economic viability and historic value of Whistler Creek.

#### 1.28. EXEMPTIONS

Pursuant to Section 919.1(4) of the Local Government Act a development permit is not required in respect of the following:

- a. interior renovations, except renovations that close in storefront windows with display walls and cabinets that impede views into a store;
- b. construction of, addition to or alteration of a detached or duplex dwelling;
- c. lands regulated by a land use contract;
- d. all roads and municipal park lands.

### 1.29. GUIDELINES

Development Permits issued for each designation category in this area shall be in accordance with the following guidelines.

#### SITE PLANNING

- a. Provide for a mixed commercial, residential, cultural and recreational character for both visitors and residents on a year round basis.
- A pedestrian scale should be maintained by limiting commercial, retail and mixed use facilities to three storeys, and restricting the larger building forms to designated anchor points.
- c. Minimize the overall mass appearance of any one building. Building height, massing and setbacks should ensure view corridors, view opportunities and solar access.

- d. Building siting and design should reflect the importance of separating vehicular and pedestrian circulation. Service bays and waste storage should be contained within the building or suitably screened.
- e. Provide visible outdoor activity areas to reinforce social activity and interaction. All development should maximize sun penetration to pedestrian and outdoor activity areas.
- Pedestrian oriented routes and street patterns through Whistler Creek should be created providing strong pedestrian routes from the train station to the Creekside ski base to integrate the area. The pedestrian system should provide accessible routes to an acceptable standard.
- g. Valley Trail connections through Whistler Creek should be strengthened. The municipality may accept or encourage the dedication of public trails to promote pedestrian movement.
- h. All surface parking areas should be screened by a combination of landscaping and berms. Parking areas must provide adequate areas for snow storage and drainage.

### SITE DESIGN

- a. Landscaping is a major, integral part of a project design and planting should be substantial to emphasize the natural setting.
- b. Existing vegetation should be preserved wherever possible. Replant and re-landscape areas that have been cleared. Coordinate planting to create a pleasing composition and cohesive look.
- c. All landscaping should be designed, installed, and continuously maintained and managed to current BCSLA/BCNTA standards.
- d. Planted areas must incorporate programmable automatic irrigation system to current IIABC and BCSLA/BCNTA standards. Drip irrigation is required for hanging planters. Irrigation lines should be concealed.
- e. Streetscape elements should be located along pedestrian routes to include: boulevard trees, lighting, planters and planting displaying seasonal variety and colour, all able to withstand Whistler's harsh climatic conditions.
- f. Special features such as public art, fountains, water, exterior display kiosks, flags and banners are strongly encouraged provided they contain no commercial message.
- Outdoor lighting should be used for safe pedestrian passage and property identification firstly. Seasonal festive lighting and limited architectural and landscape feature lighting is permitted. Illumination levels should be of sufficient intensity to provide safe pedestrian passage and property identification but not over-power the nightscape. Direct light downward by choosing the correct type of light fixture. Acceptable fixtures are full cutoff and fully shielded fixtures that shield the light source to reduce glare. Use warm lighting. Coloured lighting is restricted to seasonal festive lighting and public amenities.

### **BUILDING DESIGN**

- a. Roof form should be modulated and suited to mountain shapes and views and have a sloped appearance to reduce the apparent bulk of a building and to create more visual interest. Small areas of flat roofs are acceptable. Whistler's extreme freeze/thaw cycle and frequent large accumulations of snow are to be considered in design and material selection. All pedestrian and vehicle access points must be protected from snow shed and ice accumulation. Roof colour must be generally neutral or muted to blend with the colours of the natural landscape.
- b. Building materials should be consistent with the mountain character, complementary to those of adjoining buildings and sufficiently durable and detailed to withstand Whistler's harsh climate. Materials including stone, wood, acrylic, stucco and treated/textured concrete are appropriate. Other materials may be acceptable in limited areas subject to particular technical and design justification. Reflective or heavily tinted glass is not permitted. Large areas of glass and singular materials are discouraged. Building colours should be muted and consist of natural colours found in the Whistler setting. Limited use of complementary accent colours for focal points, doors and storefronts is encouraged.
- c. Use variety, texture, scale and modulation in building façade design to create pedestrian interest. Blank walls on street-fronting building façades are discouraged.
- d. Building entrances should front the street and pedestrian routes and should be visible and identifiable from both. The ground level of a building should be as close as possible to street/pedestrian route grade.
- e. Building facades that front streets should be developed with active ground floors to ensure businesses are easily identifiable and to promote pedestrian-friendly streets.
- Design shop façades as individual entities to strengthen their character and interest to the pedestrian. Inviting entrances and clear window glazing offering visibility into a store are especially important to enhance indoor/outdoor connections. Interior renovations that close in storefront windows with display walls and cabinets that impede views into a store are discouraged.
- g. All stairs and ramps accessing buildings are encouraged to be roofed. Notwithstanding Development Permit Area Guidelines for Energy and Water Conservation and Reduction of Greenhouse Gases, building access ramps steeper than 5% slope should be heat traced if not roofed.
- h. Roof mounted equipment should be planned as part of the roof so they are concealed from pedestrian viewpoints.

### SIGNAGE

- a. Signage programs must be integrated in design and coordinated with the architectural features of the building and character of the area.
- The size, number and placement of signs pertaining to a development should ensure a hierarchy of signage. Within this hierarchy, there should be a balance between consistency and individual creativity. Consistency may come in the location, size, and materials of signage and lighting to create a rhythm; creativity may come in the shape,

- colour, materials, and individual mounting brackets to create interest and individual business expression. Signs that visually exhibit or express the character of their site or location or the business enterprise to which they pertain are encouraged.
- c. All sign materials and mounting brackets should be high quality, textured and durable. Raised or recessed letters or symbols are strongly encouraged. Lighting fixtures should be quality, unobtrusive fixtures.
- d. Signs may support fairly intense colour applications, but should be harmonious with the colour scheme of the building with which they are associated.
- e. All signage must also meet the requirements of the RMOW Sign Bylaw, except that the bylaw requirements may be varied by development permit to authorize signs that are demonstrated to better achieve the overall objectives of these form and character guidelines.

### DEVELOPMENT PERMIT AREA: COMMUNITY COMMERCIAL

### 1.30. AREA

All lands located within the Community Commercial Development Permit Area, as shown on Schedule "Q".

### 1.31. DESIGNATION

Pursuant to Section 919.1 (1)(f) of the Local Government Act these lands are hereby designated a development permit area for the establishment of objectives for the form and character of commercial development in the resort community outside of the Whistler Village and Whistler Creek core areas.

### 1.32. JUSTIFICATION

The objectives of the Community Commercial Development Permit Area designation are to:

- a. Encourage visually attractive commercial development for visitors and residents.
- b. Encourage economic viability of commercial developments.
- c. Encourage commercial developments that are compatible with adjacent land uses.

- d. Create and strengthen highly livable commercial areas, where commercial development is human-scaled, pedestrian friendly and respects the form and character of adjacent residential uses.
- e. Maintain and enhance the commercial areas of Whistler.
- Reinforce the Whistler mountain resort community character.

#### 1.33. EXEMPTIONS

Pursuant to Section 919.1 (4) of the Local Government Act, a development permit is not required in respect of the following;

- a. Lands regulated by Land Use Contracts.
- b. Regular building and landscape maintenance.
- c. Emergency works, including tree cutting to remove an immediate danger.
- d. Tree cutting pursuant to a valid tree cutting permit.
- e. Signs authorized by permit under the Sign Bylaw.
- f. Minor site clearing for topographic or other surveys for site and servicing work.
- g. Whistler Sliding Centre track.

### 1.34. GUIDELINES

These guidelines illustrate various design elements which need to be considered by prospective developers and set out the intended character and theme of all development on the lands. They are not intended to be exhaustive; other imaginative design solutions are encouraged provided they meet the general design intent. Each design will be reviewed in the context of surrounding development, and the specific design objectives for the lands. In the case of mixed-use developments that are subject to guidelines for more than one type of use (multi-family residential, commercial or industrial), the application of land use-specific guidelines to particular buildings and portions of buildings is a matter of discretion and the designer should apply the guidelines in a manner than results in an effective and coherent overall design.

### SITE DEVELOPMENT AND BUILDING DESIGN

- a. Mass and scale of commercial development should fit with the surrounding neighbourhood character and mountain resort community character.
- b. Minimize the overall mass appearance of any one building. Building height, massing and setbacks should be oriented to view corridors, view opportunities and solar access.
- c. At least one building face of each building, should be sited at the lot boundary abutting a street, to create the defined street edges common to attractive commercial areas.

- i. Buildings may be set back further from the street to accommodate outdoor seating areas and open spaces.
- ii. Where buildings front major streets the building should relate to the street through design features such as large windows that allow building occupants to observe street life and people on the street to observe what is happening in the building.
- iii. Buildings on corner sites, or a portion of these buildings, should be sited at both street edges. These buildings should be massed to strongly define the corner and exhibit visually prominent architectural elements.
- d. Building faces that directly abut streets and corner locations should be developed with active ground floors, to create a positive public image, ensure businesses are easily identifiable, and promote more pedestrian-friendly streets. For example:
  - i. Offices, reception areas and other public uses, located at-grade and along building faces that front streets, should have entrances with direct street access and clear window glazing.
  - ii. If additional offices, reception and other public areas are above the ground floor, easily identifiable, at-grade entrances should be used to located these areas.
  - iii. Blank walls on street-fronting building façades are discouraged.
  - iv. Architectural features/articulation of the elevation and window glazing should be used.
- e. Innovative and interesting façade treatments, consistent with the resort community experience, are strongly encouraged on all commercial buildings, to create identifiable, attractive commercial areas. For example:
  - i. Stepping back or providing balcony and terrace areas on the building above the ground floor.
  - ii. Use of a variety of colours, roof lines, architectural features and building materials including stone, wood, recycled composites and treated or textured concrete. Large areas of unvaried material such as stucco are strongly discouraged.
  - iii. Use of building colors complementary to neighboring buildings or identifiable with the area. Colours should be muted and consist of natural colours found in the Whistler setting. Limited use of complementary accent colours for focal points, doors and storefronts is encouraged.
  - ίV. Use of attractive and innovative signage.
  - ٧. Large areas of mirrored surfaces, singular material, such as stucco, sheet or profiled metal cladding, standard concrete block and blank walls are strongly discouraged.
  - νi. Design shop facades as individual entities to strengthen their character and interest to the pedestrian.

- vii. Entrances to shops and building lobbies should be clearly identifiable from sidewalks and other public areas.
- Building materials should be sufficiently durable to withstand Whistler"s harsh climate.
- g. Roof form should be modulated and suited to mountain shapes and views and have a sloped appearance to reduce the apparent bulk of a building and to create more visual interest. Small areas of flat roofs are acceptable. Whistler's extreme freeze/thaw cycle and frequent large accumulations of snow are to be considered in design and material selection. All pedestrian and vehicle access points must be protected from snow shed and ice accumulation. Roof colour should be generally neutral or muted in order to blend with the colours of the natural landscape.
- h. Commercial developments should provide usable, public and private open spaces to create pedestrian interest, opportunities for social activity, and should provide buffers between commercial and other uses.
- i. Commercial developments should provide user amenities such as seating, waste and recycling receptacles, public art, ambient lighting and bicycle racks.
- **Building lighting** 
  - i. Use of high pressure sodium bulbs is discouraged.
  - ii. All lighting should use cut-offs to prevent light from escaping into the night sky or onto adjacent properties.
  - iii. All entrances and exits should be illuminated with lighting that renders colours properly and allows enough light that occupants can see the faces of people outside the building.
  - Parking areas should be adequately illuminated to allow people to safely access and iv. egress their vehicles at night.
- k. Building form and character should address the functional needs of persons with disabilities, including those who are mobility, visually and hearing impaired, and/or have reduced strength or dexterity.
- I. Shared parking facilities and shared access points are encouraged to reduce the amount of curb-cuts, and allow for efficient traffic circulation and utilization of parking supply.
- m. All disabled parking spaces should be located as close as possible to building entrances.
- n. Bicycle storage facilities, should be provided on commercial building sites and within buildings themselves, where possible.
- o. Diminish the visual impact of parking and the car-oriented nature of a development by reducing the scale and visual impact of the parking lots and placing an emphasis on pedestrian-oriented scale and development. Locate parking areas to minimize the visual impact of parking on the streetscape and from adjacent roadways.

- p. Surface parking and loading areas should be situated appropriately in accordance with parking, loading and landscaping requirements.
- q. All surface parking should be screened and enhanced with landscaping and berms.
- r. Landscaping and screening elements must be able to withstand Whistler"s harsh climatic conditions and be coordinated with adjacent landscaping.
- s. Parking areas must provide adequate areas for snow storage and drainage.
- Garbage and recycling areas should:
  - i. Be contained within the commercial building where possible or within a roofed and enclosed structure, designed to complement the overall building design and adequately sized for the sites needs and RMOW programs;
  - Use building design and material selections that can effectively manage Whistler"s ii. extreme freeze/thaw cycle and frequent large accumulations of snow;
  - iii. Be secured from bear access; and
  - ίV. Be screened and enhanced with landscaping.
- Service bays should be contained within the building and suitably screened.

### SIGNAGE

- a. Comprehensive sign plans should consider the following design objectives:
  - i. Signage should be designed to be architecturally consistent with associated buildings and complements the character of the local commercial area.
  - ii. Street-fronting buildings" signage should be directly integrated into building façades or hung perpendicular to building façades.
  - iii. Signs that visually exhibit or express the character of their site or location or the nature of the business enterprise to which they relate are encouraged.
  - All aspects of signage should be coordinated including sign brackets/mounting, iv. lighting and materials.
  - All signage must also meet the requirements of the RMOW Sign Bylaw, except that the bylaw requirements may be varied by development permit to authorize signs that are demonstrated to better achieve the overall objectives of these form and character guidelines.

### *FENCING*

a. Fencing is generally discouraged but may be used where necessary, along with vegetative planting, to limit public access to utilities or dangerous areas.

- b. Fence design should be appropriate to its function, location and context in the neighbourhood. Fences should be of a high quality, reflecting and extending the building details and integrated with landscaping to minimize its visual impact.
- c. The use of chain link fencing is discouraged and such fencing should not be visible from pedestrian areas, a municipal road or highway.

#### ON-SITE LANDSCAPING

- a. Properties adjacent to Highway 99 should maintain a 20 metre wide treed area adjacent to the highway.
- b. Landscaping is a major, integral part of a project design and planting should be substantial to emphasize the natural setting.
- c. Wherever possible, mature trees, including those along property lines and significant specimens within the interior of commercial development sites, should be preserved and integrated with new landscaping.
- d. Landscaping, tree plantings and screening methods should be used to screen:
  - i. Surface parking lots;
  - ii. Surface storage areas;
  - iii. Blank building faces; and
  - iv. Commercial buildings and structures from streets and adjacent development.
- e. Coordinate planting to create a pleasing composition and cohesive look, define and enliven public spaces, moderate building massing, maximize views into stores, emphasize and frame important building features and natural focal points, and provide shade for comfort.
- f. The use of "Green roof" technology is encouraged to reduce site stormwater runoff and reduce energy costs.
- g. Landscaped areas with the capacity to infiltrate and accommodate stormwater runoff, such as planting beds and grassed areas, are encouraged to reduce stormwater runoff from commercial building surface parking lots and rooftops.

## STREETSCAPE

- a. Pedestrian areas, including sidewalks and pathways located on or adjacent to building sites should be an appropriate width, in terms of expected pedestrian volumes. The width should accommodate unencumbered travel for both pedestrians and mobility impaired persons.
- b. Building entrances should be directly accessed from sidewalks, parking lots and pedestrian pathways as seamlessly as possible from the street on to the building site. Grade changes between sidewalks, squares, outdoor seating areas, transit stops and

- other pedestrian areas should also be minimized and designed to accommodate the needs of persons with disabilities.
- c. Adequate lighting should be provided in all areas frequented by pedestrians and vehicles and not shine directly into adjacent properties.

### NEIGHBOURHOOD CONVENIENCE CENTRES

- a. Design of neighbourhood convenience centres should reinforce their role as neighbourhood-orientated centres providing for daily shopping, business, and community needs of residents in a setting complementary to the local neighbourhood character. Developments should reinforce the image of a neighbourhood gathering place as a pedestrian-oriented, community focal point.
- b. Development should be designed to reinforce its relationship with the surrounding community, and to help integrate it with existing pedestrian and vehicular circulation routes, open spaces, and other public amenities.
- c. Development should be pedestrian-orientated.
- d. Form of development should typically be low-rise buildings in scale with surrounding development, with pedestrian-scale building facades, articulated to enhance visual interest.
- e. Upper storeys of buildings should be set back where appropriate to provide pedestrian scale and allow sunlight access to the street.
- Diminish the visual impact of parking and the car-oriented nature of the development by reducing the scale and visual impact of the parking lots and placing an emphasis on pedestrian-oriented scale and development.
- g. Developments should include special open space, landscape, street furnishing, and landmark features which enhance the character and reinforce the role of the service centre as a neighbourhood focus.

### DEVELOPMENT PERMIT AREA: MUI TI-FAMII Y RESIDENTIAL

# 1.35. AREA

All lands located within the Multi-Family Residential Development Permit Area, as shown on Schedule R.

### 1.36. DESIGNATION

Pursuant to Section 919.1 (1) (f) of the Local Government Act, these lands are designated as a development permit area for the establishment of objectives for the form and character of multifamily residential development.

#### 1.37. JUSTIFICATION

The objectives of the Multi-Family Residential Development Permit Area designation are to:

- a. Encourage visually attractive multi-family residential developments that respond to natural features, and enhance and strengthen the character of existing neighbourhoods for visitors and residents.
- b. Encourage multi-family development designs that complement adjacent land uses.
- c. Create and strengthen highly livable multi-family developments that are human-scaled, pedestrian friendly and compatible in form and character with adjacent uses.
- d. Ensure the mass and form of individual buildings are scaled and organized to respect Whistler"s mountain village character and enhance the resort experience of Whistler.

### 1.38. EXEMPTIONS

Pursuant to Section 919.1 (4) of the Local Government Act a multi-family development permit is not required in respect of the following;

- a. Lands regulated by a Land Use Contract.
- b. Routine maintenance of buildings and landscaping.
- c. Minor building additions or alterations (under 10 square metres of gross floor area) that do not require a Building Permit.
- d. Patio and outdoor improvements.
- e. Emergency works, including tree cutting to remove an immediate danger.
- f. Tree cutting pursuant to a valid tree cutting permit.
- g. Signs authorized by permit under the Sign Bylaw.
- h. Minor site clearing for topographic or other surveys for site and servicing work.

#### 1.39. GUIDELINES

The general intent of these design guidelines is to illustrate various design elements which need to be considered by prospective developers. These guidelines set out the intended character and theme of all development on the lands. They are not intended to be exhaustive; other imaginative design solutions are encouraged provided they meet the general design intent. Each design will be reviewed in the context of surrounding development, and the specific design objectives for the lands. In the case of mixed-use developments that are subject to guidelines for more than one type of use (multi-family residential, commercial or industrial), the application of land use-specific guidelines to particular buildings and portions of buildings is a matter of discretion and the designer should apply the guidelines in a manner than results in an effective and coherent overall design.

### SITE DEVELOPMENT AND BUILDING DESIGN

- a. Buildings and landscaping should be located and designed to suit natural topography, hydrology and vegetation. For example, on steeper sites, the building mass can be modulated and stepped down natural slopes to minimize grading and excavation.
- b. Site planning is required to minimize disturbance to natural contours and existing vegetation. Extensive site excavation and alteration are discouraged
- c. Designers should use site layout, building orientation, window placement, vegetation and landscape screening to provide visual privacy between neighbouring properties.
- d. Building setback requirements may be varied in response to site conditions, for example to preserve vegetation, grades and views, or to optimize solar access.
- e. Innovative and interesting facade treatments are strongly encouraged on all apartment and townhouse buildings, to create identifiable, attractive multi-family developments. For example:
  - i. Stepping back or providing balcony and terrace areas on the building above the ground floor.
  - ii. Use of a variety of colours, roof lines, architectural features and building materials including stone, wood, recycled composites and treated or textured concrete. Large areas of unvaried material such as stucco are strongly discouraged.
  - iii. Use of building colors complementary to neighboring buildings or identifiable with the area. Colours should be muted and consist of natural colours found in the Whistler setting. Limited use of complementary accent colours for focal points or architectural features is encouraged.
- Building materials should be sufficiently durable to withstand Whistler"s harsh climate.
- Innovative and interesting roof designs are strongly encouraged on all buildings, to create identifiable, attractive multi-family developments. For example:
  - i. Roof forms should be broken up with the use of dormers or other architectural features.
  - ii. Ridgelines should not be continuous but varied in height or broken with chimneys, cupolas, towers or other features.

- iii. Roof colour should be generally neutral or muted in order to blend with the natural landscape.
- All roofs should be designed to safely handle snow accumulation. ίV.
- Sloped roofs are encouraged and sloping sections may vary from 5/12 to 12/12 pitch. ٧. The integration of flat roofs is acceptable for certain types of buildings.
- vi. All roofs should be designed to safely handled snow accumulation and snow shedding. Roof snowshedding areas incorporated into the design should avoid conditions which result in ice build-up, and ensure the attic space is properly ventilated.
- νii. All pedestrian and vehicle access points must be protected from snow shed and ice accumulation.
- viii. Roof appurtenances such as, exit stairs, chimneys, vents, air conditioning and water cooling units, T.V. satellite dishes, and similar items, are permitted to project above the roof height; provided they are adequately screened and integrated with the overall roof design of the building.
- h. Designers of multi-family residential developments should consider the provision of usable, public and private open spaces to create pedestrian interest, opportunities for recreation and social activity, and provide buffers between multi-family residential developments and other uses.
- Building designs should incorporate design elements that address the functional needs of persons with disabilities, including those who are mobility, visually and hearing impaired, or have reduced strength or dexterity.

### VEHICLE ACCESS, PARKING AREAS AND RECYCLING FACILITIES

- a. Access roads to parking areas should be constructed at minimum available grade differentials.
- b. Parking areas should be located to provide convenient access during heavy snow conditions.
- c. The majority of apartment building parking should be provided in parking structures beneath the buildings.
- d. Surface parking and loading areas should be situated appropriately in accordance with parking, loading and landscaping requirements.
- e. All surface parking should be screened and enhanced with landscaping and berms.
- f. Townhouse parking may be a combination of covered parking attached to or within the dwelling unit and surface clusters as site conditions permit.
- g. Landscaping and screening elements must be able to withstand Whistler"s harsh climatic conditions and be coordinated with adjacent landscaping.

- h. Parking areas **must** provide adequate areas for snow storage and drainage.
- All disabled parking spaces should be located as close as possible to building entrances.
- Bicycle storage facilities, should be provided within apartment buildings for residents" use.
- k. Garbage and recycling areas should:
  - Include a roofed and enclosed structure, designed to complement the overall building design and adequately sized for the site's needs and RMOW waste management programs;
  - ii. Use structure design and material selections that can effectively manage Whistler"s extreme freeze/thaw cycle and frequent large accumulations of snow;
  - iii. Be secured from bear access; and
  - ίV. Be screened and enhanced with landscaping and berms.

#### EXTERIOR LIGHTING

- a. Low level or indirect lighting should be used to avoid "hot spots" and contrasting shadow areas, and to reduce lighting glare.
- b. No flashing, blinking, or coloured lighting is permitted,
- c. Walkways should be adequately lit for both winter and summer use.
- d. Security lighting should be carefully integrated with landscape design and building planning. It is not necessary to over-light, nor to uniformly light everything to achieve security.

### SIGNAGE

- a. All signage associated with multi-family sites should achieve the following design objectives:
  - νi. Signs should be designed to be architecturally consistent with associated buildings and complements the character of the local commercial area.
- vii. Signs that visually exhibit or express the character of their site or location or the nature of the business enterprise to which they relate are encouraged.
- viii. All aspects of signage should be coordinated including sign brackets/mounting, lighting and materials.
  - All signage must also meet the requirements of the RMOW Sign Bylaw, except that the bylaw requirements may be varied by development permit to authorize signs that are demonstrated to better achieve the overall objectives of these form and character quidelines.

#### **FENCING**

- a. Fencing is generally discouraged but may be used where necessary, along with vegetative planting, to limit public access to utilities or dangerous areas.
- b. Fence design should be appropriate to its function, location and context in the neighbourhood. Fences should be of a high quality, reflecting and extending the building details and integrated with landscaping to minimize its visual impact.
- c. The use of chainlink fencing is discouraged, and such fencing should not be visible from pedestrian areas, a municipal road or highway.

#### ON-SITE LANDSCAPING

- a. Landscaping is a major, integral part of a project design and planting should be substantial to emphasize the natural setting.
- b. Coordinate planting to create a pleasing composition and cohesive look, define and enliven public spaces, moderate building massing, maximize views into stores, emphasize and frame important building features and natural focal points, and provide shade for comfort.
- c. Landscaping and screening elements such as seating, lighting, planter design, and plant types must be able to withstand Whistler"s harsh climatic conditions and be coordinated with adjacent landscaping.
- d. Properties adjacent to Highway 99 should maintain a 20 metre wide treed area adjacent to the highway.
- e. Wherever possible, mature trees, including those along property lines and significant specimens within the interior of multi-family development sites, should be preserved and integrated with new landscaping.
- f. Landscaping, tree plantings and structures should be used to screen:
  - i. surface parking lots;
  - ii. surface storage areas; and
  - iii. buildings and structures from adjacent development.
- g. The use of "Green roof" technology is encouraged where appropriate.
- h. Landscaped areas with the capacity to infiltrate and accommodate stormwater, such as planting beds and grassed areas, are encouraged to reduce stormwater runoff from multifamily building surface parking lots and rooftops. The use of permeable paving materials for parking lots and other paved surfaces should also be considered.

#### STREETSCAPE

- a. Pedestrian areas, including sidewalks and pathways located on or adjacent to the site should be an appropriate width, in terms of expected pedestrian volumes. The width should accommodate unencumbered travel for both pedestrians and persons with accessibility challenges.
- b. Building entrances should be directly accessed from sidewalks, parking lots and pedestrian pathways as seamlessly as possible from the street on to the site. Grade changes between sidewalks, squares, outdoor seating areas, transit stops and other pedestrian areas should also be minimized and designed to accommodate the needs of persons with disabilities.
- c. Building entrances, lobbies, stairs, corridors and exterior walkways should be designed to accommodate people wearing ski boots and carrying bulky equipment. Extra width, gentle pedestrian access grades, more generous steps, and heavier more durable materials should be provided to accommodate skier traffic.
- d. Adequate lighting should be provided in all areas frequented by pedestrians and vehicles and not shine directly into adjacent properties.

## DEVELOPMENT PERMIT AREA: INTENSIVE RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT

### 1.40. AREA

All lands located within the Intensive Residential Development Permit Area, as shown on Schedule "S".

#### 1.41. DESIGNATION

Pursuant to Section 919.1 (1) (e) of the Local Government Act, these lands are designated as a development permit area for the establishment of objectives for the form and character of intensive residential development.

### 1.42. JUSTIFICATION

The objectives of the Intensive Residential Development Permit Area designation are to:

- a. Encourage visually attractive residential development that enhance and strengthen the character of existing neighourhoods.
- b. Encourage intensive residential developments that are compatible with existing neighbourhoods, by creating infill solutions such as smaller lots and duplex dwellings,

using careful site planning and design to maintain or approximate a forested mountain setting.

- c. Create compact, efficient dwelling units relying on existing amenities, services and infrastructure that contribute to the long-term affordability and supply of restricted housing for employees.
- d. Maintain and enhance the mountain resort character of Whistler.

#### 1.43. EXEMPTIONS

A Development Permit within the Intensive Residential Development Permit Area is required only in respect of the following:

- a. A subdivision that would create one or more parcels smaller than 695 square metres;
- b. Development of detached dwellings and auxiliary buildings on parcels smaller than 695 square metres, unless the parcel was created by a subdivision plan deposited prior to January 2009;
- c. Development of a duplex dwelling.

#### 1.44. GUIDELINES

The general intent of these design guidelines is to illustrate various design elements which need to be considered by prospective developers. These guidelines set out the intended character and theme of all development on the lands. They are not intended to be exhaustive; other imaginative design solutions are encouraged provided they meet the general design intent. Each design will be reviewed in the context of surrounding development, and the specific design objectives for the lands. In the case of mixed-use developments that are subject to guidelines for more than one type of use (multi-family residential, commercial or industrial), the application of land use-specific guidelines to particular buildings and portions of buildings is a matter of discretion and the designer should apply the guidelines in a manner than results in an effective and coherent overall design.

#### SITE DEVELOPMENT AND BUILDING DESIGN

- a. Buildings should use layout, orientation, window placement, vegetation and landscape screening to provide visual privacy between neighbouring buildings and properties.
- b. Front parcel line dimensions may be varied to permit subdivisions resulting in the creation of at least one employee-restricted parcel.
- c. Setback requirements may be varied in response to site conditions, for example to preserve vegetation, grades and views, or to optimize solar access.
- d. Any variances to front parcel width and setbacks should consider potential impacts on adjacent properties including views and solar access.

- e. Buildings and landscaping should be sensitively located and designed to minimize disturbance to natural topography, hydrology and existing vegetation. For example, on steeper sites, the building mass can be modulated and stepped down natural slopes to minimize grading and excavation.
- Site design should include adequate snow storage areas.
- g. Surface parking areas, driveways and garages should be designed to minimize their visual impact on the streetscape. Shared driveways are encouraged for adjacent parcels to reduce driveway width at street.

### **ON-SITE LANDSCAPING**

- a. Wherever possible, mature trees and significant specimens, including those along property lines, should be preserved and integrated with new landscaping.
- b. Landscape designs should preserve existing native vegetation where appropriate, or use plants suited to the local climate, to minimize irrigation requirements.
- c. Disturbed portions of a development site should be re-vegetated to maintain a forested setting.
- d. The use of "Green roof" technology is encouraged to allow rainwater collection systems for irrigation purposes.

## DEVELOPMENT PERMIT AREA: INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT

#### 1.45. AREA

All lands located within the Industrial Development Development Permit Area, as shown on Schedule "T".

### 1.46. DESIGNATION

Pursuant to Section 919.1 (1)(f) of the Local Government Act, these areas are designated as a development permit area for the establishment of objectives for the form and character of industrial development.

### 1.47. JUSTIFICATION

The objectives of the Industrial Development Permit Area designation are to:

- a. Encourage visually attractive industrial development for visitors and residents.
- b. Encourage industrial developments that are compatible with adjacent land uses.

#### 1.48. EXEMPTIONS

An industrial development permit is not required in respect of the following;

- a. Regular maintenance of buildings, structures, and landscaping;
- b. Patio and outdoor improvements;
- c. Tree removal pursuant to a valid Tree Cutting Permit;
- d. Signs authorized by permit under the Sign Bylaw;
- e. Emergency works, including tree cutting to remove an immediate danger; and
- Minor site clearing for topographic or other surveys for site and servicing work.

### 1.49. GUIDELINES

The general intent of these design guidelines is to illustrate various design elements which need to be considered by prospective developers. These guidelines set out the intended character and theme of all development on the lands. They are not intended to be exhaustive; other imaginative design solutions are encouraged provided they meet the general design intent. Applicants should review these guidelines and meet with planning staff at the outset of the of the design process to discuss the design objectives and issues. Each design will be reviewed in the context of surrounding development, and the specific design objectives for the lands.

Development permits issued under this designation should comply with the following guidelines:

#### SITE DEVELOPMENT AND BUILDING DESIGN

- a. The design of proposed building or redevelopment of existing industrial buildings should ensure minimum exposure or visibility as viewed from Highway 99.
- At least one building face of each building should be sited at the lot boundary abutting a street, to create a defined street edge common to attractive industrial areas.
  - i. Buildings may be set back further from the street to accommodate outdoor seating areas and open spaces.
  - ii. Where buildings front major streets, an additional setback area may accommodate one row of surface parking and one associated maneuvering aisle.
  - iii. Buildings on corner sites, or portions of these buildings, should be sited at both street edges. These buildings should be massed to strongly define the corner and exhibit visually prominent architectural elements.
  - iv. Visually unattractive portions of industrial sites, such as loading bays and exterior storage areas, should be located behind buildings, architectural treatments, and/or landscaping whenever possible.

- ٧. Industrial developments, involving large vehicle and other surface storage yards, should be designed to ensure that street fronting portions of a building are occupied by reception or office uses whenever possible, and any remaining unoccupied portions of the street fronting building are treated with architectural or landscaping features to maintain a defined and attractive street edge.
- c. Building faces that front streets and corner locations should be developed with "active" ground floors, to create a positive public image, ensure businesses are easily identifiable, and promote more pedestrian-friendly streets. For example:
  - Offices, reception areas and other public uses, located at-grade and along building faces that directly abut streets, should have entrances with direct street access and clear window glazing.
  - ii. If additional offices, reception and other public areas are above the ground floor, easily identifiable, at-grade entrances should be used to located these areas.
  - iii. Blank walls on street-fronting building façades are discouraged. Architectural features/articulation of the elevation and window glazing should be used.
- d. Innovative and interesting façade treatments are strongly encouraged on all industrial buildings, to create identifiable, attractive industrial areas. For example:
  - i. Stepping back or providing balcony and terrace areas on the building above the ground floor.
  - ii. Use of a variety of colours, roof lines, architectural features and building materials including stone, wood, recycled composites and treated or textured concrete. Large areas of mirrored surfaces, uniform material such as stucco, sheet or profiled metal cladding, standard concrete block and blank walls are strongly discouraged.
  - iii. Use of building colors complementary to neighboring buildings or identifiable with the area. Colours should be muted and consist of natural colours found in the Whistler setting. Limited use of complementary accent colours for focal points, doors and storefronts is encouraged.
  - ίV. Use of attractive and innovative signage.
  - ٧. Roof materials should be non-reflective.
  - νi. Flat sections on roofs are permissible for functional reasons and for design effect. Flat roofs should have a cornice that directs water away from the building face.
- vii. Roofs may be a surface for energy collection and designers should consider how to incorporate the physical elements that allow photovoltaic cells, solar hot water heaters, or other solar energy collection devices to be attached in the future.
- viii. Neutral non-reflective colours are preferred for roofs.
- e. Building materials should be sufficiently durable to withstand Whistler"s harsh climate.

- f. Industrial buildings should provide usable, public and private open spaces to create pedestrian interest, opportunities for outdoor seating, and should provide buffers between industrial and other uses.
- g. Building form and character should address the functional needs of persons with disabilities, including those who are mobility, visually and hearing impaired, or have reduced strength or dexterity.
- h. Shared parking facilities and shared access points are encouraged to reduce the amount of curb-cuts, and allow for efficient traffic circulation and utilization of parking supply.
- i. Vehicle circulation should be designed to avoid conflicts between trucks or other heavy vehicles and employees" and visitors" passenger vehicles.
- j. All accessible parking spaces should be located as close as possible to building entrances.
- k. Bicycle storage, should be provided on industrial building sites and within buildings themselves, where possible.
- I. Surface parking and loading areas should be situated appropriately in accordance with parking, loading and landscaping requirements;
- m. All surface parking should be screened and enhanced with landscaping and berms. Landscaping and screening elements must be able to withstand Whistler"s harsh climatic conditions and be coordinated with adjacent landscaping.
- n. Parking areas must provide adequate areas for snow storage and drainage.
- o. Parking area must provide adequate area for industrial traffic and circulation.
- p. Garbage and recycling areas should:
  - Be a roofed and enclosed structure, designed to complement the overall building design and adequately sized for the sites needs and RMOW programs;
  - ii. Use building design and material selections that can effectively manage Whistler"s extreme freeze/thaw cycle and frequent large accumulations of snow;
  - iii. Be secured from bear access: and
  - iv. Be screened and enhanced with landscaping and berms.
- q. Lighting:
  - i. High pressure sodium lighting is discouraged.
  - ii. Light must not be cast or reflected onto adjacent properties.
  - iii. High cut off fixtures that are night-sky friendly are encouraged.
  - ίV. Entrances and parking lots must be lit to ensure personal safety of occupants and visitors who access and egress the building at night.

#### SIGNAGE

- a. All signage associated with industrial sites should consider the following design objectives:
  - i. Designed to be architecturally consistent with associated buildings and complements the character of the local industrial area.
  - ii. Street-fronting buildings" signage should be directly integrated into building facades or hung perpendicular to building facades.
  - iii. Consolidated sign displays are encouraged.
  - Signs that visually exhibit or express the character of their site or location or the ix. nature of the business enterprise to which they relate are encouraged.
  - All aspects of signage should be coordinated including sign brackets/mounting, Χ. lighting and materials.
  - All signage must also meet the requirements of the RMOW's Sign Bylaw, except that iv. the bylaw requirements may be varied by development permit to authorize signs that are demonstrated to better achieve the overall objectives of these form and character guidelines.

### **ON-SITE LANDSCAPING**

- a. Properties adjacent to Highway 99 to maintain a 20 metre wide treed area adjacent to the highway.
- b. Wherever possible, mature trees, including those along property lines and significant specimens within the interior of industrial development sites, should be preserved and integrated with new landscaping.
- c. Landscaping, tree plantings and screening methods should be used to screen:
  - i. surface parking lots;
  - ii. Surface storage areas;
  - iii. Blank building faces; and
  - Industrial buildings and structures from streets and adjacent development. iν.
- d. Planting of new trees is strongly encouraged.
- e. The use of "Green roof" technology is encouraged where appropriate.
- Landscaped areas with the capacity to infiltrate and accommodate stormwater, such as planting beds and grassed areas, are encouraged to reduce stormwater runoff from industrial building surface parking lots and rooftops. The use of permeable paving materials for parking lots and other paved surfaces should also be considered.

g. Chain link fencing adjacent to a public road should be screened with vegetation.

#### STREETSCAPE

- a. Pedestrian areas, including sidewalks and pathways located on or adjacent to building sites should be an appropriate width, in terms of expected pedestrian volumes. The width should accommodate unencumbered travel for both pedestrians and mobility impaired persons.
- b. Building entrances should be directly accessed from sidewalks, parking lots and pedestrian pathways as seamlessly as possible from the street on to the building site. Grade changes between sidewalks, squares, outdoor seating areas, transit stops and other pedestrian areas should also be minimized and designed to accommodate the needs of persons with disabilities.
- c. Adequate lighting should be provided in all areas frequented by pedestrians and vehicles and not shine directly into adjacent properties.

# DEVELOPMENT PERMIT AREA: PROMOTION OF ENERGY & WATER CONSERVATION AND THE REDUCTION OF **GREENHOUSE GASES**

#### 1.50. **AREA**

All lands shown on Schedule "U" are designated as a Development permit area for the promotion of energy and water conservation and the reduction of greenhouse gases (GHGs).

### 1.51. DESIGNATION

Pursuant to Section 919.1(1)(h),(i) and (j) of the Local Government Act, the entire Municipality is hereby designated as an area for the establishment of objectives for the promotion of energy and water conservation and the reduction of greenhouse gases (GHGs).

#### 1.52. **JUSTIFICATION**

The justification for a development permit area designation for the purposes of promoting energy and water conservation and the reduction of GHGs is as follows:

a. It is in the community interest that all new development and significant redevelopment should be consistent with the community's overarching goals for energy and water conservation as well as the reduction of greenhouse gases. The construction and operation of buildings has a substantial impact on the natural environment and collectively produces a significant contribution to the municipal carbon footprint. In 2010, approximately 66% of the total energy consumption in the municipality, and 43% of the total GHG emissions are attributable to the operation of local buildings.

- b. The community has committed to reducing its community GHG emissions by 33% from 2007 levels by 2020, 80% by 2050, and 90% by 2060. These reductions will be achieved through the combined impact of local government influence (land use and transportation planning, development/building guidelines as well as waste reduction strategies), as well as the programs and initiatives of both senior levels of government and progressive private sector initiative.
- c. The community has also committed to leading a community-wide effort to reduce total energy consumption to a level 10% lower than 2007 by 2020.
- d. Encouraging the development and building community to integrate measures designed to reduce a building's impact on the environment is an important step for reducing the portion of Whistler"s energy consumption and GHG emissions attributable to the construction and operation of our built environment.
- e. Water-saving measures are also encouraged to minimize the burden on municipal utilities, reduce local water abstraction levels, as well as to reduce the potential for negative impacts on local hydrological cycles and ecosystem function.

#### 1.53. EXEMPTIONS

Development Permits for the promotion of energy and water conservation and the reduction of greenhouse gases (GHGs) will not be required for any properties within this DPA except those that meet one or more of the following conditions:

- a. new building construction with a gross floor area greater than 200 square meters,
- b. alteration of more than 25% of the exterior surface area of a commercial, industrial or institutional building,
- c. subdivision of land

Exempted projects are not required to comply with the following guidelines. However, designers are still encouraged to consider these guidelines in the design and implementation of their projects.

#### 1.54. GUIDELINES

Development Permits issued for new buildings or significant renovations should be undertaken in accordance with the following Guidelines in Section 0.

NOTE: If this Development Permit application is associated with a "significant renovation or alteration of a building" (1.4(b) above), this Development Permit review process will only apply or pertain to the portion of the building or property that is being proposed for renovation/alteration.

Subdivisions should be designed such that the resultant subdivision plan achieves the Guidelines in Section 0.

FOR BUILDINGS: ENERGY CONSERVATION AND GHG REDUCTIONS

### Building Orientation and Access to Sunlight

- a. Buildings should be located, oriented and designed to facilitate the retention of passive solar heat (e.g. south facing windows), reduce heat loss and support natural ventilation.
- b. While acknowledging that buildings should be oriented to the street, whenever possible encourage building massing/shape to improve the passive solar performance of the structure, recognizing that a more compact form and a longer shape along an east/west axis is more appropriate for maximizing passive heat gain.
- c. Reduce the energy consumption of electric lighting by maximizing opportunities for the distribution of natural daylight into a building's interior spaces (excluding the use of skylights).
- d. Avoid the use of heavily tinted or reflective glazing that reduces solar heat gain but also reduces the penetration of daylight.
- e. Placement and retention of deciduous trees is encouraged such that these trees provide summer-season shading, and winter-season solar access.
- f. While respecting the importance of Whistler"s naturally forested character encourage the design of on-site landscaping to minimize negative shading impacts on the potential for solar thermal or photovoltaic systems on the site and surrounding properties.

### Roof Design

- g. Roof overhangs and window placement should be coordinated to provide cooling and shade during the summer and solar access for passive heating in the winter.
- h. Roof surfaces should be designed to accommodate solar energy collection devices.
- Skylights are discouraged, as the benefit of natural daylight penetration is not sufficient from an energy perspective, to outweigh their heat loss due to low insulation value.
- Green roofs are encouraged where they can be shown to reduce heating and cooling needs, enhance biodiversity, reduce fire hazards, or realize other benefits.

### Renewable and Alternative Energy

- k. Strongly support the installation of on-site renewable energy systems wherever feasible (e.g. solar thermal hot water, solar photovoltaic (PV) panels, micro-wind turbines and ground source heat pumps).
- Design mechanical systems to enable interconnection with future district energy systems in those areas identified as having potential for such systems – refer to OCP Schedule V (District Energy Areas Map).
- m. Encourage the recovery of available waste heat resources as a strategy to preheat incoming ventilation or domestic potable water supply.

#### **Outdoor Areas**

- n. Snow management should be premised on sound design principles and not be reliant on the integration of heat trace devices. Heated driveways, stairs, or pedestrian walkways are strongly discouraged.
- o. While still supporting safe pedestrian mobility, all outdoor lighting should minimize wattage and be directed downward with full cut-off fixtures.
- p. The control of all outdoor lights with motion detectors or timers is encouraged.
- q. Outdoor lighting should be well designed to protect dark skies and avoid light pollution.

#### Materials Management

- r. Recycling infrastructure and bear-proof storage areas especially for organics recycling are encouraged.
- s. Building materials which are durable for the use intended should be sourced locally or regionally to reduce transportation requirements whenever possible.
- Reuse existing building materials where practical.
- u. Encourage construction waste diversion planning as part of the development process, including the identification of designated areas for the collection of recyclable materials during construction.

#### Preferred Transportation Choices

v. Bicycle storage and racks are strongly encouraged for multiple-family residential, commercial, institutional and industrial developments.

#### FOR BUILDINGS: WATER CONSERVATION

#### On-site Landscaping

- a. Landscaping design should preserve existing native vegetation wherever appropriate, or use plant species suited to the local climate, requiring minimal irrigation. Measures should include:
  - i. incorporating drought-tolerant, native plants and other xeriscaping techniques to minimize the need for landscape irrigation;
  - maximizing the use of topsoil or composted waste for finish grading to assist in ii. infiltration and to increase the water holding capacity of landscaped areas;
  - iii. maximizing the use of mulch layers above soil for all landscape planting areas; and utilizing rainwater capture systems for appropriate end uses where possible.
- b. Use or manage as much stormwater and building water discharge on site as possible. Site and building design measures should include:
  - maximizing pervious surfaces to enhance stormwater infiltration opportunities by reducing building footprints, paved parking areas and pedestrian pathways,

- ii. incorporating stormwater capture measures including bioswales and rain gardens for infiltration
- c. Utilize automated control systems where temporary or permanent mechanical irrigation systems are required.

#### FOR SUBDIVISION: ENERGY CONSERVATION AND GHG REDUCTIONS

#### Parcel Orientation and Access to Sunlight

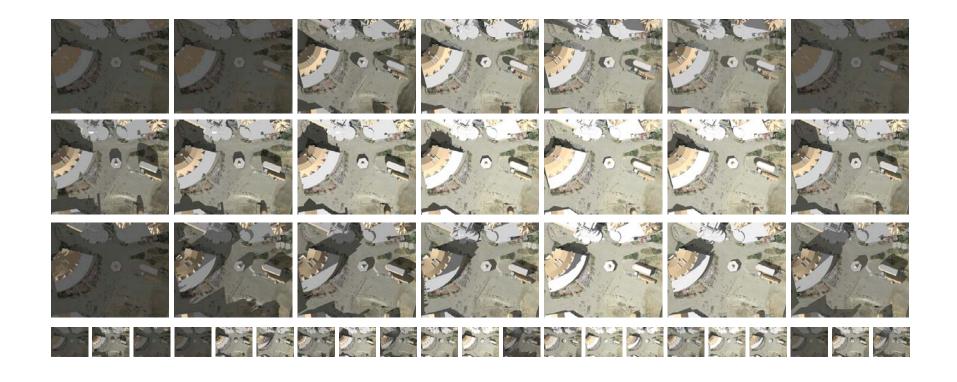
- a. Parcels should be subdivided and oriented to take advantage of opportunities for improving passive solar heating, reducing heat loss and supporting natural ventilation.
- b. Lot layout should minimize negative shading impacts on surrounding properties.
- c. While acknowledging that buildings should be oriented to the street, whenever possible encourage lot layout permitting building massing/shape to improve the passive performance of the structure, recognizing that a more compact form and a longer shape along an east/west axis is more appropriate for maximizing passive heat gain.

#### Renewable and Alternative Energy

d. Encourage lot layouts that enable interconnection with future district energy systems in those areas identified as having potential for such systems – refer to OCP Schedule V (District Energy Areas Map).

#### **Preferred Transportation Choices**

e. Neighbourhood design and subdivision layout that supports convenient use of preferred modes of travel is encouraged.



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Solar Access Protection Guidelines



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### APPENDIX A





The intent of the Solar Access Protection Guidelines (referred to herein as the Guidelines) is to help ensure that the elements that make Whistler Village a successful people-place endure. Whistler Village succeeds because of the human scale, integration with the physical surroundings, orientation to views and sun. and the functional land use that ensures the amenities and needs of the guests and residents are integrated. These Guidelines provide a tool to evaluate the impacts of any future renovation or redevelopment project on the solar access in the Village. The Guidelines are one of several tools the municipality has in place to drive the character of renovations and redevelopment in the Village. Solar access refers to the capacity of a site or building to receive unobstructed sunlight, in other words, the availability of direct sunlight to an area. The Solar Access Protection Guidelines developed in this document will ensure that access to the sun is protected at various locations and areas throughout the Village.

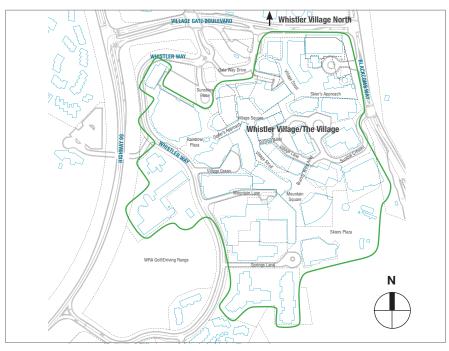
(Note: Italicized wording in this document identifies defined terms, please refer to Section 2 for definitions.)

### 1.1 Background

Whistler is world reknown for its spectacular beauty and design as a mountain resort. Whistler Village, the municipality's town centre, was master planned to create an aesthetic environment that maintains the connection between the natural environment and the community. The Village planning process carefully considered massing, height, scale and the shape of building forms to define sunny squares and plazas, interesting pedestrian streetscapes, and to frame significant views of the surrounding mountains. Appropriate uses at the ground level were also defined to ensure that sunny spots enable people to gather and linger. The original 'Whistler Village Design Guidelines' and 'Master Plan' were defined to maintain this sense of place for residents and visitors alike.

For the purpose of this document the term Whistler Village or more commonly known as the Village refers to the original village and the municipality's town centre, which defines the study area and scope for application of these Guidelines (see map inset).

The Resort Municipality of Whistler (RMOW) recognized the value of reinvesting in and renovating the town centre in 2001, by adopting the 'Whistler Village Enhancement Strategy' to facilitate that process. The 'Whistler Village Design



The Village: site study area

Guidelines' were updated to reflect the current built form and enhancement opportunities, and to ensure that new developments do not negatively affect the character and form that make Whistler Village a success.

The Solar Access Protection Guidelines are one component of the 'Whistler Village Design Guidelines' produced by the RMOW to help guide applicants through the 'Development Permit' application process. Other components include the 'View Protection Guidelines'; applicants should familiarize themselves with the 'Whistler Village Design Guidelines' prior to submitting a 'Development Permit' application. The Guidelines in this document are intended to provide applicants with a reliable method to analyze and report solar access impacts. This document also provides the RMOW staff with a consistent process for evaluating development permit applications for solar access, which serves both in the initial screening of proposed renovation and redevelopment projects, as well as in the detailed analysis of project concept and design.



### 1.2 Rationale for the Guidelines

Whistler Village succeeds because of its people-oriented environment. People are attracted to the sun for two primary reasons for light and warmth. The dance of light and reflection also contributes to visual interest and diversity. Access to the sun, whether in public plazas or on patios/pools, is an important element of Whistler's 'people-orientation'. People who live in and use the Village are attracted to places with sun, and in turn, people are attracted to the presence of other people. Where people gather and 'sit in the sun' alters in response to the altitude and direction of the sun, which changes over the course of the day and the year. People's attraction to sun spots can also be influenced by the aesthetic quality of sunlight in a particular location, such as where there is a long corridor of unbroken sunshine, as well as the duration of the sunlight in an area.

The Guidelines are intended to serve as a tool for analyzing sun/shadow both in terms of concrete conditions like the altitude and azimuth of the sun and more intangible qualities such as aesthetics and popularity of particular sun spots. The Guidelines apply to all properties in Whistler Village.

The Guidelines result from the development of a 3D computer model tool developed for the Resort Municipality of Whistler called Whistler Village 3D. The 3D Master Model integrates threedimensional mapping of Whistler's buildings, streets, plazas and surrounding mountain terrain into one model that can be manipulated with SketchUp™, a single user-friendly and relatively inexpensive software program. SketchUp™ has the ability to apply shade and shadow information appropriate to Whistler's geographic location.

A typical review of a developer's proposal in Whistler Village with respect to the Solar Access Protection Guidelines will involve the use of the Guidelines in conjunction with the Whistler Village 3D to fully analyze the impacts of a proposal on the solar characteristics of the Village as it exists today.

It is the intent of these Guidelines to preserve or ensure the solar access characteristics of the Village. These Guidelines outline the primary elements, which influence Whistler's sunny spaces. The Whistler 3D Model provides the tool for evaluating and measuring impacts of proposed renovation/ redevelopment projects in the Village against the benchmark of what exists today.



Rather than taking a prescriptive approach regarding building massing, the Guidelines place the onus on development applicants to use the tools provided to preserve existing solar access and maximize any new opportunities arising from the proposed redevelopment or renovation.



#### 1.3 Whistler in Context

In developing the Solar Access Protection Guidelines, a scan of relevant North American examples provided insight into policies and guidelines used by other municipalities, but did not identify a suitable precedent due to the unique environment and distinct needs identified for Whistler. Solar access strategies identified included height restrictions and shadow analysis for major applications, urban design principles that define massing and setback requirements, and prescriptive regulations to protect access to solar energy. This background research documents several municipal examples and is included in Appendix 1 for further review.

Whistler Village is unique compared to the examples identified in the research due to the geography, scale and form of the development area, as well as in the intent of the procedures. Specifically:

 Whistler lies at a relatively northerly latitude for a four seasons resort. In addition, the elevation of the Village in relation to the height of surrounding mountains affects solar access. In the summer the sunlight lasts longer due to its altitude, yet because it is surrounded by the Coast Mountains, at all times of year longer shadows tend to be cast in Whistler than in most other communities. Use of height restrictions

- to specifically regulate the length of shadows in public spaces and conducting shadow analysis for multiple time periods during a day has limited relevance during the winter months when almost any building or form will have significant shadow impacts in Whistler Village for most of the day. This further emphasizes the importance of protecting the solar access that exists.
- · The majority of buildings in Whistler Village are of low or medium height, while perimeter stone walls, planters and patios generally define the edges of the Outdoor Room or public open spaces. The Village is not a typical grid pattern with linear streets and blocks. Rather, thoroughfares in Whistler Village are largely narrow, pedestrian strolls that shift in shape and orientation organized around views and solar access. The intimate scale and organic planning pattern limit the utility of developing standardized massing and setback regulations to moderate shadow impacts on public spaces. Each property has a unique set of site characteristics and contextual relationships.
- The goal of Solar Access Protection Guidelines for Whistler Village is to protect the amenity of direct sunlight access to public outdoor and semi-private spaces frequented by residents and visitors.

 Prescriptive regulations designed to protect solar access for renewable energy do not adequately address solar access considerations for outdoor patios/pools and public seating along the edges of Whistler Village's important Outdoor Rooms and pedestrian strolls.



### 1.4 Use of the Document

This document identifies those locations of the *Village* that work today as sunny people places, and to understand why they work so well. By documenting how things work, the *Guidelines* and the *Whistler Village 3D Model* will give applicants and *staff* the tools for a better understanding of the potential impacts of future development in Whistler *Village*.

The Solar Access Protection Guidelines provide information and guidance to applicants, municipal staff, property owners and lessees, as well as the resident and tourist population to clarify the requirements for analyzing solar access in the development permit process. These Guidelines are an integral component of the 'Whistler Village Design Guidelines' which apply to all development in Whistler Village. Applicants should refer to the 'Development Permit Application' for a complete list of documents and studies that the applicant is required to undertake and review in the development permit process.

This document is organized into six sections. Sections 1 through 3 provide important background information into the rationale, research and technological development undertaken to produce the *Guidelines*. Sections 4 through 6 provide the *Guidelines* and process for solar

analysis along with supporting maps and descriptions of the *Outdoor Rooms* the *RMOW* has identified to protect.

**Section 2** provides definitions of key terms frequently referred to throughout the document.

**Section 3** provides an overview of the method, technology and analysis process associated with the development of *Whistler Village 3D*.

Section 4 provides the guidelines for development permit applicants concerning the process and submission requirements for a solar access protection analysis. It also provides criteria for RMOW staff or consultants to apply when reviewing a development applicant's solar impact analysis. This provides the applicant with transparency and insight into how their application will be reviewed and a consistent approach for future applications.

**Section 5** of this document identifies important *Outdoor Rooms* for which protection of *solar access* is particularly important. It further identifies specific development parcels which could affect the *solar access* to these public spaces. Section 5 also lists outdoor *patios* and *pools* for which *solar access* is considered important and should be protected.

**Section 6** provides a description of each *Outdoor Room*, its current usage, special characteristics, and areas where *solar ac-*

cess is to be maintained. Photographs depict important open spaces, seating areas and entryways and identify where solar access will be preserved. The categories used to describe each Outdoor Room provide an overall description of the room and enable development applicants to identify and prioritize solar features for protection facilitating the design of projects that maximize opportunities for creating sunny, people-friendly spaces.

The Guidelines are appropriate to Whistler Village, as defined at present. The 3D Master Model is complete with all buildings up to October, 2006. The Master Model will be maintained with the inclusion of any future approved developments, 3D models, which are to be provided by the applicant.

### 2 Definitions



The Whistler Village Solar Access Protection Guidelines use standard language and terminology for describing solar geometry and urban design. To ensure clarity, the following definitions are provided:

**Altitude** refers to the height above or distance upward from sea-level, or other planetary reference point (i.e., Whistler lies at 675 m above sea-level).

**Après-ski** refers to the time when people gather, linger and 'hang-out' at the end of the ski day until the dinner hour (typically between 3pm and 6pm).

**Consultants** refers to a private company hired by the *RMOW* to perform solar access analysis of development permit applications.

**Guidelines** refer to this document, the *Solar* Access *Protection Guidelines*, unless otherwise specified.

**Hot Zones** refer to specific areas within the *Outdoor Rooms* that are fundamental to the success of Whistler *Village* and require full protection of current *solar access*.

**Latitude** refers to the angular distance, either north or south, from the equator (i.e., Whistler's latitude is 50° N).

**Master Model** also referred to as **Whistler Village 3D** is the model created to analyze solar access in Whistler Village and is the base from which all development applications will be analyzed.

Outdoor Room refers to a differentiated outdoor open space in Whistler Village that is a popular gathering place for people – in other words, it is a defined space for residents and visitors to comfortably 'hang out' in the public realm. Outdoor Rooms include plazas, pedestrian strolls, above ground patios/pools and future patio spaces for the public.

**Patio** refers to a semi-public food and beverage establishment.

**Pedestrian Strolls** refer to streets where vehicles are prohibited and the physical design encourages pedestrian activity.

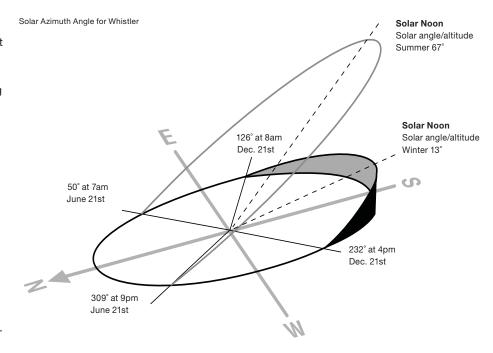
**Plaza** refers to open-air public space that is enclosed on two or more sides by buildings.

**Pool** refers to a semi-public outdoor swimming *pool* that provides an area for people to swim and enjoy the sun.

**Public Realm** refers to public places, including streets, parks, *plazas* and civic buildings that are accessible to the general public.

**RMOW** refers to the Resort Municipality of Whistler.

**Shadow** refers to the projected image or shape of darkness cast upon a surface by a solid object intercepting rays of light. In this document, *shadow* impacts refer specifically to the dark shape cast by buildings in the *Village*.



	Sunrise	Solar Noon	Sunset
June 21st	50° (7:ooam)	180° (noon)	309° (9:00pm)
December 21st	126° (8:00am)	180° (noon)	232° (4:oopm)

**Shaft of Sun** refers to a linear sun path that permeates *strolls* providing *solar* access through a corridor to a larger *Outdoor Room* area.

**Solar Access** refers to the capacity of a site or building to receive unobstructed sunlight, in other words, the availability of direct sunlight.

**Solar Access Protection Analysis** refers to the product resulting from performing solar impact analysis and is the report that is submitted to *RMOW*.

**Solar Angle** ( $\beta$ ) is defined as the vertical angle between the horizontal and sunearth axis.

### 2 Definitions



**Solar Azimuth Angle (\phi)** is defined as the angle within the horizontal plane measured clockwise from true North.

Solar Bulk Plane refers to an imaginary line that represents a limit of a building's extent.

**Solar Envelope** is defined as the maximum built volume on a site that enables solar access to neighbouring buildings at specified times.

Solar Impact Analysis refers to the process used to evaluate solar access, it can also refer to the product of analysis.

Solar Noon is defined as the time at which the position of the sun is at its highest elevation in the sky, at this time in Whistler the sun is due South (typical of Northern Hemispheres).

**Staff** refers to staff employed by the *RMOW*.

Sun Spots refer to public gathering areas known for their sunny environments.

Village refers to the area originally defined in the 'Whistler Village Master Plan', illustrated on page 3 in the key map, and is not to be confused with the Whistler Village North or other areas not specifically defined in the study area.

Whistler Azimuth Angle June 21st 50°, 180°, 309°.

Whistler Solar Angle 67° June 21st, 13° December 21st.



### 3.1 Generating the Solar **Analysis Model**

The Whistler Village 3D Master Model is a three-dimensional software model created to provide the RMOW with the capacity to analyze sun and shadow impacts of new development or redevelopment projects. IBI Group Architects, Engineers and Planners created this model working with the RMOW. When determining the requirements for the 3D Master Model, software selection had to fulfill the following criteria:

- Create a dimensionally accurate 3D model representation of the Village terrain, including the 46 existing buildings within the original Village and the surrounding mountains (refer to page 26);
- Precise simulation of shadows cast from buildings upon the ground plane, easily calculated for any time of day, any day of the year;
- Position a high resolution aerial texture map (image) of the Village on the terrain model at the correct scale and orientation:
- Modeling software that is easy for RMOW staff to learn and intuitive to use:
- · Modeling software that is considered an industry standard, yet is affordably priced;
- Modeling software that is easy to update;

 Modeling software capable of importing McElhanney's 2003 orthophoto information (used to generate the base 3D models of Whistler Village).

After a comprehensive review of all architectural, 3D modeling and animation software, SketchUp<sup>TM</sup> was chosen (www. sketchup.com). SketchUp<sup>TM</sup> is a market leader and is widely used in the architectural, planning and property development sectors. More importantly, 2D and 3D AutoCAD™ files (the industry standard - computer aided design software utilized by architects and engineers to design and document building projects) are easily merged into the SketchUp™ model. 3D models provided by applicants can be imported as several different file types, allowing the RMOW to quickly run a series of solar impact analyses of proposed developments.

The 3D Master Model was derived from several different sources. The majority of the Master Model (the Village terrain, 38 of the 46 buildings within the Village) was based on 2003 othophoto information captured and provided by McElhanney Consultants of Vancouver, who specialize in digital surveying and engineering services.

Orthophotos are captured using two cameras that take simultaneous photographs from an airplane flying at an elevation of approximately 2000 feet. Combining the two photos creates a stereoscopic effect, which allows their proprietary orthophoto software



view looking south-east, at Whistler Mountain, behind the Village

to determine surface depth within a tolerance of 6" (0.15 metres). Accurate models of buildings (sloped roofs, vertical and horizontal surfaces) and the Village terrain (roads, curbs, sidewalks and building footprints) were generated and individually saved as AutoCAD™ files (dwg files). These files were imported into SketchUp™ and positioned in their correct place in 3D space as the orthophoto information is referenced with a coordinate system tied to a Global Positioning System (GPS). Due to the limitations of the SketchUp™ software to handle complex coordinate geometry, and in order to not overly compromise the model's flexibilty and ease of use, the coordinates were appropriately converted for use with the software.

The row of wire frame building outlines were then rebuilt as solid blocks by IBI Group in SketchUp<sup>™</sup> to reduce file size (for ease of computer manipulation) and to correct for the aberrations caused by the stereoscopic orthophoto software tolerance. The building process involved on-site reconnaissance and the use of available photographs and architectural drawing information to insure the accuracy of the 3D building model.

Only 38 of the 46 Village buildings were taken from McElhanney's information because they last flew the site in the summer of 2003. The remaining eight buildings were either built or significantly renovated after McElhanney's dataset was captured for these buildigns. 3D building models were developed from digital drawing files provided by each project's owner.

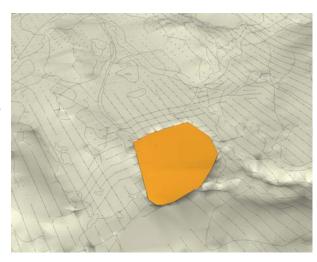


The building forms in the Whistler Village 3D Master Model represent a projection of the outline of the roof eaves (edge) to the ground, therefore base building forms when viewed in three dimensions appear as solid blocks with no definition of roof overhang, balconies, windows, arcades or landscape. Although further articulation of the model is possible, it was beyond the scope of this project. The bulk of the building from the roof level defines the building shadows therefore this level of detail is acceptable to the needs of these Guidelines.

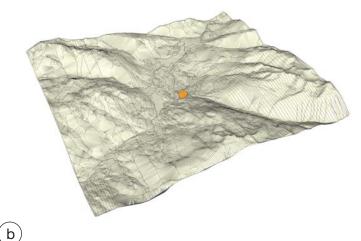
Early in the 3D Master Model generation, it was uncertain the extent that the surrounding mountains would influence shadow and sun access at specific times of the day. More specifically, it was necessary to determine if the effects of the shadows cast by buildings at 9:00 am and 4:00 pm (especially in the winter months) were cancelled out once the sun was already falling below the mountains. The RMOW provided an existing 3D AutoCAD™ model of the surrounding Whistler terrain (approximately 12 sq. miles) to merge into the Master Model. Shadow test analyses and the resulting images proved that the mountains did affect some morning and afternoon results, hence the surrounding mountain terrain was incorporated into the Whistler Village Master Model. As the mountain terrain model comprises a large area, further tests were run on the model to determine exactly which terrain affected solar access. The terrain was subsequently edited to include only those applicable areas in the Master Model.

Perspective views of the surrounding mountain terrain (the area representative in the Village model is shown in Orange).

2 dimensional plan view of Whistler Village in context of surrounding mountains.



3 dimensional, perspective view of Whistler Village in context of surrounding mountains.





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October 15th 9am, mountain shadow OFF (at left) and ON (at right).





The following provides a visual overview of generating the model.

### Step 1

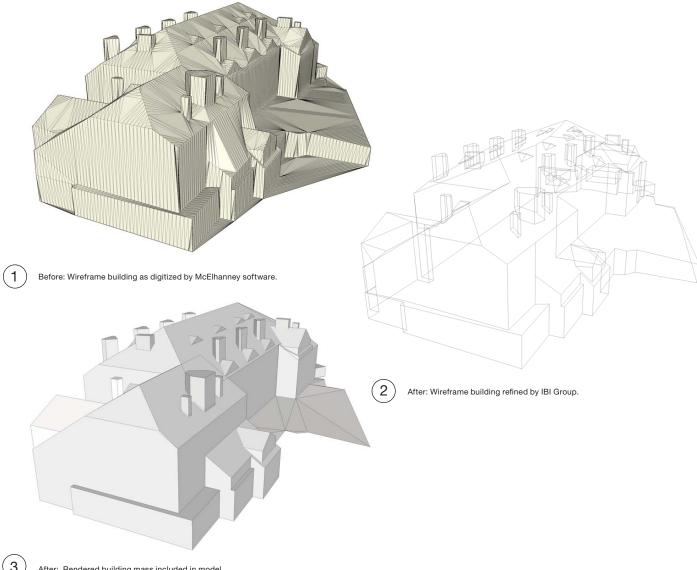
McElhanney's 3D AutoCAD™ model of a Village Building as imported into SketchUp™, generated from their orthophoto stereo pair database. Each point or vertex making up McElhanney's models are accurate to 6" or 0.15 metres, which creates the triangulation on the building surface. Also note that soffits and fascias are not constructed, since the aerial photography reads the building envelope and extends that vertically down to the ground plane.

#### Step 2

The additional lines on all surfaces are removed, leaving a wireframe version of the model.

#### Step 3

All surfaces are individually re-applied in SketchUp™, producing a visually clean model with a greatly reduced file size.



After: Rendered building mass included in model

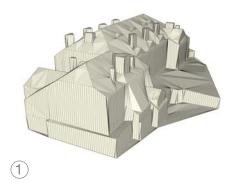


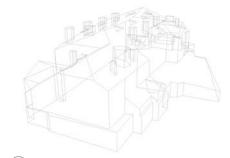
#### Step 4

Village Building, along with the 46 other buildings are merged with the Whistler Village terrain model (which was also generated from McElhanney's database). All buildings are automatically placed in their correct location and orientation, since the modeling data is based on Universal Transverse Mercator (UTM) coordinates, which precisely places each object on the earth's surface. Roofs and walls have been changed to a consistent colour throughout.

#### Step 5

Additional lines on building and terrain surfaces were removed. A high resolution aerial photograph of Whistler *Village* was positioned and draped over the terrain model. This provides a sense of scale and visually defines outdoor spaces. Building *shadows* on the image were digitally removed so not to create confusion and ambiguity once the solar tests were conducted.









(4) Rendered 3D model on terrestrial wireframe.



Rendered 3D model and high resolution orthophoto, note the building detail.

Example

## 3 Introduction to Solar Analysis Modeling

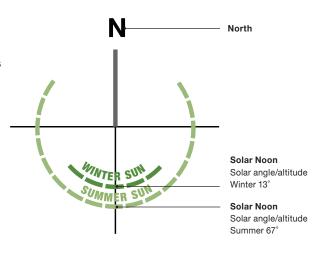


### 3.2 Whistler Village Solar **Analysis Maps**

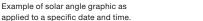
The solar analysis maps on the following pages have been generated using the Whistler Village 3D Master Model. They comprise the 21 test periods defined by the municipality and selected to be representative of sun and shadow patterns over the course of the year when solar access should be analyzed. They provide graphic representation of sun and shadow patterns for Whistler Village on seven days in the year (on the 15th of January, February, March, April, June, August and October) and for three time periods (9 am, 12 noon, 4 pm) on each of these days. The maps represent a reference for solar access and provide a baseline analysis for all properties in Whistler Village.

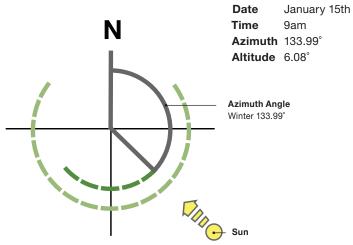
The solar analysis maps have been provided to give a broad view of the changes in the path and height of the sun (angle and azimuth) throughout the year. The Whistler 3D Model is capable of analyzing solar access at a much finer level, including static and animated images from all angles of view. The analysis of a particular project proposal will be specific to that project and depend on the complexity and particular sensitivities of the neighbourhood and public realm for that project.

Example of a solar angle graphic.



Each of the 21 solar analysis maps includes a solar angle graphic, as represented by the graphic on this page. The specific angles represent the azimuth angle and the specified degrees in altitude represent the solar angle reflecting the position of the sun at a specified time. These coordinates were determined by the SketchUp™ model using the Municipal Hall as a base reference (latitude 50.7°, longitude 122.57°).







### Solar Analysis Map January 15th



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### Solar Analysis Map February 15th





### Solar Analysis Map March 15th



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## Solar Analysis Map April 15th



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### Solar Analysis Map June 15th



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### Solar Analysis Map August 15th



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### Solar Analysis Map October 15th



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### 4.1 General Process & **Application Requirements**

This section provides direction for staff and development applicants to determine the specific solar access analysis required to evaluate a particular development application. The analysis required depends on the potential impact of the proposed development on a specific Outdoor Room and on the time periods (if any) that have been identified as particularly important in supporting the primary use of the Outdoor Rooms. Additional analysis may be required as determined by staff, for example if the proposed development impacts solar access to outdoor patios and pools open to the public.

The Whistler Village 3D Model defines the current solar access scenario for the Village. Further, it identifies eight Outdoor Rooms in the Village. These spaces are popular gathering places for residents and tourists. Each Outdoor Room has been described by use patterns, presence of formal or informal seating, the overall design and size of the room, and other important solar features for protection.

 A sun/shadow analysis will be required for all renovation/redevelopment applications to properties in Whistler Village, and additional finer level analysis may be required for proposals that have the potential to impact the solar access of

- an Outdoor Room, outdoor patio and/or pool, identified in these Guidelines. (See exemptions in section 4.3 for projects not affected by these Guidelines.)
- RMOW staff will evaluate all applications for development permits or rezoning (e.g., development, redevelopment and renovation projects) in Whistler Village on a case-by-case basis.
- Applicants are encouraged to meet with RMOW staff in the early stages of project conception. This will help proponents identify potentially impacted Outdoor Rooms and other municipal guidelines and policies that apply to the project, as well as define the expectations and submission requirements of the municipal process.
- Applicants will receive a copy of the Whistler Village 3D Model on DVD-ROM to perform solar access analysis of their development proposal using the SketchUp™ software program. (software NOT SUPPLIED).
- Development applicants will define, in consultation with staff, the critical solar access periods of time when access to sunlight is particularly valuable to protect, for the specific Outdoor Rooms that they affect.
- The onus is on the development applicant to use the tools provided to preserve existing solar access and

- maximize any new opportunities arising from the proposed redevelopment project.
- Applicants will demonstrate how their proposal provides an improvement of the solar access characteristics or has little or no impact on solar access of the Outdoor Rooms.
- Proposals that improve or maximize solar access in Outdoor Rooms will be encouraged.
- Where impacts are identified, applicants will define methods that mitigate the potential impacts on the solar access of the Outdoor Rooms, such as a new opportunity for solar access in a different area or an increase in the length of time sun penetrates another area.
- The applicant is to work in cooperation with RMOW staff, balancing other design considerations while ensuring minimal solar access impact for new development or redevelopment projects.
- Applicants will be required to submit a computer generated 3D model of their proposal in a format appropriate for insertion into the Whistler Village 3D Master Model for verification of the applicant's solar access analysis by RMOW staff or their consultants.



### 4.2 Solar Impact Analysis Process

The solar impact analysis process for proposed renovation or redevelopment projects in Whistler Village is a two staged process. This may vary by application depending on the site location, the impacts of a particular development proposal on its surroundings, and the relative benefits resulting from the proposal. The following 14 steps provide the basic outline for a solar access analysis.

#### Preliminary

- 1. Undertake a pre-application meeting with municipal planning staff to discuss the property and the particular sensitivities of the surroundings.
- 2. Contact to RMOW to obtain a copy of the Whistler 3D Master Model to perform the analysis using SketchUp™ software program (SOFTWARE NOT SUPPLIED).
- 3. Review the Guidelines, maps and table in Section 5 to determine which, if any, Outdoor Rooms and Patios/Pools are affected by the proposed development.
- 4. Review the description of *Outdoor* Rooms in Section 6 to determine relevant characteristics to be analyzed.
- 5. Utilize the Whistler Village 3D Model to analyze the options for redevelopment

- with respect to minimizing impact on the existing solar access characteristics of the Village.
- 6. Undertake a sun/shadow analysis using the Master Model by inserting the proposed redevelopment or renovation project and analyzing for the dates specified below at 9AM, Noon, and 4PM (or 90 minutes prior to sunset, which ever is earlier), ensuring to account for daylight savings time: January 15, February 15, March 15, April 15, June 15, August 15. October 15.
- 7. For some development proposals, analysis of additional time periods may be required to ensure that important shafts of sunlight described in the Outdoor Room characteristics are protected.
- 8. Where a project impacts an *Outdoor* Room or Patio/Pool negatively, the applicant will identify the impacts defining the time and areas that the new development will affect shade in the Outdoor Room or Patio/Pools. Applicants should use each of the four categories (Use, Seating, Design, and Solar Access Considerations) identified in the Outdoor Rooms key characteristics to frame the analysis.
- 9. Prepare a preliminary Solar Access Impact Analysis comprised on the 21 solar tests, and meet with municipal staff at the preliminary massing stage of the

project to present the proposed options and the findings for each option. Discussions with staff at an early stage in the development of the project can help identify appropriate solutions, with minimal investment on the part of the applicant. Staff may elect to consult with RMOW Council and/or the Advisory Design Panel at this early stage with respect to the acceptability of the development proposal prior to further detailed design work proceeding. Only once the building mass is acceptable will the applicant move to the detailed design phase.

#### Detailed

- 10. Once an applicant has been given preliminary approval (i.e., the proposed preliminary building massing is acceptable) they will proceed with detailed design.
- 11. Submit a final Solar Access Impact Analysis comprised of the design rationale and the required sun/shadow analysis maps (refer to section 4.6) detailing the results of the sun/shadow analysis. The design rationale should describe how the proposed development will affect solar access for its surroundings in general and specifically highlight solar access for outdoor public spaces, patios, pools, adjacent buildings, and the uses for each Outdoor Room affected by the development. The design rationale text should

- also describe the mitigating strategies and/or other positive benefits proposed by the project to help offset any negative impacts identified. The maps must show the existing shadow and the proposed shadow of the project.
- 12. Submit a 3D computer model of the proposed development project to the standards listed in Section 4.5 and 4.6, for insertion into the Whistler Village 3D Model and verification by staff and/or their appointed consultants of the findings outlined in the applicants Solar Access Impact Analysis.
- 13. Upon development approval all contemplated construction changes to the approved project that affect the exterior of the building must be pre-approved by the RMOW prior to construction of the modification. Pre-approval may require further sun/shadow analysis of the proposal and the updating of the applicants 3D model. For projects where construction changes affecting the exterior of the building have taken place, the applicant will, upon completion of the construction, but prior to occupancy permit, provide to the RMOW a final 3D Model integrating all changes to update the Whistler Village 3D Master Model.
- 14. An application showing no impact in the 3D Master Model will be accepted and moved through the 'Development Permit' process on a priority basis.



### 4.3 Exemptions

- 1. Renovation projects in Whistler Village affecting solely the interiors of an existing building will be exempt from the requirements of solar access analysis described in these Guidelines.
- 2. Renovation projects to existing buildings in Whistler Village limited to changes to exterior building colour. and or other cosmetic or maintenance upgrades not affecting change to the size, shape or location of exterior building elements such as roofs, dormers, chimneys, balconies, and similar elements, shall be exempt from the requirements of solar access analysis described in these Guidelines.
- 3. Renovation projects to existing buildings in Whistler Village involving minimal change to exterior building elements such as roofs, dormers, chimneys, balconies, and similar elements, may be exempt from the requirements of solar access analysis described in these guidelines at the discretion of the council or as delegated to staff. If it can be demonstrated that the modifications proposed will have zero impact or positively benefit the solar access characteristics of the Village these projects will be exempt.

#### 4.4 Enforcement

The intent and application of these guidelines are enforceable through the Development Permit, Building Permit and Occupancy Permit processes.

### 4.5 3D Computer Model Submission Requirements for Applicants

The process outlined in sections 4.1 and 4.2 above require the development permit applicant (i.e., property owner) or architect representative to submit a 3D computer model of their proposal to the RMOW for review.

3D design development building models tend to be more complex and contain more detail than is needed for the purposes of Solar Impact Analysis by RMOW staff, therefore the applicant's model must only contain a compressed amount of building geometry. This will enable RMOW staff to run the shadow tests quickly and efficiently with optimized file sizes. 3D application model submissions must adhere to the following file standards.

#### File Formats

.skp (SketchUp™), .dwg or .dxf

#### Layers

Building objects, site objects and surrounding context (for correct model insertion into the Master Model).

#### Modeling Elements

- Exterior building envelope (roofs, walls, windows, doors, architectural detailing such as bracketing)
- Exterior site enhancements (stairs, planters)
- A 3D reference point to ensure correct insertion into the Village Master Model (such as property lines or adjacent buildings)
- Interior floor slabs
- NO other interior elements (suite walls, doors, furniture, stairs, millwork, fixtures, equipment)
- NO window or door hardware (doorknobs, kick plates)
- NO texture or material

### 4.6 Mapping Submission Requirements

Applicants will have produced the 3D computer model of their proposals according to the specifications detailed in Section 4.5. In addition to a digital file, applicants are required to submit a hard copy (output) of the 21 Solar Tests. These should be produced in 11X17 size (a reduced sample is included for reference on the following page). This list presents the required information for applicants to include on their submission:

- Name of the Applicant RMOW **Development Permit Application** Reference Number (if available)
- Submission Date
- Legal Description
- Development Block Identification Number
- Date of the test period (one of seven months)
- Time of the test period (9 AM, Noon, 4 PM, other as defined by RMOW)
- List of layers shown
- Plan of existing area (with title to identify existina)
- Plan of proposed project (with title to identify proposed)
- Perspective view of existing area (with title to identify existing)
- Perspective view of proposed project (with title to identify proposed)
- · Specification of Solar Angle and Azimuth used
- North Arrow
- Scale Bar

Name of Applicant: SAMPLE NAME

**Application Reference #: 000 000** 

Submission Date: January/20/2007

Legal Description: DL 000, Plan 000 000

**Development Block ID #: 8** 

Month/Time of Test Period: Oct. 15, 4pm

**Azimuth: 228.38°** 

List of Layers Shown:

X. ...

X. ...

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X. ...

X. ...

X. ...

### Altitude: 19.35°

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#### Perspective: Proposed



Scale 1:XXX,XXX

X metres

## SUBMISSION SAMPLE SHOWN AT REDUCED SCALE

#### List of Layers Shown:

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Plan: Existing

#### Perspective: Existing



X metres

Scale 1:XXX,XXX

#### Plan: Proposed



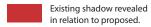
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Scale 1:XXX,XXX

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#### 4.7 Evaluation Guidelines

This section describes the auidelines to review the Solar Access Impact Analysis submitted by applicants as part of the development permit application for Whistler Village.

It is impractical to establish "hard-and-fast" solar access rules to be applied uniformly to all development applications. Given the northern latitude of Whistler, it is important to recognize that a 'zero tolerance' policy may inhibit redevelopment of some sites. However even a small change in building mass or profile may create a significant increase in shadow during the mid-morning and mid-afternoon close to the winter solstice (December 21st).

RMOW staff will review each development permit application with discretion to assess the significance of the sun/shadow impacts of the proposed development. The relative significance of these impacts will depend on the characteristics outlined in Section 6 that relate to use patterns, availability of public seating, design of the Outdoor Room and additional important solar features in the Outdoor Room. Not all solar access impacts can be weighted equally. Staff will consider, in their review, the mitigating factors or benefits that the proposal brings, which may help to offset any negative impacts.

The following evaluation guidelines will be followed when reviewing an applicant's Solar Access Impact Analysis and when evaluating the sun/shadow impacts of a proposed development:

- 1. Preserving the solar access characteristics of the Village as they exist today is the over-riding principle staff will apply in reviewing applications.
- 2. Applications that improve or show zero impact on the existing solar access characteristics of the Village will be encouraged.
- 3. The applicant must demonstrate a flexible design approach and that every attempt has been made to eliminate or to minimize negative solar access impacts of the proposal.
- 4. The applicant's analysis will demonstrate that options to preserve the solar access characteristics of the Village, as they exist today, have been explored.
- 5. The applicant's analysis will demonstrate that possibilities for the creation of new sunny spaces in addition to those that exist today, or as mitigation of reasonable negative impacts on existing space, have been explored.
- 6. The Solar Access Impact Analysis will demonstrate that the process described above (section 4.1 - 4.6) have been followed.

- on significant solar features, public seating and gathering areas of the Outdoor Rooms, patios and pools, Areas in the Outdoor Rooms, noted as Hot Zones have increased sensitivity and importance to the success of Whistler as a people place, and therefore have increased requirements for preservation. Applications will demonstrate how the proposal will not affect these areas.
- 8. Although not specifically dealt with as part of these Guidelines, certain uses at the ground level that surround the more successful public Outdoor Rooms contribute significantly to the success of these Village spaces as people places. Applicants are therefore encouraged to maintain or promote uses at the ground level that generate pedestrian traffic, encourage lingering in the public spaces, and blur the boundary between public and private space. Especially important are food and beverage outlets and the commercial uses that serve basic needs for residents and visitors.
- 9. The applicant's analysis should adequately describe the impacts of any additional shadow created by the development on building entrances and any other significant physical features, as well as on the predominant activities that 12. Staff will provide a written response to occur in the affected Outdoor Room.
- 7. The analysis should indicate any impacts 10. Where negative impacts occur, the impact analysis will demonstrate a reasonable quantification of the additional shadow impact in percent (i.e., % area further shaded vs. Master Model benchmark % shadow) and the duration of time for which there is additional shadow. Staff will work with the applicant to define the areas and times appropriate for quantification analysis. Note this process will vary from project to project depending on the location and sensitivity of the space impacted by the proposal. This process may require further sun/shadow analysis at sequential times throughout the day at particular times of the year. In some cases, this finer level of analysis may be better presented in an animated form in addition to still images to evaluate the progress of the additional shadow. Staff and applicants will consult to determine the level of detail. required to fully evaluate the impacts of a particular proposal.
  - 11. The Solar Access Impact Analysis design rationale, will demonstrate where opportunities to increase solar access have been examined when feasible, including the creation of new sun spots, improved solar access of existing sunny areas, significant streetscape improvements, or new views at existing or new sunny areas.
  - the applicant at each submission stage, which considers the relative importance of the areas affected, protected



- or enhanced, as described in Section 6 of this document. In formulating a response to the applicant, staff will also consider the balance of impacts and benefits demonstrated by the applicants design rationale.
- 13. Proposed projects will generally be considered on a first-come first-serve basis. However, in the case of simultaneous or overlapping applications from different applicants for projects which affect similar Outdoor Rooms, outdoor patios or swimming pools, staff will request cooperation on the part of all applicants, and may request versions of the graphic solar impact analysis to be run with and without the neighbouring application. In cases where an application has priority by way of application date, but fails to perform to the submission requirements of these Guidelines (or other municipal requirements) in a timely manner, staff may elect to advance applications submitted subsequently that demonstrate the ability to proceed more effectively. The former (non performing) application may then be required to consider the impacts of their application on the subsequently submitted advanced projects.
- 14. After completing the review, staff will consult with the applicant to identify any desirable mitigation measures to address concerns arising from the analysis and to determine opportunities

- and appropriate measures to improve the solar access impacts of the proposal.
- 15. Development approval of an application is given contingent on the submission of a final 'as approved' 3D massing model of the proposal to update the Whistler Village 3D Master Model.
- 16. The above noted criteria will also apply to the review of applications for minor amendments to development permits in Whistler Village, which affect the building exterior as noted in Section 4.2.13 of these Guidelines.
- 17. Staff will not issue an occupancy permit for a completed construction project approved under these Guidelines until a final 'as built' 3D massing model of the project, incorporating all changes made to the exterior of the building as noted in section 4.2.13 of these Guidelines, is submitted to the RMOW for inclusion in the Whistler 3D Master Model.



All proposed developments in Whistler Village must seek to minimize the negative impacts on the solar access characteristics of surrounding properties and public outdoor spaces, pedestrian strolls, plazas, outdoor patio areas and pools. The Guidelines provide applicants with the general requirements for producing a solar access impact analysis.

The preceding sections provide guidance concerning the process and requirements important to solar access protection. It is important to re-iterate that applicants and staff will work together to ensure that proposed developments do not negatively affect the characteristics that make Whistler Village a success.

The following section provides maps and information about Whistler Village's Outdoor Rooms. Map 5.1 shows the location of the *Outdoor Rooms* which are explicitly protected by the requirements of these Guidelines. Map 5.2 identifies the development blocks for which a Solar Access Impact Analysis will be required. Table 5.3 identifies the potential Outdoor Rooms affected by specific development blocks and hence those that need to be analyzed in a development permit application. Map 5.4 locates outdoor patios and pools in the Village where solar access should be protected. This map is included to provide applicants with a sense of the semi-public places affected by development or redevelopment applications.



### 5.1 Outdoor Rooms Map

- 1 Conference Centre/Golfers' Approach
- 2 Village Square
- 3 Village Stroll North
- 4 Village Common/Skiers' Approach
- 5 Village Stroll South
- 6 Mountain Square
- 7 Skiers' Plaza
- 8 Springs Lane

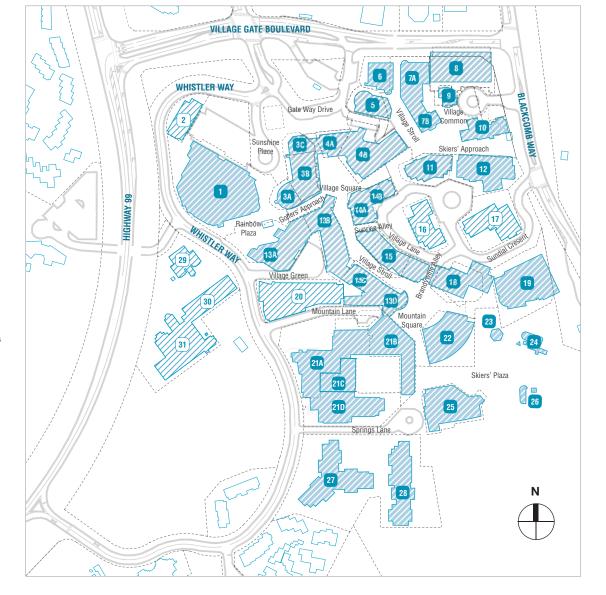




### 5.2 Development Blocks Map

- Whistler Conference Centre
- 2 Cornerstone Building
- Windwhistle
- Hearthstone Lodge
- Rainbow Condos
- Plaza Suites & Blackcomb Professional Building
- Blackcomb Lodge
- Blackcomb Lodge Gatehouse & Whistler Chamber of Commerce
- Village Gate House
- Holiday Inn SunSpree Resort, D Wing
- 7B Holiday Inn SunSpree Resort, B Wing
- Pan Pacific's Village Centre (II)
- Holiday Inn SunSpree Resort
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- 13D Crystal Lodge Expansion Shops

- 14A Fitzsimmons Condos
- 14B Wedgeview, Snoland Condos & Regency Suites
- Fireplace Inn and Executive Inns
- Whistler Village Inns, Powder Lodge
- Mountainside Lodge
- Sundial Hotel
- 19 Pan Pacific One (I)
- Listel Whistler Lodge
- Hilton Whistler Resort & Spa (I)
- Hilton Whistler Resort & Spa (II)
- Hilton Whistler Resort & Spa (III) Hilton Whistler Resort & Spa (IV)
- Carleton Lodge
- Kiosk/Tickets/Information
- Blackcomb's Excalibur Gondola Base
- Whistler Express Gondola Base & Garibaldi Lift Company
- Fitzsimmons Gondola Base
- Westin Whistler International Resort Hotel
- Whistler Mountain Employee Services
- Coast Whistler Hotel's Crab Shack
- Wing of Coast Whistler Hotel
- Coast Whistler Hotel





Low Potential for Solar Impact on Outdoor Rooms



High Potential for Solar Impact on Outdoor Rooms



Streets, Roadways and Pavement Markings

Legal Lines



### 5.3 Table of Affected Outdoor Rooms

Development	Legal Description	Outo	Outdoor Room Affected								
Block		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8		
///1	DL1902, Plan 18662	•									
///2	DL 1902, Plan LMS 2237										
3A	DL 1902, Plan VR 873	•	•								
3B	DL1902, Plan VR 790		•								
3C	DL1902, Plan VR 899		•								
4A	DL1902, Plan VR 1352		•								
4B	DL1902, Plan VR 877		•	•							
5	DL 1902, Plan BCP 1003			•							
6	DL 1902, Plan VR 2076			•							
7A	DLs 1902 & 4610, Plan LMS 1847			•	•						
7B	DLs 1902 & 4610, Plan LMS 1847			•	•						
8	N/A				•						
9	DLs 1902 & 4610, Plan LMS 1847				•						
10	DLs 1902 & 4610, Plan LMS 1847				•						
12	DL1902 & 4610, Plan VR 953				•						
11	DL1902, Plan VR 2033			•	•						
13A	DL1902, Plan VR1858	•									
13B	DL 1902 & 3020, Plan VR 20286	•	•			•					
130	DL 1902 & 3020, Plans LMP 29105, LMP					•					
130	29105, LMP 29106, LMP 29107, LMP 29108					•	•				
14A	DL1902, Plan VR 847		•			•					
14B	DL1902, Plan VR 802		•	•							
15	DL 1902, Plan VR 960					•	•				
16	N/A										
17	DL 1902 & 4610, Plan VR 10266										
18	DL 1902 & 3020, Plan 17986						•	•			
19	DL 1902, 3020 & 4894, Plan LMS 3028							•			
20	DL 3020, Plan VR 2217										

Development	Legal Description	Outd	oor Ro	om Af	fected	ł			
Block		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
21A	DL 3020, Plan 19471						•		
218	DL 3020, Plan VAS 2126						•	•	•
210	DL 3020, Plan 21463						•		•
210	DL 3020, Plan VR 2359						•		•
22	DL 3020, Plan VR 1163						•	•	
23	N/A							•	
24	N/A							•	
25	N/A							•	•
28	DL 3020, 3865, 4893, 5946, 7885 & 7888 Strata Plan 4089, Building 2								•
27	DL 3020, 3865, 4893, 5946, 7885 & 7888 Strata Plan 4089, Building 1								•
29	Lot 59, DL 1902 & 3020, Plan 19101								
30	Lot 58, DL 1902 & 3020, Plan 19101								
31	Lot 58, DL 1902 & 3020, Plan 19101								



High Potential for Solar Impact on Outdoor Rooms

Low Potential for Solar Impact on Outdoor Rooms



# 5.4 Outdoor Patios and Pools of Whistler Village

The Guidelines sets out procedures for protecting solar access in eight Outdoor Rooms in Whistler Village. The following map identifies outdoor patios and pools that are currently in place in Whistler Village. Applicants will refer to this map to determine potential semi-public spaces that could be affected by redevelopment or renovation.



Sundial Place north-east Whistler Village Inn



south-west view, Best Western, Listel Whistler Swimming Pool



Sundial Place, Mountain Lodge Restaurant & swimming pool



back of Crystal Lodge, the Old Spaghetti Factory



### Outdoor Patios/Pools Map

### Patios P

P1	Former Tex Corleone BBQ
	& Pizza patio

P2 Kypriaki Norte patio

P3 Tapley's Neighbourhood Pub patio

P4 Gone Bakery & Soup Co. patio

P5 Moguls Coffeeshop patio

P6 Araxi Restaurant and Bar patio

P7 Citta's Bistro patio

P8 Gelato patio

P9 Amsterdam Cafe Pub patio

P10 La Bocca patio

P11 Ingrid's Deli patio

P12 Mongoli Grill patio

P13 Earl's Bistro patio

P14 Starbucks Coffee Company patio

P15 Pita Etc. patio

P16 La Brasserie patio

P17 Hot Buns patio

P18 Old Spagetti Factory patio

P19 Ric's Grill patio

P20 Second Cup balcony patio

P21 Gaminetto's/Going Nuts patio

P22 Trattoria di Umberto patio

P23 Second Cup patio

P24 Zog's Beavertails & Burgers patio

P25 Rocky Mountain Chocolate Factory *patio* 

P26 Garbanzo Bike & Bean patio

P27 Longhorn Saloon & Grill patio

P28 Black's Pub & Restaurant patio

P29 Dubh Linn Gate Irish Pub patio

P30 Hilton Whistler Resort, Spa & Tennis Courts

P31 Behind the Grind

P32 Garibaldi Lift Co. Bar

& Grill patio

P33a/b Westin Resort & Spa Whistler patio

### Pools w



W2 Crystal Lodge poolW3 Listel Whistler Hotel pool

W4 Hilton Whistler Resort & Spa pool

W5 Westin Whistler Resort pool

W6 Pan Pacific (II) pool

V7 Whistler Village Inns – Keg Lodge *pool* 

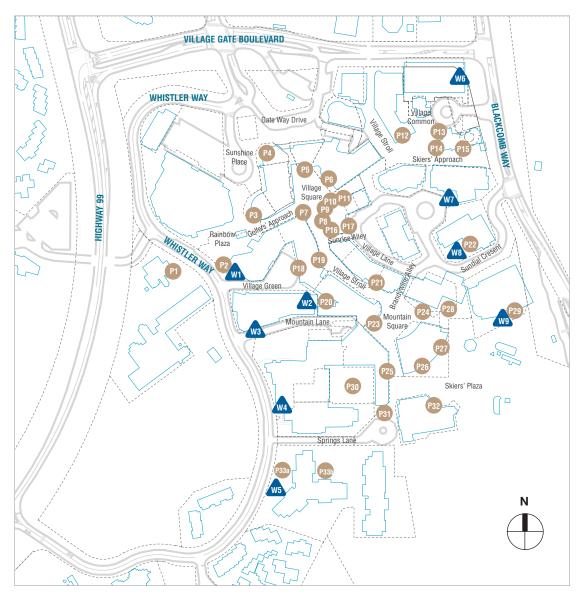
W8 Mountainside Lodge pool

W9 Pan Pacific – One Whistler Village (I) rooftop pool

Building Outline

Streets, Roadways and Pavement Markings

Legal Lines



### 6 Outdoor Room Characteristics



The term Outdoor Room refers to a differentiated outdoor open space in Whistler Village that is a popular gathering place for people - in other words, it is a defined space for residents and visitors to comfortably 'hang out' in the public realm and a place of life and vitality. Outdoor Rooms include plazas, pedestrian strolls, patios, pools and future patio spaces for the public. Whistler Village succeeds because of its human-scale, integration with the physical surroundings and access to views and sun. Outdoor Rooms are an integral aspect of the Village's success and special protection for these areas will ensure that the features that make Whistler a successful people-place endure.

As opposed to a building-by-building analysis of sun and *shadow* impacts, the framework for *solar access* protection in Whistler *Village* is based upon the identification of *Outdoor Rooms* in the *Village* and an analysis of sun and *shadow* characteristics in these important public spaces.

For each of the identified *Outdoor Rooms*, the following sections provide an inventory of the key characteristics that are important to protect in order to preserve and enhance the character of favoured places in the *Village* for people to 'enjoy the sun'.

The Solar Access Protection Guidelines for Whistler Village are framed around the following eight Outdoor Rooms:

- Conference Centre/Golfers' Approach (Rainbow *Plaza*)
- 2 Village Square
- 3 Village Stroll North
- 4 Village Common/Skiers' Approach
- 5 Village Stroll South
- 6 Mountain Square
- 7 Skiers' Plaza
- 8 Springs Lane

The importance of protecting solar access in a particular public space has a reciprocal relationship with the vitality of the space. The more vital and popular a public space, the more important it becomes to protect solar access, maintaining the sunny qualities of the place that attracts people. A sunny environment, however, is not sufficient to transform a public space into a popular spot in the Village for gathering, lingering and people-watching. The vitality of a public space also depends on use patterns, the availability of seating, design characteristics, and the ground-level uses that border the public space that encourage a visitor to stop and sit or browse. Consequently, to document components of the mutually reinforcing solar access and other characteristics of the Outdoor Rooms, and to provide a consistent basis for review of future redevelopment in the Village, each Outdoor Room is discussed in terms of the following four criteria:

#### Use Patterns

 Use patterns include references to circulation patterns, entryways, building entrances, ground level uses, and convergence of public plazas and public thoroughfares. Access to the sun supports the use patterns that enliven the Outdoor Room.

#### Seating

- The presence of seating indicates opportunities where residents or tourists will stop or rest in an Outdoor Room. Seating is an important feature that adds to the functionality of the Outdoor Room.
- Seating consists of formal and informal public seating areas including benches, low or high walls, and large plant containers that provide enough room to lean against or take a seat. Opportunities for future seating are also identified.

#### Design

 Design considers the size of the public area, the defined edges and landscaping, and the Hot Zones that contribute to the Outdoor Room's success.

# Additional Solar Access Considerations

Additional solar access considerations
will help to ensure that important solar
features are protected, such as pools,
patios, seating, gathering spots, and
shafts of light. Additional solar access
analysis will be identified in this section.

Each of the aforementioned criteria and subsequent characteristics should be taken into consideration for their relative solar access importance when producing a solar access impact analysis.





# 6.1 Conference Centre/ Golfers' Approach

#### **Use Patterns**

- Conference Centre is important for community/business/resort functions.
- Resort Activity Centre (includes Public Washroom) draws people as a onestop spot for information about the Village's goings-on.
- Major entry to/from parking garage.
- Absence of shops to attract pedestrian traffic and people watching during the day.
- Tapley's and Kypriaki's are popular community year-round bright patios.

#### Seating

- Limited public seating and an absence of public benches; where good seating is available it is important to protect solar access.
- Stone walls from Buffalo Bill's to Village Square are higher than the 18" norm for the Village and make for less comfortable casual seating.
- Stone walls from Tapley's into the Square are a good height for sitting and enjoying the sun.

- Tapley's has bright outdoor patio seating with an ideal orientation to the sun.
- Opportunity for patio seating with good solar access near Moe Joe's.

#### Design

- Hot Zone includes entryway to Conference Centre and Resort Activity Centre,
  places where people congregate, and is an
  important area to protect solar access in this
  medium sized Outdoor Room.
- Plaza is surrounded and defined by high stone wall, therefore the plazas relevance as a place to stop is not as important as a place to walk through.

# Additional Solar Access Considerations

- Solar access protection for Resort Activity
   Centre is important for aesthetics and safety.
- Need to maximize solar access for the entrance to the Conference Centre and on the two outdoor patios and Timberline Lodge pool.
- Protecting the shaft of sunlight down Golfers'
   Approach during the late afternoon requires
   additional sun/shadow analysis. Consultation with RMOW staff will determine the
   exact times at which additional solar
   analysis is necessary.



south-west view (Restrooms and Restaurant)



ooking east on Golfer's Approach



south-west view Kypriaki Restaurant



Conference Centre



north-east view, Tapley's Patio



Conference Centre/Golfers' Approach Sun/Shadow Characteristics





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# Conference Centre/Golfers' Approach **Key Characteristics**

- Shaft of Sunlight

Building

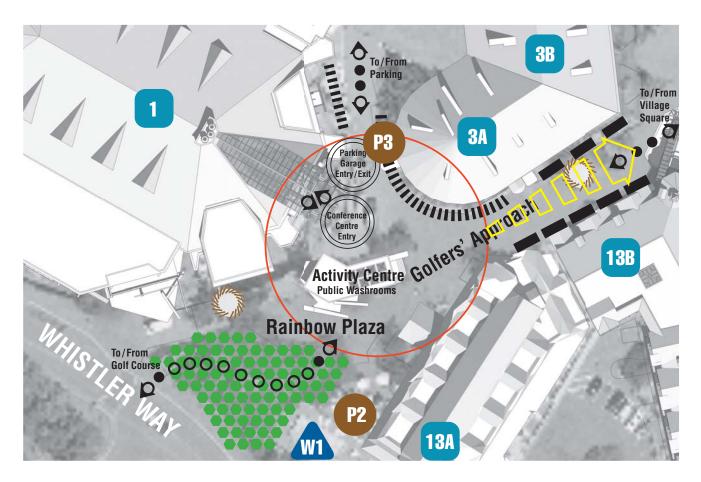
- Circulation

Patio

- 8 Major Entry Point
- Pool

To Lift/Gondola

- Hot Zone
- Use Area
- High Wall
- Low Wall/Seating
- Benches
- Stairs
- Heavy Landscaping
- Water Feature
- **Future Opportunity**
- Whistler Conference Centre
- 3A Windwhistle
- 3B Hearthstone Lodge
- 13A Adara Hotel & Timberline Lodge
- 13B Crystal Lodge & Lobby Level Shops
- Kypriaki Norte patio
- Tapley's Neighbourhood Pub patio
- Timberline Lodge pool







## 6.2 Village Square

#### **Use Patterns**

- Retail shops are intended to meet the daily needs of local residents and visitors, namely, a liquor store, grocery store and drug store.
- Most important public plaza for community and resort celebrations.
- Important street entertainment location that attracts spectators.
- Presence of a moveable tourist kiosk attracts users to the area.
- Major Public Art installation at centre of Outdoor Room.
- Major entryway to the Village (public transit, taxi stands, parking garage access).
- Convergence of three major pedestrian thoroughfares.
- Concentration of several restaurants and *patios*.

#### Seating

 La Bocca, Bocca Gelato, La Brasserie, Ingrid's, Araxi, Mogul's, Citta's and Amsterdam Café located in the Square and each has significant outdoor patio seating.

- Opportunity for outdoor patio near grocery store that has good solar access.
- Stairs approaching grocery store provide informal seating.
- Formal seating is provided by outdoor benches.
- Public Art installation integrates formal seating and attracts people, especially children.
- Low stone walls along edges of Outdoor Room are good for seating.
- Tree planters and wide steps on north and west edges provide informal seating.

#### Design

- Village Square and adjacent uses are a Hot Zone critical to the success of Whistler Village.
- Designed to maintain mountain views in four directions and has a pleasant appearance that is conducive to attracting people.
- Shops that meet daily neighbourhood needs and restaurants/pubs line the west and north sides of the Square while restaurant/pub patios line the east and south sides.
- A medium sized, intimate Outdoor Room,



Village Stroll north

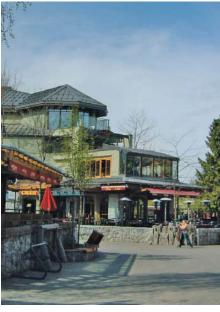


looking north-west at Citta & Rexall east Mountain View

- Edges defined by seating benches, informal seating and patios.
- Some landscaping features provide dappled light to patios.

# Additional Solar Access Considerations

 Need to maximize solar access at the entrances to the retail shops and on the outdoor patios and pools.



east view, the Amsterdam Pub and Citta

- Important to protect solar access for après-ski in winter and during lunch and evenings in the summer.
- Protecting the shafts of sunlight shining down Golfers' Approach into Village Square and from Village Square down the section of Village Stroll North leading into Village Common during the late afternoon requires additional sun/shadow analysis. Consultation with RMOW staff will determine the exact times at which additional solar analysis is necessary.



Village Square Sun/Shadow Characteristics





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# Village Square Key Characteristics

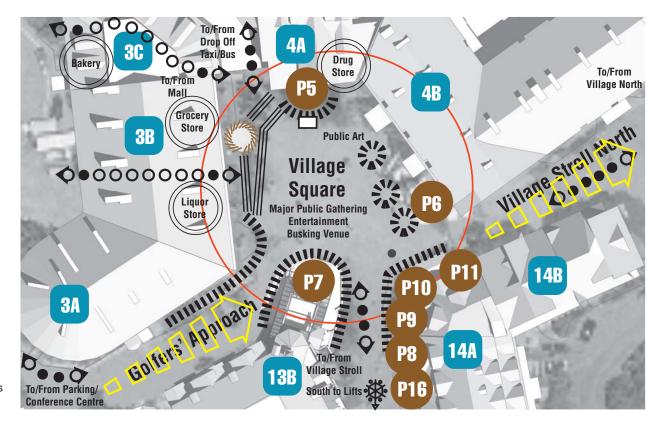
- Shaft of Sunlight
- P1

Building

- ◆ • ◆ Circulation

Patio

- Major Entry Point
- Pool.
- To Lift/Gondola
- Hot Zone
- Use Area
- High Wall
- Low Wall/Seating
- ☐ Benches
- Stairs
- Heavy Landscaping
- Water Feature
- Future Opportunity
- 3A Windwhistle
- 3B Hearthstone Lodge
- 3C Rainbow Condos
- 4A Plaza Suites & Blackcomb Professional
- 4B Blackcomb Lodge
- 13B Crystal Lodge & Lobby Level Shops
- 14A Fitzsimmons Condos
- 14B Wedgeview, Snoland Condos & Regency Suites
- P5 Moguls Coffee Shop patio
- P6 Araxi Restaurant & Bar patio
- P7 Citta's Bistro patio
- P8 Gelato patio
- P9 Amsterdam Cafe Pub patio
- P10 La Bocca patio
- P11 Ingrid's Deli patio
- P16 La Brasserie patio







## 6.3 Village Stroll North

#### Use Patterns

- The northern section of the Village Stroll connects to Village North.
- The Stroll is also important for attracting people to 'destination' shops.
- Range of shops for recreation and food act as a draw for people.
- Welcome Centre for the Chamber of Commerce draws various users to the Stroll.
- Important transit, taxi/bus loop node that draws users.

#### Seating

- Benches along the Stroll provide formal seating.
- Stone wall, rocks and steps provide informal seating.
- Saint Andrew's House rear patio could be renovated to provide new seating opportunity.

#### Design

· Wide pedestrian thoroughfare with soft edges provided by varied seating and uses along the length of the Stroll; for instance, a stone wall and benches define some sections of the Stroll, while at other locations there are steps and retail wares spilling out into the Stroll.

## Additional Solar Access Considerations

• Protecting the shaft of sunlight down the north-south section of Village Stroll North during the late morning requires additional sun/shadow analysis. Consultation with RMOW staff will determine the exact times at which additional solar analysis is necessary. Protecting the shaft of sunlight down the east-west section of Village Stroll North during the late afternoon requires additional sun/shadow analysis. Consultation with RMOW staff will determine the exact times at which additional solar analysis is necessary.



south view, Ingrid's



south-west view to Curve



east to Village Square, morning



pedestrian bridge south



east view of Cow's & benches



Village Stroll North Sun/Shadow Characteristics





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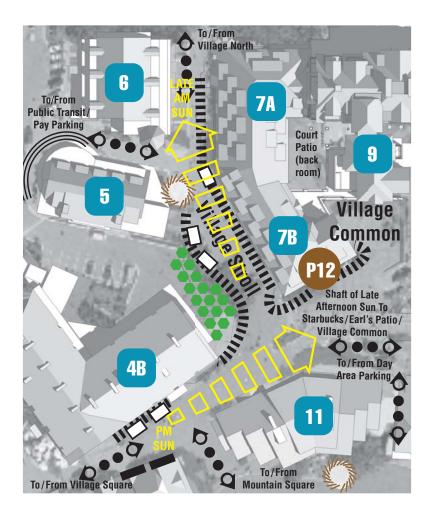


# Village Stroll North Key Characteristics

- Shaft of Sunlight

Building

- Circulation
- 8 Major Entry Point
- Patio Pool
- To Lift/Gondola
- Hot Zone
- Use Area
- High Wall
- Low Wall/Seating
- Benches
- Stairs
- Heavy Landscaping
- Water Feature
- **Future Opportunity**
- Blackcomb Lodge 4B
- Blackcomb Lodge Gatehouse & Whistler Chamber of Commerce
- Village Gate House 6
- Holiday Inn SunSpree Resort, D Wing 7A
- Holiday Inn SunSpree Resort, B Wing
- 9 Holiday Inn SunSpree Resort
- 11 Saint Andrew's House
- P12 Mongoli Grill patio







## 6.4 Village Common/ Skiers' Approach

#### Use Patterns

- Secondary plaza for public events; also used as part of major events such as Crankworx and Ski/Snowboard Festival.
- Queuing area for Village 8 Cinema movie theatres attracts users.
- · Starbucks and Cinema bring yearround activity to the area.
- Pedestrian path (Skiers' Approach) and wide steps on both sides of C Wing of SunSpree Resort Whistler Village Center bring pedestrians into Whistler Village from the upper level of Blackcomb Way and the day parking lots.
- New Pan Pacific adds pedestrian activity.
- An inner courtyard provides a quiet respite space.

#### Seating

- Main square includes a water feature with a rock garden that provides limited seating.
- · Formal seating on benches and informal seating on steps, stone walls and rock displays.

- Mongoli Grill patio provides second storey seating.
- Starbucks and Earl's are popular locations with outdoor patio seating.

#### Design

- Medium sized plaza designed for outdoor entertainment and street performers make this an important Hot Zone.
- Soft edges defined by a variety of formal and informal seating and passages to numerous pedestrian thoroughfares.

## Additional Solar Access Considerations

- · Need to maximize solar access for the entryways from the upper level of Blackcomb Way into Whistler Village.
- Earl's, Starbucks, Mongoli Grill and Pita Etc. outdoor patios, Pan Pacific II pool should maintain solar access.
- · Formal and informal public seating should maintain solar access.
- Protecting the important shaft of sunlight shining down the east-west segment of Village Stroll North into Village Common during the late afternoon requires additional sun/shadow analysis. Consultation with RMOW staff will determine the exact times at which additional solar analysis is necessary.



east view. Starbucks & Earl's









looking north-west, Satrbucks & Cinema



from top, Earl's, west to Village Stroll



Skiers' Approach looking west



Skiers' Approach, the Keg



Village Common/Skiers' Approach Sun/Shadow Characteristics





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# Village Common/Skiers' Approach **Key Characteristics**

- Shaft of Sunlight

Building

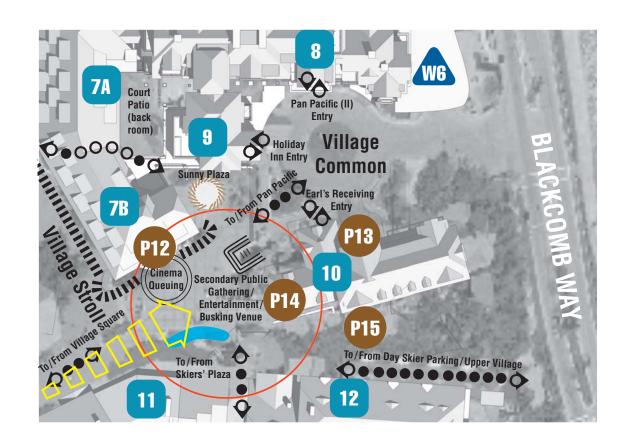
- Circulation

Patio

- 8 Major Entry Point

A Pool

- To Lift/Gondola
- Hot Zone
- Use Area
- High Wall
- 111 Low Wall/Seating
- **Benches**
- Stairs
- Heavy Landscaping
- Water Feature
- **Future Opportunity**
- Holiday Inn SunSpree Resort, D Wing
- 7B Holiday Inn SunSpree Resort, B Wing
- 8 Pan Pacific's Village Centre (II)
- Holiday Inn SunSpree Resort 9
- 10 Holiday Inn SunSpree Resort, C Wing
- Saint Andrew's House 11
- 12 Whistler Village Inns & Keg Lodge
- P12 Mongoli Grill patio
- P13 Earl's Bistro patio
- Starbucks Coffee Company patio (I)
- P15 Pita Etc. patio
- Pan Pacific (II) pool







## 6.5 Village Stroll South

#### Use Patterns

- Main pedestrian thoroughfare that connects Village Square to Mountain Square and the activities in Skiers' Plaza.
- Pedestrian-attracting businesses, ranging from coffee shops to retail stores and personal services, line the Stroll.
- Ric's Grill, Starbucks, Il Caminetto/Going Nuts and Hot Buns Bakery have patios that attract users to the area.

#### Seating

- Formal seat benches are provided along the edges of the *Stroll* in places where the stone walls are too high.
- Informal seating provided by low stone walls offer resting places.
- Opportunities for increased patio inner court seating at Buffalo Bill's and inner court seating at the former Tex Corleone's patio area.

#### Design

 Wide pedestrian thoroughfare with edges defined by steps and pedestrianfriendly entrances to food and retail businesses.

#### Additional Solar

#### **Access Considerations**

- Maximize opportunities for direct sunlight on outdoor patios.
- Listel and Crystal *pool* important to retain *solar access*.



looking north-east to Village Square



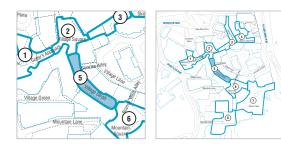
looking south on Village Stroll mountain view



Crystal Lodge shops



Village Stroll South
Sun/Shadow Characteristics







# Village Stroll South Key Characteristics

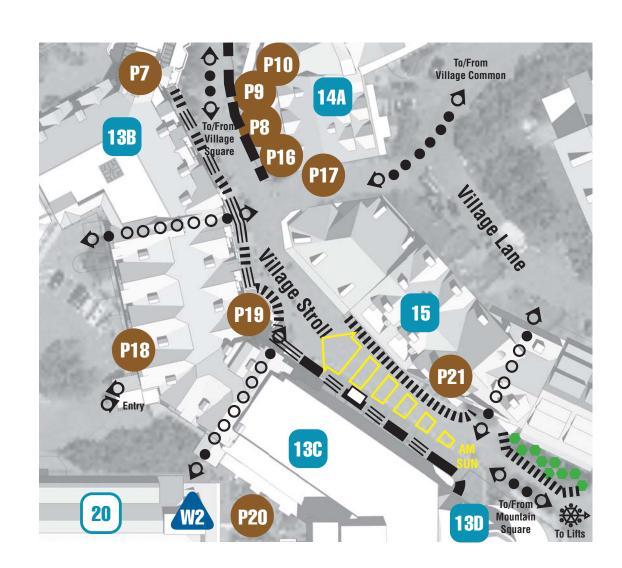
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Building

- ◆ • ◆ Circulation

Patio

- Major Entry Point
- Pool.
- 🌣 To Lift/Gondola
- Hot Zone
- Use Area
- High Wall
- ■■ Low Wall/Seating
- □ Benches
- Stairs
- Heavy Landscaping
- Water Feature
- Future Opportunity
- 13B Crystal Lodge & Lobby Level Shops
- 13C Crystal Lodge, South Wing Shops
- 13D Crystal Lodge Expansion Unit
- 14A Fitzsimmons Condos
- 15 Fireplace Inn & Executive Inns
- P7 Citta's Bistro patio
- P8 Gelato patio
- P9 Amsterdam Cafe Pub patio
- P10 La Bocca patio
- P16 La Brasserie patio
- P17 Hot Buns patio
- P18 Old Spaghetti Factory patio
- P19 Ric's Grill patio
- P20 Second Cup balcony patio
- P21 II Caminetto/Going Nuts patio







## 6.6 Mountain Square

#### **Use Patterns**

- Secondary square for events, but important due to location in 'heart' of Village.
- Hotel buildings surround all sides of Mountain Square attracting visitors.
- Connects to the wide, open space of Skiers' Plaza to the east.
- Ground level retail shops in the Hilton building attract some pedestrian traffic, but the Square provides limited opportunity for lingering.
- Second Cup, Zog's and Black's are important *patios* that attract users.
- Seating is under used as space is not intimate.

#### Seating

- Formal and informal seating is provided, but intimacy lacking to encourage lingering.
- Opportunity for future patio seating attached to existing uses such as the Nike Store.
- Moveable seating at Second Cup are well used, as users follow the sun.

#### Design

- Hot Zone covers the entrances to buildings and area for summer events in this large Outdoor Room.
- Mature landscaping in the area.
- Designed for summer event activity.
- Mountain Square edges are sharply defined by buildings with limited groundoriented detail.

# Additional Solar Access Considerations

- Shadows cast over much of the Square for significant periods of time.
- Protect the limited periods of sunlight at major building entrances.



looking east to Skiers' Plaza, Zog's in foreground



outh-west view, the Hilton



south-east view, the Carleton Lodge

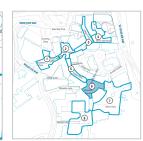


north-west view, the Crystal Lodge



Mountain Square Sun/Shadow Characteristics





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# Mountain Square **Key Characteristics**

- Shaft of Sunlight

Building

- Circulation

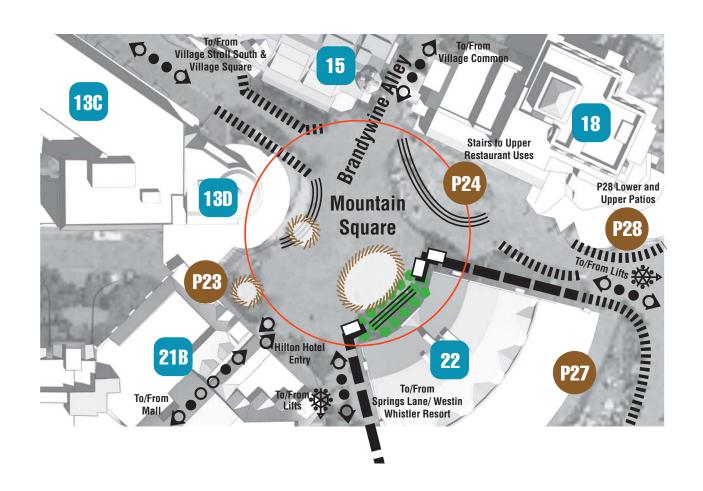
Patio

- 8 Major Entry Point

To Lift/Gondola



- Hot Zone
- Use Area High Wall
- 111 Low Wall/Seating
- **Benches**
- Stairs
- Heavy Landscaping
- Water Feature
- **Future Opportunity**
- 13C Crystal Lodge, South Wing Shops
- 13D Crystal Lodge Expansion Unit
- Fireplace Inn & Executive Inns
- 18 Sundial Hotel
- 21B Hilton Whistler Resort & Spa (II)
- Carleton Lodge
- P23 Second Cup patio
- Zogs Beavertails & Burgers patio
- P27 Longhorn Saloon & Grill patio
- P28 Black's Pub & Restaurant patio







#### 6.7 Skiers' Plaza

#### **Use Patterns**

- Main entry point for skiers coming from Day Parking Lots.
- Largest *Outdoor Room* for public gathering, concerts, demonstration events.
- Queuing area for all ski lifts and some ski school/recreation activities make this the premier outdoor spot for sport focused activities in the Village.
- Wide steps in the northeast of Skiers' Plaza lead up to the upper level of Blackcomb Way.
- Intense pedestrian activity from ski hill, day skier lots, and transit to/from the rest of the Village.

#### Seating

- Seating is largely provided by patios, including Garbanzo, Longhorn Saloon, Black's, Dubh Linn Gate Pub.
- Many seasonal seating opportunities are provided and include fencing and picnic tables in the summer.
- Informal seating is provided by stairs and stonewalls throughout plaza.

#### Design

- The Hot Zone covers essentially the area of the Outdoor Room as Skiers'
   Plaza is critical to the recreational and gathering activities of the area.
- The largest *Outdoor Room* in the *Village*.
- Designed to facilitate large public events and ski-out for users and gatherers.
- Outdoor patios are integral for tourist and resident use.

# Additional Solar Access Considerations

- Critical to maintain afternoon sun to support resort skiing experience.
- Solar access for the outdoor patios and pools must be maintained as these are the premier après-ski spots in Whistler Village.
- Unobstructed sunlight on the open plaza must be maintained as the area functions as the most important waiting, viewing and gathering area in Whistler Village.
- Pan Pacific 1 pool should retain solar access.



est view



west view from top, afternoon



south-west view, afternoon



west view



ast view



north-east view, Dubh Linn Gate Pub



Skiers' Plaza Sun/Shadow Characteristics





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# Skiers' Plaza Key Characteristics

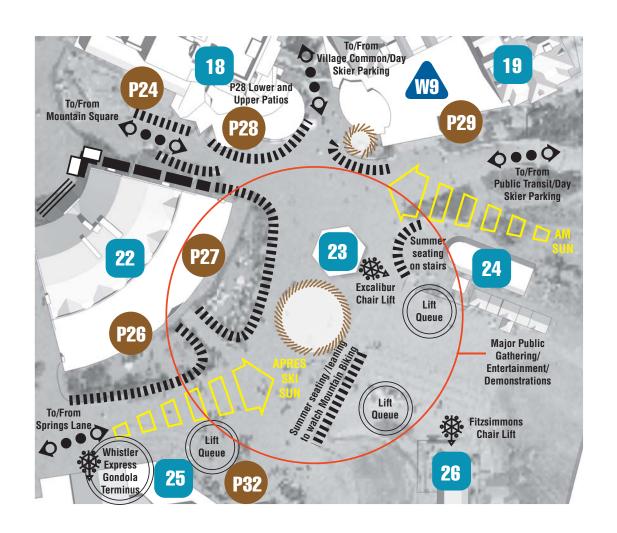
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- Future Opportunity
- 18 Sundial Hotel
- 19 Pan Pacific One (I)
- 22 Carleton Lodge
- 23 Kiosk/Tickets/Information
- 24 Blackcombs Excalibur Gondola Base
- Whistler Express Gondola Base & Garibaldi Lift Company
- 26 Fitzsimmons Gondola Base
- P24 Zogs Beavertail & Burgers patio
- P26 Garbanzo Bike & Bean patio
- P27 Longhorn Saloon & Grill patio
- P28 Black's Pub & Restaurant patio
- P29 Dubh Linn Gate Irish Pub patio
- P32 Garibaldi Lift Co. Bar & Grill patio







## 6.8 Springs Lane

#### Use Patterns

- Springs Lane is more important for pedestrian/vehicle movement than providing public gathering and lingering space.
- Many of the sun spots in this Outdoor Room are private in nature, but open to public pedestrian movement.
- Westin and Hilton host special hotel and community events in their courtyards.
- The vehicle loop acts as a drop-off point for ski school and is the Village's primary drop-off for wheelchair access.
- Behind the Grind is a new patio attracting users.
- Employee services are located within the Westin and the Gondola barn and is an important attraction for some Whistler residents.

#### Seating

- Limited formal public seating, with some benches located along edge of the plaza in front of the Westin.
- Limited informal seating as planter walls in front of the Westin are too high.

#### Design

 This Outdoor Room is configured around an access road that is the responsibility of the Hotels in the area.

# Additional Solar Access Considerations

- Maximize solar access for activity areas including the tennis courts, patios and courtyards, and vehicle drop-off point.
- Important to retain solar access to Hilton & Westin pools.



Springs Lane drop-off, looking east to golf course and Westin Plaza



Westin Plaza



Hilton courtyard facing south-west



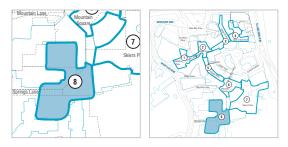
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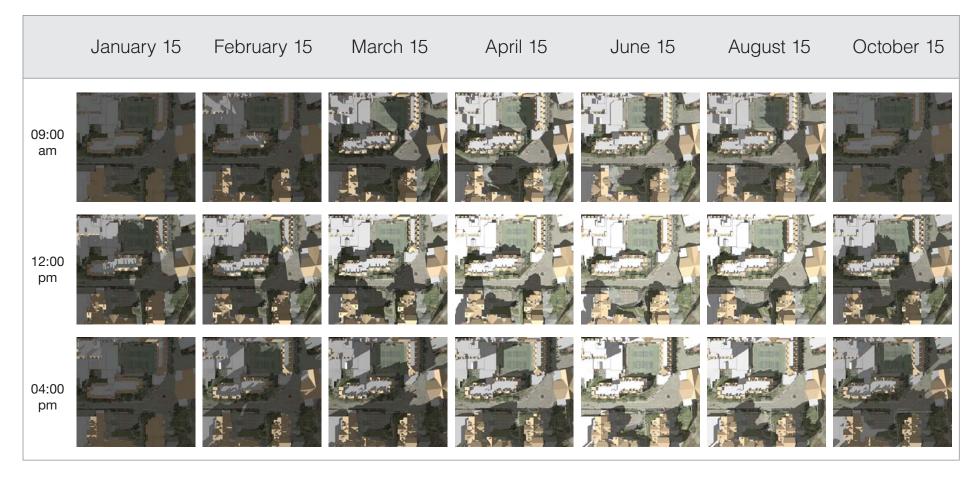


Whistler Kids



Springs Lane Sun/Shadow Characteristics







# Springs Lane **Key Characteristics**

- Shaft of Sunlight

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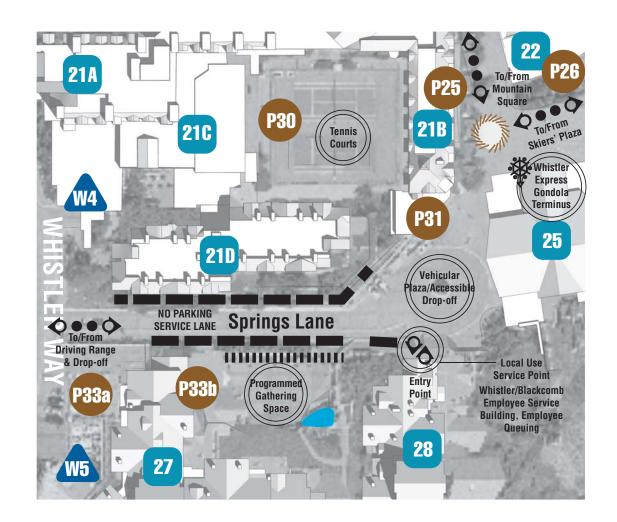
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- **Future Opportunity**
- 21A Hilton Whistler Resort & Spa (I)
- Hilton Whistler Resort & Spa (II)
- Hilton Whistler Resort & Spa (III)
- 21D Hilton Whistler Resort & Spa (IV)
- 22 Carleton Lodge
- Whistler Express Gondola Base & Garibaldi Lift Company
- Westin Whistler International Resort Hotel
- Whistler Mountain Employee Services
- P25 Rocky Mountain Chocolate Factory patio
- Garbanzo Bike & Bean patio
- Hilton Whistler Resort/Spa/Tennis Courts patio
- P31 Behind the Grind
- P33a Westin Resort & Spa Whistler patio
- P33bWestin Resort & Spa Whistler patio
- Hilton Whistler Resort & Spa pool
- Westin Whistler Resort pool





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# Municipalities With Solar Access Protection Strategies



The intent of the following examples is to provide the reader and the RMOW with background information into the strategies that other communities have used to protect solar access. The scan found strategies for development permit process that mitigate the impacts of major development applications, general design principles for specific urban areas, and policies to preserve solar access as an alternative energy source.

Communities across North America have adopted different approaches to solar access protection. Vancouver and Toronto use the development permit process to require sun access and shadow studies at various times of day over the course of the year for buildings greater than 10 and 20 metres in height, respectively. Coquitlam and Canmore define design principles to encourage new developments that retain sun access to store frontages and pedestrian-oriented areas. These include identifying setbacks, massing and scale. Finally, most strategies found in the United States protect solar access to encourage alternative energy use. They vary from general design principles to defined solar bulk planes and equations to determine building setbacks.

The research provided insight into policies and guidelines currently used by other North American municipalities. As can be seen, other communities have attempted various strategies to protect solar access, unfortunately a replicable precedent was not identified further demonstrating that Whistler's needs are distinct.

# Development Permit Process for Major Applications

Vancouver, British Columbia

The City of Vancouver requires all major developments having a significant impact on its surroundings to adhere to a development permit process that includes: (1) the provision of information on daylight access and shadowing and (2) conformance with various land use and development policies or guidelines adopted by Council.

For both preliminary and complete development applications, the development applicant must provide information on the context of how the proposed development fits in with the surrounding buildings. For the surrounding buildings (not the proposed new development), the applicant must "show a comparative shadow analysis for all buildings over 35 feet in height, as well as any which penetrate building height envelope or height restrictions."

Analytical information must also be provided for the proposed development: applicants are required to "provide sun, shade and shadow analysis and their effects on adjoining properties and streets at the standard equinox times of 10 a.m., noon, 2 p.m. on September 21 and March 21."

This information provided by the applicant is used to evaluate the development application with regard to by-laws and various land use and development polices and guidelines. Some of the land use and development policies adopted by Vancouver City Council with references to solar access protection include the following:

- Victory Square Guidelines (adopted by Council 2006) – Guidelines for the development of courtyards in the Victory Square area include a courtyard height/width ratio of 1.5 to 1.0 and building massing that maximizes sun access to the courtyard level by terracing of upper levels on the south side of courtyard.
- Broadway-Arbutus Policies (adopted by Council 2004) – To create a vibrant local shopping area in a four-block area in the Broadway-Arbutus corridor, height and built form policies call for a height limit of 55 feet (up to five stories) and

Wight and Hoinkes, Sun Easements to Parks: Implications for Planning and Zoning in Toronto's Central Area, 1992.

Reported in Bosselman, Arens, Dunker and Wright, Urban Form and Climate: Case Study, Toronto, 1995.

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building massing on the south side of Broadway Street to "ensure substantial sunlight penetration to the north sidewalk at equinox."

 Plaza Design Guidelines (adopted by Council 1992) - This policy which is applicable in downtown and commercial zoning districts explicitly states that " warmth and sunshine are major user attractions." While the guidelines encourage the examination of sun paths, sun altitudes and shadow patterns for all seasons, the importance of analysis for spring and autumn and at lunch time in commercial areas is stressed. To maximize sunlight, the following guidelines are provided: (1) locating seating in areas of maximum sunlight; (2) creating sun traps - areas surrounded by walls with an orientation toward the south; and (3) utilizing reflective light surfaces if no direct sunlight is available.

#### Toronto, Ontario

In the early 1990's the City of Toronto initiated a number of studies to assess the impacts of sun and wind on pedestrian comfort in its Central Area. The City's Cityplan 91 Report No. 25: Sun, Wind and Pedestrian Comfort included a recommendation "...to apply sun access standards equally to public open space and to private open spaces that are publicly accessible." Follow-up studies associated with the Centre for Landscape Research at the University of Toronto were undertaken to develop implementation strategies.

A study on sun easements to parks in Toronto's Central Area found that "while standards based on a typology for parks are an important first step for developing policy, standards in themselves are inadequate to deal with the specific variations found in each park of a given type. These variations include, size, boundary configuration, use patterns (facilities, use areas) and surrounding built context. Solar access to parks will still need to be evaluated on a case by case basis in order to determine the nature of the existing condition and to test the impacts of various built form options surrounding the park."

Additional research on the effect of development on street-level conditions of sun, wind and thermal comfort resulted in recommendations that "allowable heights of new construction be set to produce

three, five, or seven hours of sunlight daily from March to September." A three-hour period of sun access is a minimum reguired to "provide comfortable conditions around midday on commercial streets in the central district of Toronto." A five-hour time window was proposed for all major pedestrian connectors, shopping streets and historic or tourist areas of downtown Toronto, and seven hours of sunlight was proposed for all residential streets on the edge of downtown. Modeling of these sun access standards was used to establish recommended height limits and building bulk controls - not all of which were adopted by Council.

Based on these studies, the City of Toronto currently requires "Sun/Shadow Studies" for developments over 20 metres (six storeys) in height in applications for Official Plan Amendments, Zoning By-law Amendments and Complex Site Plan Control applications. Sun/shadow tests may also be requested for developments that are lower than 20 metres, particularly for rezoning applications "where additional height is applied for near shadow sensitive areas (such as parks, cemeteries, etc.)".

Development applicants are required to provide "a technical document that provides a visual model and written description of the impact of shadows cast by a proposed development on adjacent streets, parks and properties." The applicant may be requested to submit a proposed and a final shadow study. Sun/ shadow testing of alternative building massing may be required during the application review, and when massing of the application has been agreed to, a final sun/shadow study must be prepared. The modeling must show:

- Both the existing situation and the proposed development in its context (including other approved but not built buildings in the model area)
- Sun/shadow tests are required for March 21 and September 21 at the following hours: 9:18 a.m., 10:18 a.m., 11:18 a.m., 12:18 p.m., 3:18 p.m., 4:18 p.m., 5:18 p.m., 6:18 p.m.
- Sun/Shadow tests at hourly increments for both June 21 and December 21 required for development that proposes additional shadow impacts on public parks or publicly accessible open space.

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## Urban Design Guidelines

#### Coquitlam, British Columbia

The City of Coquitlam developed its Concept Plan and Urban Design Guidelines for the Coquitlam Regional Town Centre (adopted by Council 1996, revised 2004) in order to guide development in its downtown toward becoming a local and regional centre for retail, office, cultural, recreational, civic and educational activities. The Guidelines identify a need to maximize sun exposure given the indigenous climate of "significant rainfall [and] grey skies" and provide general strategies for achieving this. A "Pedestrian Spine Plan" is one of several aspects of the Guidelines and provides guidelines for a pedestrian-oriented street connecting the north civic complex to a south commercial area. The priority is pedestrian-oriented streets and includes a section of pedestrian street. To maintain sun access on the 'Pedestrian Spine', the Guidelines set out a general strategy:

"Towers are better sited on the east side of the street so that the afternoon sun does not cast long shadows, and if towers are located on the west side of the 'Spine', they must be sited far enough away such that their afternoon sun shadows do not fall on the spine itself."

#### Canmore, Alberta

The Town of Canmore does not have policies that directly address solar access protection. Rather, the Town has developed policies for commercial building design in order to maintain a "town" or "village" scale and ensure that new buildings are designed to "minimize disruption of mountain views and allow for the penetration of sun and daylight to store fronts." One strategy is to provide guidelines for massing and scale. In important commercial areas, the maximum allowable building height is 11.0 metres. Additionally. any structure above 7.0 metres must be confined within a building mass extending at a 45° angle from the intercept of the building setback and a horizontal plane 7.0 metres above the ground.

Important mountain vistas at specified intersections are preserved by retaining "a minimum sight angle of 12.5° over all buildings on lots adjacent to the intersections." The sight angle at these intersections is measured from a horizontal plane established from a point 1.8 metres above the centre-point of the intersection.

## Alternative Energy Sources

In the United States, there are numerous state and local initiatives designed to protect solar access, but to a large degree, these initiatives promote the utilization of renewable energy and energy efficiency. For instance, Washington, Idaho, Nevada, Utah and Colorado all have solar easement laws that allow parties to enter into solar easement contracts to ensure adequate exposure for solar energy systems. State law in Nevada, Utah and Colorado also have provisions to prohibit unreasonable restrictions placed on the building of solar energy systems on property.

#### Ashland, Oregon

The City of Ashland passed one of the first citywide solar access protection ordinances in the United States (1981). The purpose and intent of the Solar Access Chapter in its Municipal Code is to "provide protection of a reasonable amount of sunlight from shared from structures and vegetation whenever feasible to all parcels in the City to preserve the economic value of solar radiation falling on structures, investments in solar energy systems, and the options for futures uses of solar energy." While the stated intent is to protect and maintain opportunities for exploiting solar energy as an alternative energy source, application of the Code provides significant protection for solar access at ground

or low building levels where solar collectors are not typically used.

The Code adopts a prescriptive approach to solar access controls. Solar access is protected through the application of building setbacks from the northern property line, where such a property line abuts an adjacent developed or developable lot. The specific intent of the process is to limit the height of the shadow at the northern lot line to a specific value at noon on the date of the winter solstice (December 21). This is implemented through the following setback formula:

SB = (H - SH) / (0.445 + S)

#### Where:

- SB is the required setback in feet from the northern property line;
- H is the height of the building (in feet) which projects the longest shadow at the northern lot line:
- SH is the predetermined maximum height of the building's shadow.
- 0.445 is the tangent of the angle that the sun's rays strike a horizontal plane at noon on December 21; and
- S is the north-south slope gradient of the lot.

The allowable shadow height (SH) applied depends on the depth of the lot measured

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along a north-south access from the most northerly point on the northern lot line.

- For lot depths on level ground of greater than 67 feet, the maximum allowed shadow height is 6 feet.
- For lot depths between 22 feet and 67 feet, the maximum allowed shadow height is 16 feet.
- For lot depths less than 22 feet, the maximum allowed shadow height is 21 feet.

On sloping ground, the ranges of lot depths for which each shadow height criterion applies are adjusted to allow for the effect of the gradient on the impact of the shadows on adjacent property.

#### Boulder, Colorado

The City of Boulder has enacted an ordinance to protect the use of solar energy. The ordinance sets limits on the amount of permitted shading by new construction and requiring that new buildings be sited to provide good solar access. This is achieved through regulating the height of the shadows cast at the boundaries of neighbouring properties and by requiring developers to submit a "shadow analysis" as part of the building permit application. All residential units in new developments must be oriented so that their long axis lies within 30° of a true east-west direction (non-residential buildings must either have the same orientation or have a flat roof).

The City has established three Solar Access Areas with different objectives and regulations for each area:

• The most prescriptive standards are applied in SA Area I and are designed to protect solar access principally for south yards, south walls and rooftops. The regulations require that no building be constructed which would create a shadow on a neighbouring lot to a greater degree than would be cast by an imaginary vertical "solar fence" 12 feet high and surrounding the neighbouring lot, between two hours before to two hours after local solar noon on a clear winter solstice day.

- In SA Area II, the regulations are designed to protect solar access principally for rooftops. No building may be constructed which would create a shadow on a neighbouring lot that would extend beyond the shadow cast by an imaginary vertical "solar fence" 25 feet high and surrounding the neighbouring lot, between two hours before to two hours after local solar noon on winter solstice.
- Within SA Area III, solar access is only protected through a solar permit process for planned energy systems, and any building under 35 feet in height would not be affected by permit restrictions.

Compliance with the regulation is ensured by the requirement to submit a shadow analysis as part of the building permit application. This applies to all development applications for property within SA Area I and II and to buildings in SA Area III exceeding a height of 35 feet on property close to SA Area I or II or affected by a solar access permit for a neighbouring lot. The principle component of the shadow analysis is a set of plans showing the proposed structure, the height of the peaks and corners of the shadow casting portion of the roof, and, the approximate shadow cast by the structure at 10 AM, noon and 2 PM on December 21. If the shadow analysis indicates that the building's shadows lie below the imaginary "solar fences" for all neighbouring properties, the building is in compliance. If not,

the applicant is required to illustrate the true impact of all shading on neighbouring properties and to identify any shadow that exceeds that of the "solar fence".

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#### Denver, Colorado

The City of Denver has adopted a relatively simple approach to maintaining solar access within specified zoning districts. The municipal code regulates the bulk of structures by prescribing building "bulk planes". No part of any proposed building may project beyond the prescribed bulk plane:

- On east, south or west facing lot boundaries, the bulk plane is a projection at 45° above the horizontal from a point on the lot boundary 10 feet above the ground. This restriction applies in addition to normal building setbacks.
- On north facing lot boundaries, a lower "solar bulk plane" applies from the point where the standard bulk plane intercepts a vertical line projected from the ground 13 feet from the lot boundary. The solar bulk plane is a projection from this point at 26° 34' above the horizontal.

#### San Jose, California

The City of San Jose places value on solar access protection by including appropriate measures in various community design guidelines. Solar Access Design Guidelines were adopted as part of its Residential Design Guidelines in the early 1990s and solar access protection is also included in its current Downtown Design Guidelines.

One of City's principles for residential design is to develop "solar oriented" homes where:

- Windows face south to maximize solar orientation;
- The long axis of buildings is oriented east-west so that the broad face of the building facade faces south;
- Wide, south facing walls with windows abut front yards, rear yards or common open space, to facilitate solar access and to avoid solar obstruction from other, too close buildings; and
- Streets are oriented within 30° of an east-west axis to encourage buildings to have a similar orientation.

The Downtown Design Guidelines contain general strategies for height and massing, including that taller buildings should be built on the short ends of the block and corners in order to emphasize intersections, maintain sun exposure at mid-block and frame views to the surrounding mountain ranges.

### General strategies

Building height and massing will be encouraged for new development including:

- Building taller structures on the short ends of blocks and on corners in order to define the edges of outdoor rooms, maintain sun exposure at mid-block, and frame important views (refer to the Whistler Village View Protection Guidelines for further detail);
- Consider terracing the upper levels of buildings that front the southern side of the identified outdoors rooms in order to minimize shadow impacts.

Solar orientation that maximize the solar access of newly created public realms will be encouraged, and include:

- Maximize opportunities for the orientation of new public places on an eastwest axis with seating that faces south;
- Improve or maximize solar access in outdoor rooms through good design, using walls to create sun trap that are oriented south or utilizing reflective light surfaces if no direct sunlight is available;
- Encourage the orientation of the long dimension of new buildings within 30°

of an east-west axis so that the broad facade of the building faces south;

 New thoroughfares should be oriented within 30° of an east-west axis to encourage buildings and public seating areas to have a similar orientation.

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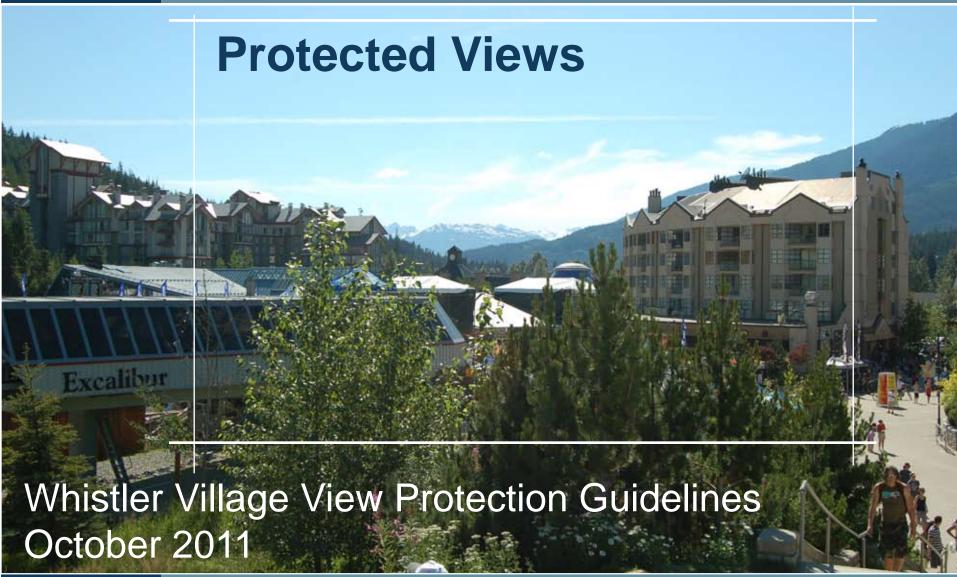
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#### Introduction

Whistler Village, Whistler's master planned town centre, is widely recognized as a leading model of success for the design of mountain resort villages, and has become a trademark of the resort community. The experience offered by Whistler Village is critical to Whistler's tourist economy, as well as to reinforcing the village as the social centre for the community. A key aspect of this experience, and Whistler's unique sense of place, is the connection of Whistler Village to its surrounding mountain environment. Achieving this connection was a fundamental principle of the original Whistler Village Master Plan and Whistler Village Design Guidelines. The layout and orientation of the pedestrian strolls and public plazas, as well as building siting, heights and volumetrics, were all carefully determined and established by the master plan in order to "preserve view corridors to important mountain vistas from the pedestrian areas of the village".



At this time, all parcels within the original area of Whistler Village have been developed in accordance with the Whistler Village Master Plan and approved development permits. However, it has been recognized that there is a need for reinvestment and renovation to enhance the quality of development in the village and for the village to continue to evolve to remain competitive in the resort marketplace. In 2001 the municipality adopted the Whistler Village Enhancement Strategy with an overall goal of facilitating this reinvestment while maintaining the fundamental design principles that set Whistler Village apart and make it a success.

Another key objective of this strategy was to establish clear and consistent guidelines and development review procedures to reduce uncertainty for both development applicants as well as the resort community. As a number of major renovations and redevelopments came forward for consideration, it was clear that the existing Whistler Village Design Guidelines lacked the specificity required to meet this objective. As a result the municipality undertook to develop the Whistler Village View Protection Guidelines to add this specificity, and make the guidelines relevant to the existing built conditions and enhancement opportunities in Whistler Village.

The Whistler Village View Protection Guidelines form a significant component of the Whistler Village Design Guidelines. The guidelines provide a photo inventory of all views of the mountain landscape surrounding Whistler Village that are observed from public spaces within and adjacent to Whistler Village. The documented views are all deemed to be of public benefit and value in establishing Whistler's sense of place and enhancing the experience enjoyed by Whistler's visitors and residents. Any proposed development that may affect a documented view must prepare a view impact analysis for review. For reference, the guidelines include a summary table that identifies all views to be considered for each development parcel in Whistler.

To provide greater certainty in the review of potential impacts the guidelines also specify valued view characteristics and view features that are to be preserved or enhanced for each view.

Although the view protection guidelines impose restrictions on massing of potential renovations and redevelopment, there is room for design changes that will enhance the quality and character of existing development in Whistler Village. Rather than prioritizing one view as compared to another view, all views are deemed to be important and worthy of consideration and protection. The flexibility in design is relative to how the proposal preserves and enhances the specified view characteristics and view features.

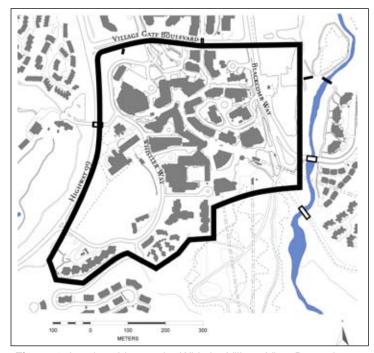
### **Purpose of Guidelines**

The purpose of the Whistler Village View Protection Guidelines is to provide clear guidelines and a consistent methodology for evaluating proposed renovation and redevelopment projects in the original area of Whistler Village (Figure 1), in order to preserve and enhance valued public views to the surrounding mountain landscape.

#### Use of Guidelines

The criteria established in this document are to be applied to all development, including renovation and redevelopment, within the original area of Whistler Village (see Fig. 1). Lands outside of the original part of Whistler Village do not have inventoried views to be conisdered for each development parcel, however, development shold meet the same view protection goals, objectives and guidelines.

It is the responsibility of developers and design professionals to review this document prior to commencing design work.



**Figure 1:** Lands subject to the Whistler Village View Protection Guidelines.

#### **View Protection Goals and Objectives**

Whistler is a special place, nestled among the snow-capped Coast Mountains and surrounded by great natural beauty defined by mountain peaks, forested slopes, rivers and lakes. Whistler Village itself sits at the base of Whistler and Blackcomb Mountains. The positioning of the Village enables views to the developed ski areas on Whistler and Blackcomb, as well as the surrounding mountains and natural landscape (see Fig. 2).

Throughout the seasons, the views from Whistler Village provide a powerful and unique placemaking influence. Winter brings the sparkle of snow-capped peaks on a sunny day, alpenglow at sunset, and a strong connection to the skiing with the movement of skiers descending the ski runs into the Village. With spring the snowline creeps higher and the rocky peaks begin to protrude from the snow. Summer brings small bright patches of snow contrasting against the vibrant green alpine meadows, bear activity on the open ski slopes, and mountain bikers racing down the lower mountain. Come fall, the anticipation of a new ski season builds with the changing colours and fresh dustings of snow. Some views are very prominent, while others are more incidental and simply provide an important green connection to the natural landscape.

With this in mind, the view protection goal for Whistler Village is:

To preserve and enhance public views to the mountains and the natural landscape beyond the village precinct to enable residents and visitors alike to discover and experience the beauty and splendor of Whistler's natural setting in the glaciated Coast Mountains of British Columbia.

The specific objectives that follow from this goal are to:

- Establish measures to protect or enhance specific views to the surrounding mountain landscape; and
- Facilitate reinvestment in Whistler Village that enhances its quality and character without negatively impacting the fundamental design principles of the Whistler Village Master Plan.

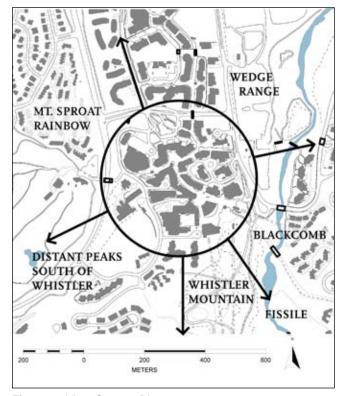


Figure 2: View Context Plan

### **View Protection Methodology**

Building on the view objectives of the original Whistler Village Master Plan of "preserving view corridors to important mountain vistas from the pedestrian areas of the village", a photographic inventory has been created that documents all views to the mountains and the natural landscape from public locations within and adjacent to Whistler Village.

The inventory consists of viewpoint locations and view subjects. Views can be stationary or dynamic. An example of a stationary view is when sitting on a park bench. For dynamic views, the observer can be moving along the Village Stroll – there is no single viewpoint location. The inventory addresses both static and dynamic viewpoint locations by documenting the views as view sequences. View sequences for static views have one viewpoint location. Dynamic view sequences have multiple viewpoint locations – for these views the photo-inventory includes the start of the view and the end of the view, as well as changes in the view from the starting point to ending point.

Further, an infinite number of views can be inventoried from an infinite number of viewpoints. The view inventory is simplified by selecting viewpoint locations from the mid-point of all pedestrian walkways and from key stationary viewpoint locations on patios and plazas. In addition, the viewpoints are sequenced to provide a realistic interpretation of experience when walking along corridors through and around the Village.

All inventoried views meet the following criteria:

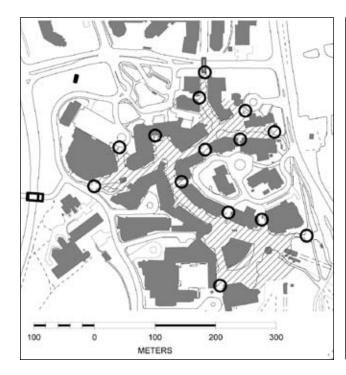
- a) The viewpoint is from a public location and provides a visual connection to the surrounding mountain landscape.
- b) The view characteristics make a positive contribution to the aesthetics, character, or image of Whistler's identity and sense of place as the premiere mountain resort community as we move towards sustainability.
- c) The view contains special view features to protect.

#### a) Public Viewpoint Locations

All viewpoints are from public view enjoyment locations within and adjacent to Whistler Village, categorized as Village Core and Village Approach viewpoint locations.

Village core viewpoint locations encompass the public realm within the pedestrian environment of Whistler Village. These viewpoint locations include: the pedestrian entry points to Whistler Village, the pedestrian stroll, plazas, seating areas and patios within Whistler Village (Figure 3).

Village approach viewpoint locations are from the public realm adjacent to Whistler Village. These viewpoint locations are from bus stops, roads and walkways surrounding Whistler Village (see Figure 4).



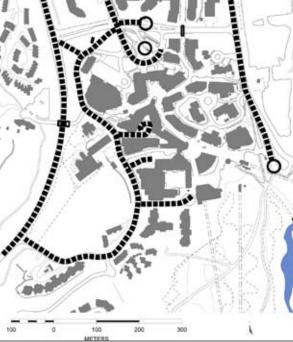


Figure 3 (far left): Village Core Viewpoint Locations - Pedestrian entry points into Whistler Village and the pedestrian walkways, plazas, seating areas and patios within Whistler Village.

**Figure 4 (left):** Village approach viewpoint locations - Bus stops, roads and walkways surrounding Whistler Village.

#### b) View Characteristics

View characteristics have been established to specify qualitative aspects of a view that make the view special and contribute to the quality of the view. Because views are subjective, a common set of view descriptors is used to describe and evaluate the important characteristics of each view. The inventoried views contain one or more of the following view descriptors:

**Framed:** Views can be made more attractive or striking by being enclosed or framed as the enclosure causes the viewer to focus more intently on the view, shutting out intrusive elements.

**Frequency:** Frequency refers to the duration and number of viewpoints from which a view is observed.

**Intactness:** Intactness refers to the quality of human modification that has been made within the view area. The modification may be major in nature and still rank high in this quality as long as the modifications fit into the context of the view.

**Layered, Complex:** A view possessing these characteristics will have layered view subjects, striking contrasts and /or dramatic alteration of elements within it, and will frequently possess dynamic qualities. These characteristics are also expressed as the expectation of more information to be extracted from the view with additional time spent looking at it. Features include: foreground and background ski trails, foreground forested ridge and background snow-capped peak.

**Placemaking:** A view possessing these characteristics is unique to Whistler and provides a connection to the local economy, the skiing and the indigenous landscape. Features include: lifts and trails used for skiing and mountain biking, and prominent mountain vistas.

**Scenic beauty, Vividness:** Views that rank high in these qualities are more striking or dramatic than other similar views and will have particularly memorable qualities.

View characteristics are documented for each view sequence contained in the view protection photo-inventory.

#### c) View Features to Protect

To allow for flexibility and not create a "build to line", View Features to Protect were identified for each view sequence. The View Features to Protect identify the features that contribute positively to the view characteristics.

#### **View Protection Guidelines**

The view protection guidelines are to be applied to all development, including renovation and redevelopment.

- All development shall be designed to preserve or enhance views to specified View Characteristics and View Features.
- Building massing and forms should be designed to complement background mountain forms.

#### **View Analysis Submittal Requirements**

To evaluate the potential impacts and benefits of the proposed development on protected views all proposed development must adhere to the following requirements:

#### **Initial Screening:**

- 1. Determine which views must be addressed (refer to Views to Address by Property).
- 2. Confirm views and viewpoint locations with municipal staff. The view photos contained in this document depict the view from viewpoint locations selected to illustrate the specified View Characteristics and View Features in a general way. Municipal staff may specify different viewpoint locations in relation to the unique location and design characteristics of a proposed development, in place of the locations from which each photo in this document was taken.
- 3. Place a 3-dimensional block model of the proposed development into each required view photo for analysis.

#### Detailed Design:

Follow the same procedures as for the initial screening except that a final 3-dimensional block model of the detailed building design, including all features and projections, shall be placed within each required view photo location for analysis.

### Views to Address by Property

Property	Legal Description	Village Core Views to Address	Village Approach Views to Address
Blackcomb Lodge	DL 1902, Plan VR877	1, 7, 8, 9, 15	1, 3
Blackcomb Lodge Gatehouse		1, 4, 7	1, 2, 3, 6
Blackcomb Professional Building	DL 1902, Plan VR1352	22	1, 7
Carleton Lodge	DL 3020, Plan VR1163	22, 24, 26, 27	
Coast Whistler			8, 10, 14, 19
Conference Centre	Lot 40, DL 1902, Plan 18662	11, 16, 17, 19, 20, 21	1, 7, 8, 16
Cornerstone Building	DL 1902, Plan LMS2237	17	
Crystal Lodge North Wing	DL 1902, Plan VR2028	8, 9, 14, 15, 20, 22	11, 15, 16
Crystal Lodge South Wing and Expansion	Lot A, Plan LMP29105, DL 1902 & 3020	14, 15, 22, 27, 28	15, 16,
Hilton Shops	DL 3020, Plan VR2126	24, 27, 28, 29	8, 9, 12, 14, 16
Hilton Whistler Resort and Spa	DL 3020, Plan VR1218	22, 29	8, 9, 12, 14, 16
Hilton - Powder's Edge	DL 3020, Plan VR2359	24, 29	8, 9, 12, 14, 16
Clocktower	DL 1902 & 3020, Plan VR883	13, 22	
Executive Inn	DL 1902, Plan VR960	13, 22, 26	
Fitzsimmons Condos	DL 1902, Plan VR847	14, 15, 23	
Hearthstone Lodge	DL 1902, Plan VR790	15, 22	7
Holiday Inn Sunspree Resort		1, 3, 6, 7, 8, 25	1, 7, 17, 18
Listel Whistler Hotel	DL 1902, Plan VR2217	18	8, 11, 15, 16
Mountain Edge		18	9, 13, 14
Mountainside Lodge	DL 1902 & 4610, Plan VR1026	12	18
Pan Pacific One	DL 1902, 3020 & 4894, Plan LMS3028	22, 25, 26, 30	18
Pan Pacific Two		2, 8, 25	17, 18
Rainbow Condos	DL 1902, Plan VR899	22	1, 7
Saint Andrews House	DL 1902, Plan VR2033	1, 6, 8, 10, 12	
Snoland Condos	DL 1902, Plan VR802	8, 15	
Sundial Hotel	DL 1902 & 3020, Plan VR1570	22, 26	
Tantalus Lodge	DL 3020 & 3865, Plan VR739	18	9
Telemark Place	DL 3865, Plan VR729	18	9, 12, 14
Timberline Lodge	DL 1902, Plan VR1858	11, 19, 20, 21	7, 8, 11, 15, 16
Village Gate House	DL 1902, Plan VR2076	1, 3, 4, 7, 8	2, 3, 6
Wedgeview/Regency Suites	DL 1902, Plan VR751	8, 12, 13, 15	
Westin		24, 27	8, 9, 12, 14, 19
Whistler Express Gondola		24, 27, 30	
Whistler Village Inns - Keg Lodge	DL 1902 & 4610, Plan VR953	6, 10, 25	17, 18
Whistler Village Inns - Powder Lodge	DL 1902, Plan VR953	10, 13, 23	
Whistlerview	DL 1902, Plan VR963	15, 22, 23	
Windwhistle	DL 1902, Plan VR873	16, 17, 20	7, 11



## Village Core Views View Sequence 1 - Whistler Mountain

View Sequence #1: Whistler Mountain from Village Stroll, starting at Tyndall Stone Lodge and ending at Village Gate House			Photo Number	Viewpoint Location	View Subject
View Characteristics:			1a (start)	Village Stroll at	Whistler Mountain
Orientation view framed by buildings, connection to skiing, foreground and				Tyndall Stone	-lower ski runs
background ski runs. View characteristics include:				Lodge	and lift lines
		-	1b	Village Stroll at	Whistler Mountain
Framed				Town Plaza	-lower ski runs
Frequency	✓			Gazebo	and lift lines
Intactness	<b>V</b>		1c	Village Stroll at	Whistler Mountain
Layered, Complex	1	-		Ted Nebelling	-lower ski runs
		_		Bridge – north end	and lift lines
Placemaking	_ ✓		1d	Village Stroll at	Whistler Mountain
Scenic beauty, Vividness				Village Gate	– lower ski runs
				House	and lift lines
View Features to Protect:			1e (finish)	Village Stroll at	Whistler Mountain
<ul><li>Ski runs</li></ul>				Village Gate	– lower ski runs
<ul><li>Lift lines</li></ul>				House	and lift lines



Photo 1a (start)



Photo 1d



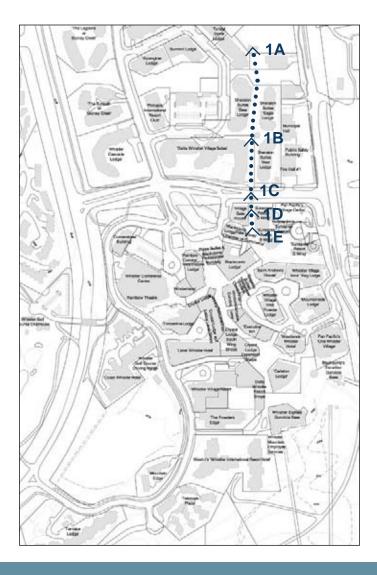
Photo 1b



Photo 1e (finish)



Photo 1c





## Village Core Views View Sequence 2 - Blackcomb Mountain

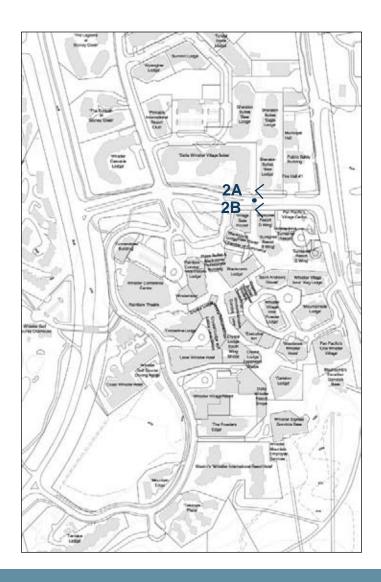
View Sequence #2: Blackcomb Mountain from Village Stroll, starting			Photo	Viewpoint	View Subject
at Bear Lodge and ending at Ted Nebelling Bridge			Number	Location	
View Characteristics:			2a (start)	Village Stroll at	Blackcomb
Good orientation view, connection to skiing, dramatic with peaks, ski runs				SW corner of Bear	Mountain to
and snow-capped peaks. View characteristics include:				Lodge	Wedge
'' '			2b (finish)	Village Stroll at	Blackcomb
Framed		7	' '	Ted Nebelling	Mountain to
Frequency		1		Bridge - midpoint	Wedge
Intactness	✓				-
Layered, Complex					
Placemaking	✓				
Scenic beauty, Vividness					
View Features to Protect:					
<ul><li>Peaks</li></ul>					
<ul><li>Ski runs</li></ul>					



Photo 2a (start)



Photo 2B (finish)



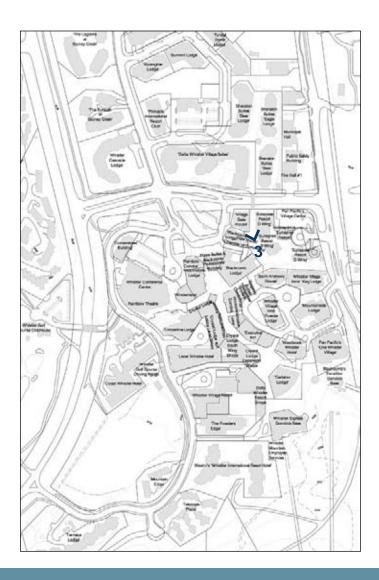


# **Village Core Views View 3 - Forested Ridge**

View #3: Forested ridge from Village Stroll, at Blackcomb Lodge Gatehouse			Photo Number	Viewpoint Location	View Subject
View Characteristics: Forested ridge framed by buildings, not dramatic mountain view but good green connection. View characteristic include:		3	Village Stroll at Blackcomb Lodge Gatehouse	Forested ridge	
Framed	<b>√</b>	1			
Frequency					
Intactness	✓				
Layered, Complex		_			
Placemaking					
Scenic beauty, Vividness					
View Features to Protect: Ridgeline					



Photo 3



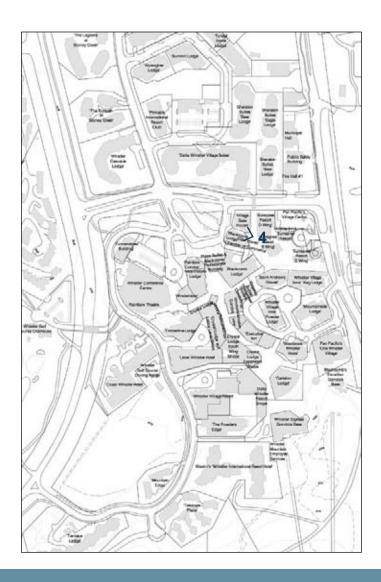


## Village Core Views View 4 - Mt. Sproat

View #4: Mt. Sproat from Village Stroll at Blackcomb Lodge Gatehouse			Photo Number	Viewpoint Location	View Subject
View Characteristics: Peek-a-boo view of the peak of Mt. Sproat, framed by buildings. View characteristics include:		4	Village Stroll at Blackcomb Lodge Gatehouse	Mt. Sproat	
Framed	<b>✓</b>				
Frequency					
Intactness					
Layered, Complex					
Placemaking					
Scenic beauty, Vividness					
View Features to Protect: Ridgeline		-			



Photo 4



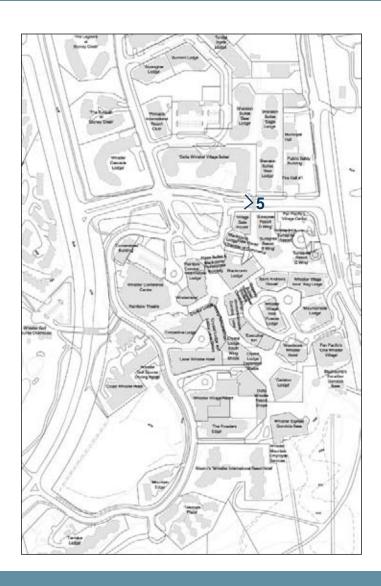


# **Village Core Views View 5 - Mt. Sproat**

View #5: Mt. Sproat from Village Stro	Photo Number	Viewpoint Location	View Subject	
View Characteristics: Dramatic view of full form of Mt. Sproat.	View characteristics include:	5	Village Stroll at Ted Nebelling Bridge – midpoint	Mt. Sproat
Framed Frequency				
Intactness	✓			
Layered, Complex				
Placemaking Scenic beauty, Vividness	<b>✓</b>			
View Features to Protect: Ridgeline				



Photo 5





## Village Core Views View Sequence 6 - Blackcomb Mountain

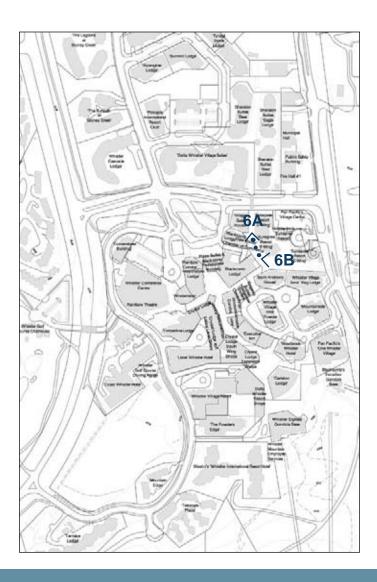
View Sequence #6: Blackcomb Mountain from Village Stroll, starting			Photo	Viewpoint	View Subject
at Blackcomb Lodge and ending at Village Common			Number	Location	
View Characteristics:	View Characteristics:			Village Stroll at	Blackcomb
Orientation view, connection to skii	ng, dramati	c with peaks and ski runs,		Blackcomb Lodge	Mountain
j			6b (finish)	Village Stroll at	Blackcomb
				Village Common	Mountain
Framed	<b>√</b>				
Frequency		1			
Intactness					
Layered, Complex	<b>√</b>	]			
Placemaking	<b>✓</b>	1			
Scenic beauty, Vividness		]			
View Features to Protect:  Ski runs Peaks					



Photo 6a (start)



Photo 6b (finish)





## Village Core Views View Sequence 7 - Rainbow

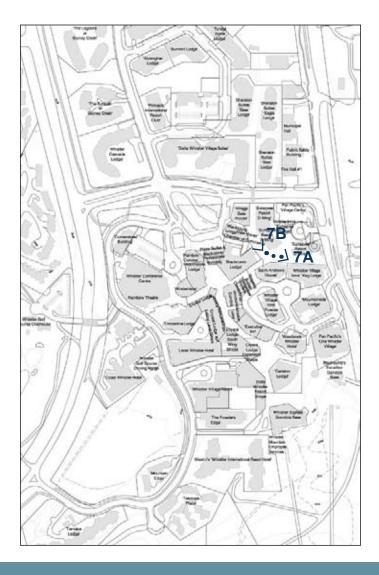
View Sequence #7: Rainbow from Village Stroll, starting at Village			Photo	Viewpoint	View Subject
entry at Keg Lodge and ending at Village Common			Number	Location	
View Characteristics:			7a (start)	Village entry at	Rainbow
Village entry point view, peek-a-boo	view of Ra	ninbow framed by buildings,		Keg Lodge	
part of view sequence. View charac	part of view sequence. View characteristics include:			Village Stroll at	Rainbow
			` ′	Village Common	
Framed	<b>√</b>				
Frequency	<b>√</b>				
Intactness					
Layered, Complex					
Placemaking	<b>✓</b>				
Scenic beauty, Vividness					
View Features to Protect:					
<ul> <li>Rainbow peak</li> </ul>					



Photo 7a (start)



Photo 7b (finish)





## Village Core Views View Sequence 8 - Wedge Range

View Sequence #8: Wedge Range from Village Stroll, starting at Golfer's Approach and ending at Village Common		Photo Number	Viewpoint Location	View Subject
View Characteristics:	8a (start)	Golfer's Approach  – top of ramp	Rethel (Wedge Range)	
Dramatic view of snow-capped peaks beyond foreground forested ridge, framed by buildings, part of view sequence. View characteristics include:		8b	Golfer's Approach at Tapley's	Wedge (Wedge Range)
Framed Frequency	✓ ✓	8c	Golfer's Approach at Citta's	Wedge (Wedge Range)
Intactness Layered, Complex	✓ ✓	8d	Village Stroll at Village Square	Rethel and Parkhurst
Placemaking Scenic beauty, Vividness	<b>✓</b>	8e	Village Stroll at St. Andrews Alley	(Wedge Range) Rethel and Parkhurst (Wedge
View Features to Protect: Forested Ridgeline Peaks		8f	Village Stroll at St. Andrews Alley	Range) Rethel, Parkhurst and Wedge (Wedge Range)



Photo 8a (start)



Photo 8d



Photo 8b



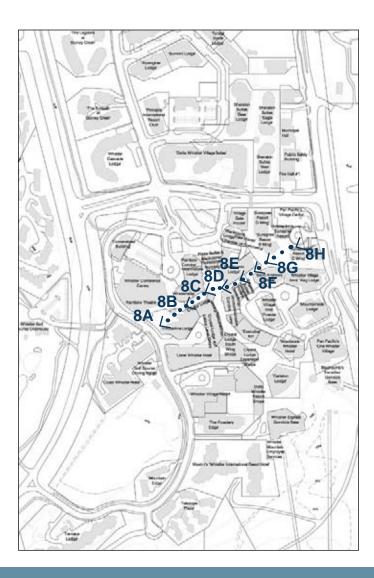
Photo 8e



Photo 8c



Photo 8f





# Village Core Views View Sequence 8 - (continued)

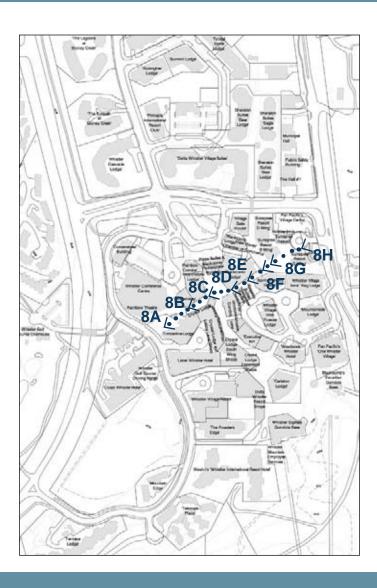
View Sequence #8 (continued): Wedge Range from Village Stroll, starting at Golfer's Approach and ending at Village Common			Photo Number	Viewpoint Location	View Subject
View Characteristics: Dramatic view of snow-capped peaks beyond foreground forested ridge,			8g	Bridge at Village Common	Rethel (Wedge Range)
framed by buildings, part of view sequence. View characteristics include:			8h (finish)	Village Common - top of stair	Retel, Parkhurst (Wedge Range)
Framed	<b>√</b>				(
Frequency	<b>√</b>				
Intactness	<b>✓</b>				
Layered, Complex	<b>√</b>				
Placemaking	<b>√</b>				
Scenic beauty, Vividness	<b>V</b>				







Photo 8h (finish)



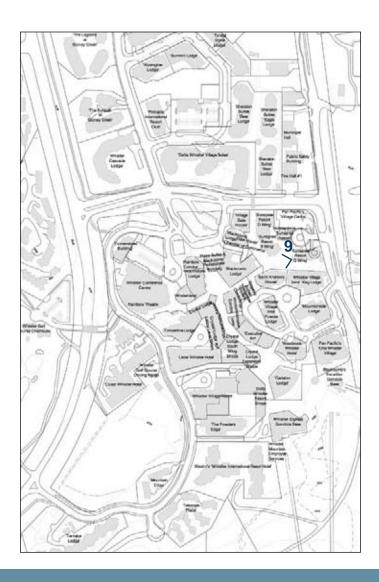


## **Village Core Views View 9 - Distant Peaks**

	Photo Number	Viewpoint Location	View Subject
iew Characteristics:	9	Village Common –	Distant peaks to
ramatic view of distant snow-covered peaks, long views to horizon. View		Earl's patio	the south
haracteristics include:			
Framed 🗸			
Frequency			
Intactness 🗸			
Layered, Complex			
Placemaking			
Scenic beauty, Vividness ✓			



Photo 9



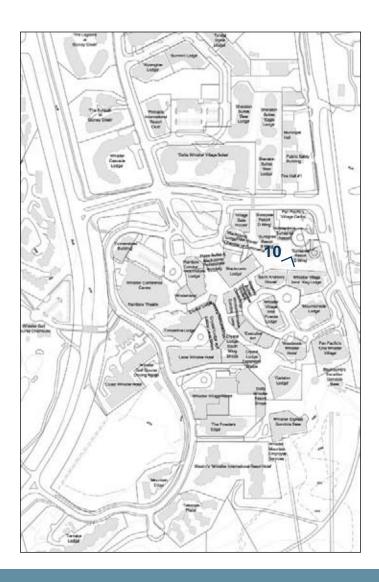


## Village Core Views View 10 - Whistler Mountain

View #10: Whistler Mountain from Earl's patio			Photo Number	Viewpoint Location	View Subject
View Characteristics: Peek-a-boo view of Whistler Mour characteristics include:	Peek-a-boo view of Whistler Mountain, connection to skiing. View		10	Village Common – Earl's patio	Whistler Mountain – lower ski runs
Framed	✓				
Frequency					
Intactness					
Layered, Complex					
Placemaking	✓				
Scenic beauty, Vividness					
View Features to Protect: Ski runs Ridgeline					



Photo 10





# Village Core Views View Sequence 11 - Distant Peaks/ Mt. Sproat

View Sequence #11: Distant peaks and Mount Sproat from Village Stroll, starting at St. Andrew's Alley and ending at Whistler Way			Photo Number	Viewpoint Location	View Subject
View Characteristics:			11a (start)	Village Stroll at St.	Distant peaks
Peek-a-boo view of distant peaks, very long view to horizon. Mount Sproat				Andrew's Alley	
obscured by foreground trees, green connection. View characteristics			11b	Golfer's Approach	Foreground trees,
include:				at Hearthstone	Tourism Whistler
		1		Lodge	Activity Centre
Framed			11c	Golfer's Approach	Foreground trees,
Frequency	✓			at Conference	Mount Sproat
Intactness				Centre	
Layered, Complex	<b>√</b>		11d (finish)	Golfer's Approach	Foreground trees,
Placemaking				at Whistler Way	Mount Sproat
Scenic beauty, Vividness					
View Features to Protect:  Ridgeline Foreground trees					



Photo 11a (start)



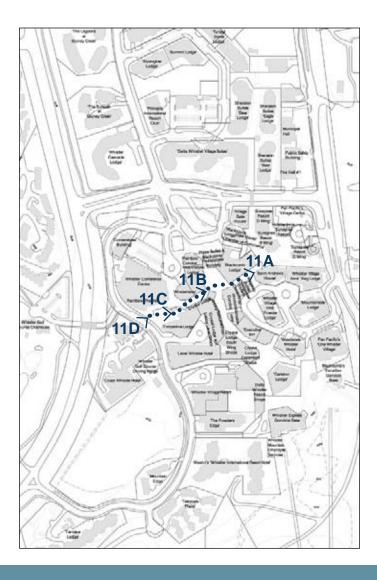
Photo 11d (finish)



Photo 11b



Photo 11c



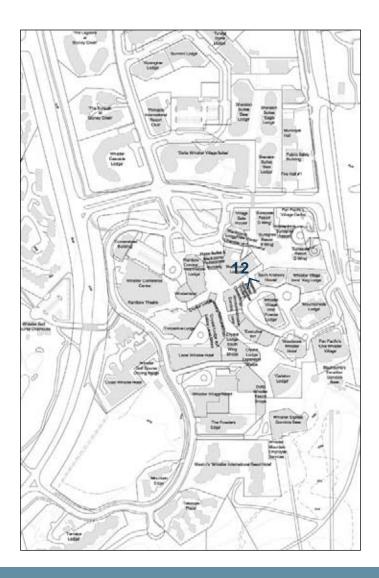


## Village Core Views View 12 - Blackcomb Mountain

View #12: Blackcomb Mountain from Village Stroll at St. Andrew's		Photo	Viewpoint	View Subject
Alley	Number	Location	-	
View Characteristics:	12	Village Stroll at St.	Blackcomb	
Peek-a-boo view, connection to skiing. View characteristics include:			Andrew's Alley	Mountain – peak
				and ski runs
Framed	<b>✓</b>			
Frequency				
Intactness				
Layered, Complex	✓			
Placemaking	<b>✓</b>			
Scenic beauty, Vividness	✓			
1				
View Features to Protect:				
<ul> <li>Ski runs</li> </ul>				
<ul><li>Peaks</li></ul>				



Photo 12



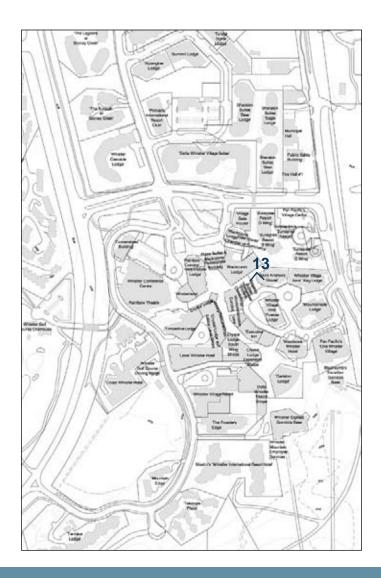


## Village Core Views View 13 - Whistler Mountain

View #13: Whistler Mountain from Village Stroll at St. Andrew's Alley			Photo Number	Viewpoint Location	View Subject
View Characteristics:			13	Village Stroll at St.	Whistler Mountain
Peek-a-boo view, connection to s	kiing. View ch	aracteristics include:		Andrew's Alley	– lower ski runs
Framed	<b>✓</b>				
Frequency					
Intactness					
Layered, Complex	✓				
Placemaking	<b>√</b>				
Scenic beauty, Vividness					
View Features to Protect: Ski runs Lift lines					



Photo 13



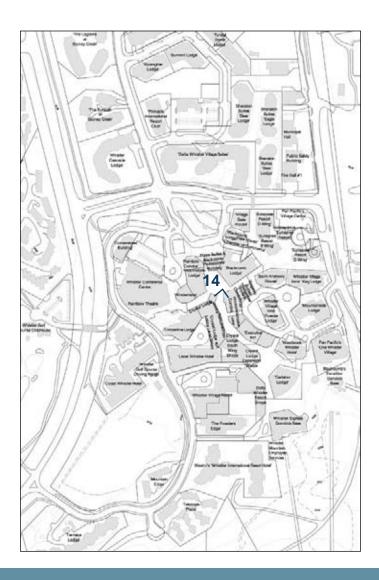


## Village Core Views View 14 - Whistler Mountain

View #14: Whistler Mountain fr	Photo Number	Viewpoint Location	View Subject		
View Characteristics:			14	Village Stroll at	Whistler Mountain
Peek-a-boo orientation view framed by buildings, connection to skiing. View characteristics include:				Village Square	– lower ski runs
Framed	<b>✓</b>	7			
Frequency					
Intactness		1			
Layered, Complex	<b>√</b>				
Placemaking	✓				
Scenic beauty, Vividness					
View Features to Protect:	•	_			
<ul> <li>Ski runs</li> </ul>					
<ul><li>Lift lines</li></ul>					



Photo 14





# Village Core Views View Sequence 15 - Whistler/ Blackcomb

View Sequence #15: Whistler and Blackcomb Mountains from Village Square				Viewpoint Location	View Subject
View Characteristics: Good orientation view framed by the			15a (start)	Village Square - Araxi's patio	Whistler Mountain – lower ski runs
foreground forested ridges, ski runs, dramatic mountain peaks, connection to skiing, green connection, and panoramas. View characteristics include:			15b	Village Square - Blackcomb Lodge entry	Whistler Mountain – lower ski runs
Framed	✓		15c	Village Square –	Blackcomb
Frequency	<b>√</b>			Mogul's patio	Mountain -
Intactness	<b>√</b>		154	Villaga Causas	forested ridge
Layered, Complex	<b>√</b>	1	15d	Village Square – Mogul's patio	Whistler Mountair - lower ski runs
Placemaking	<b>√</b>		15e	Village Square –	Blackcomb
Scenic beauty, Vividness		]		breezeway top level	Mountain - lower ski runs
View Features to Protect:  Ski runs Lift lines Forested ridgelines Peaks			15f	Village Square – breezeway top level	Whistler Mountair – lower ski runs



Photo 15a (start)



Photo 15d



Photo 15b



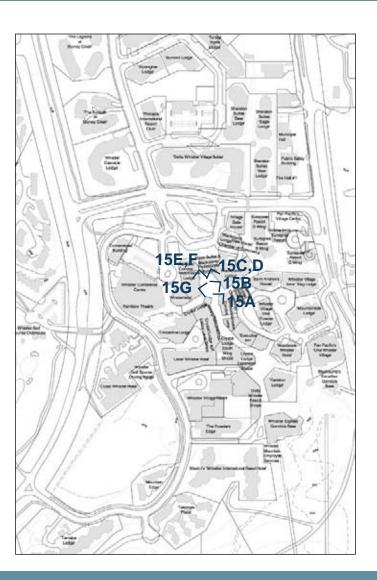
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Photo 15c



Photo 15f



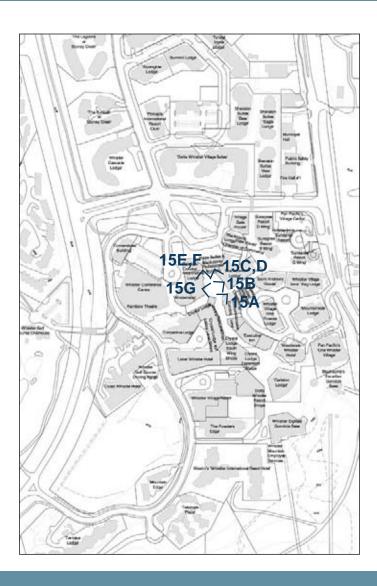


## Village Core Views View Sequence 15 - (continued)

View Sequence #15 (continued): Whistler and Blackcomb Mountains			Photo	Viewpoint	View Subject
from Village Square			Number	Location	
View Characteristics:			15g (finish)	Village Square –	Blackcomb
Good orientation view framed by buildings, layered views consisting of				top of Hearthstone	Mountain – peak
foreground forested ridges, ski runs, dramatic mountain peaks, connection			stairs	and lower ski runs	
to skiing, green connection, and pane	oramas. V	iew characteristics include:			
Francis		1			
Framed	<b>✓</b>				
Frequency	✓				
Intactness	<b>✓</b>				
Layered, Complex	<b>√</b>				
Placemaking	<b>✓</b>				
Scenic beauty, Vividness					
View Features to Protect:					
Ski runs					
Lift lines					
<ul> <li>Forested ridgelines</li> </ul>					
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Photo 15g (finish)





## Village Core Views View Sequence 16 - Mt. Sproat

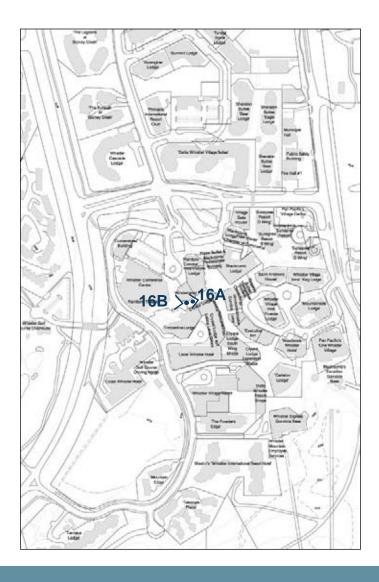
View Sequence #16: Mt. Sproat from Golfer's Approach beginning and			Photo	Viewpoint	View Subject
ending at Tapley's			Number	Location	
View Characteristics:			16a (start)	Golfer's Approach	Mt. Sproat
Peek-a-boo view of Sproat, potential to improve mountain connection. View				at Tapleys'	
characteristics include:			16b (finish)	Golfer's Approach at Tapleys'	Mt. Sproat
Framed	<b>√</b>				
Frequency					
Intactness					
Layered, Complex					
Placemaking					
Scenic beauty, Vividness					
View Features to Protect:  Opportunity to enhance view by exposing more of the peak and ridgeline					



Photo 16a (start)



Photo 16b (finish)





## Village Core Views View Sequence 17 - Rainbow Peak

	View Sequence #17: Rainbow peak from Golfer's Approach beginning at Tapley's and ending at Sunshine Place			Viewpoint Location	View Subject
View Characteristics: Dramatic view of Rainbow peak and foreground forested ridgelines. View			17a (start)	Golfer's Approach at Tapleys'	Rainbow peak
characteristics include:			17b	Rainbow Plaza at Tapley's	Rainbow peak
Framed	✓		17c (finish)	Rainbow Plaza at	Rainbow peak
Frequency	<b>✓</b>			Sunshine Place	
Intactness					
Layered, Complex	✓				
Placemaking					
Scenic beauty, Vividness	✓				
View Features to Protect:	k valley	-			



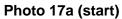
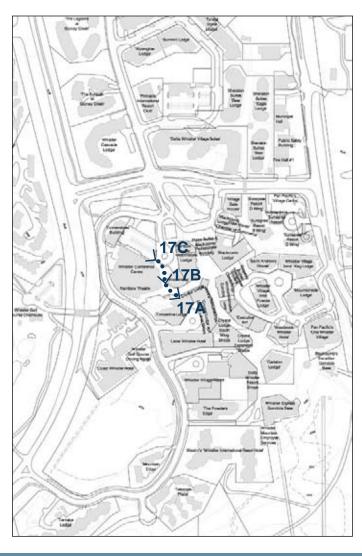




Photo 17b



Photo 17c (finish)



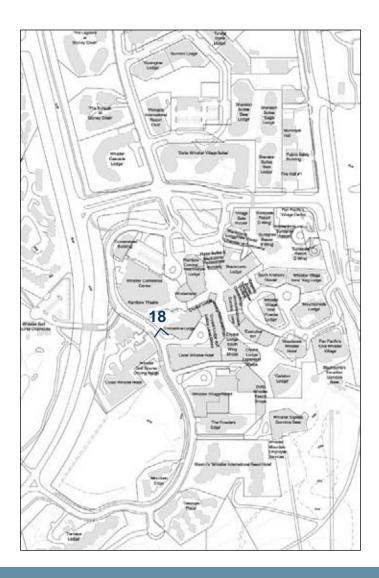


## Village Core Views View 18 - Whistler Mountain

View #18: Whistler Mountain fr	Photo Number	Viewpoint Location	View Subject	
	Forested ridge, ski runs and lift lines, connection to skiing, green		Timberline – restaurant patio	Whistler Mountain – lower ski runs
connection. View characteristics Placemaking Layered	include:			
Framed				
Frequency				
Intactness	<b>✓</b>			
Layered, Complex	<b>✓</b>			
Placemaking	<b>✓</b>			
Scenic beauty, Vividness				
View Features to Protect: Ridgeline	<u> </u>			
<ul><li>Ski runs</li><li>Lift lines</li></ul>				



Photo 18





## Village Core Views View Sequence 19 - Whistler Mountain

View Sequence #19: Whistler Mountain from Rainbow Plaza, starting at Sunshine Place and ending outside Conference Centre atrium			Photo Number	Viewpoint Location	View Subject
View Characteristics:			19a (start)	Rainbow Plaza at	Whistler Mountain
Forested ridge, ski runs and lift lines, connection to skiing, green				Sunshine Place	<ul> <li>lower ski runs</li> </ul>
connection. View characteristics include:			19b	Rainbow Plaza at	Whistler Mountain
		_		Tapley's	<ul> <li>lower ski runs</li> </ul>
Framed			19c	Rainbow Plaza -	Whistler Mountain
Frequency	✓			Conference	– lower ski runs
Intactness	<b>√</b>			Centre entry	
Layered, Complex	<b>√</b>		19d (finish)	Rainbow Plaza – top of stairs	Whistler Mountain  – lower ski runs
Placemaking	<b>√</b>			outside atrium	- lower skiruits
Scenic beauty, Vividness					
View Features to Protect:  Ridgeline Ski runs Lift lines					



Photo 19a (start)



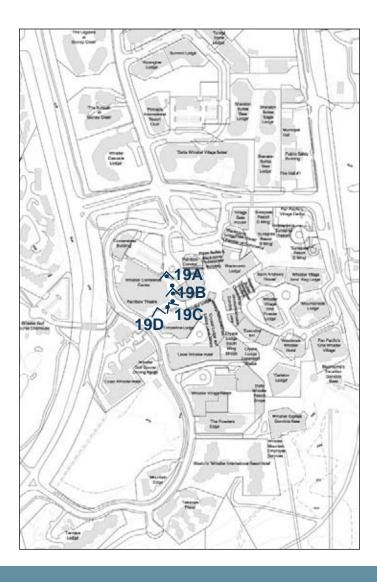
Photo 19d (finish)



Photo 19b



Photo 19c





## Village Core Views View Sequence 20 - Blackcomb Mountain

	ountain from Rainbow Plaza, um and ending at Conference Centre	Photo Number	Viewpoint Location	View Subject
iew Characteristics: lountain peaks, ski runs, connectior ıclude:	n to skiing. View characteristics	20a (start)	Rainbow Plaza – atrium patio	Blackcomb Mountain – peak and ski runs
Framed	<b>▼</b>	20b (finish)	Rainbow Plaza - Conference	Blackcomb Mountain – peak
Frequency	<b>✓</b>		Centre entry	and ski runs
Intactness	<b>▼</b>			
Layered, Complex	<b>√</b>			
Placemaking	<b>✓</b>			
Scenic beauty, Vividness	<b>✓</b>			



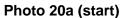
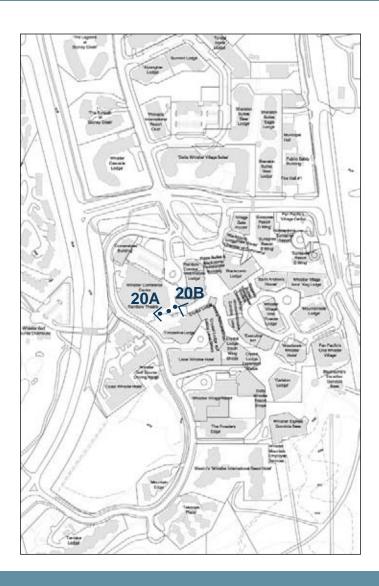




Photo 20b (finish)



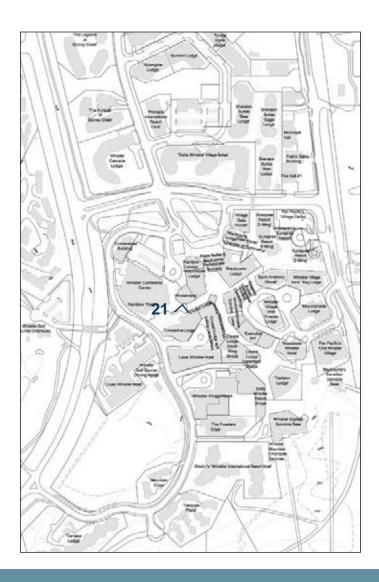


## Village Core Views View 21 - Whistler Mountain

View #21: Whistler Mountain from Tapley's patio			Photo Number	Viewpoint Location	View Subject
View Characteristics: Forested lower slopes provides green connection. View characteristics			21	Tapley's patio	Whistler Mountain
include:					
Framed	<b>✓</b>	]			
Frequency					
Intactness					
Layered, Complex					
Placemaking					
Scenic beauty, Vividness					
View Features to Protect: Ridgeline					



Photo 21





# Village Core Views View Sequence 22 - Mt. Sproat to Rainbow

View Sequence #22: Mt. Sproat starting at Pan Pacific and end			Photo Number	Viewpoint Location	View Subject
View Characteristics:			22a (start)	Village Entry at	Mt. Sproat
Full views of Mt. Sproat, then Ra	nbow peak, t	hen forested ridge. View		Pan Pacific	
characteristics include:			22b	Skiers Plaza at	Mt. Sproat
		=		Sundial	
Framed	✓		22c	Village Stroll at	Mt. Sproat
Frequency	<b>√</b>	1		Zog's Patio	
Intactness		-	22d	Village Stroll at	Rainbow
Layered, Complex		-		Clocktower	
Placemaking		-	22e	Village Stroll at	Mt. Sproat
Scenic beauty, Vividness		1		Executive Inn	
Sceriic beauty, vividiless		]	22f (finish)	Village Stroll at	Mt. Sproat -
				Whistlerview	forested ridge
View Features to Protect:					
<ul> <li>Mountain peaks</li> </ul>					
<ul> <li>Ridgelines</li> </ul>					



Photo 22a (start)



Photo 22d



Photo 22b



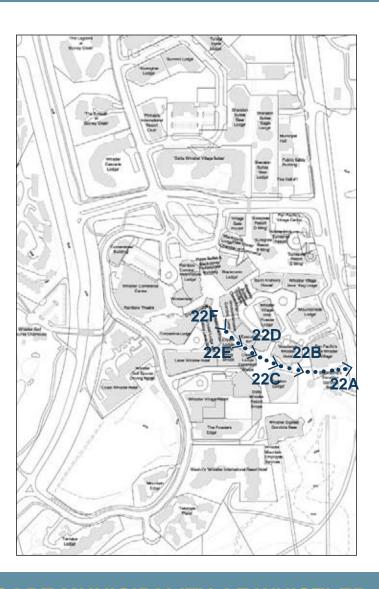
Photo 22e



Photo 22c



Photo 22f (finish)





# Village Core Views View Sequence 23 - Forested Ridge

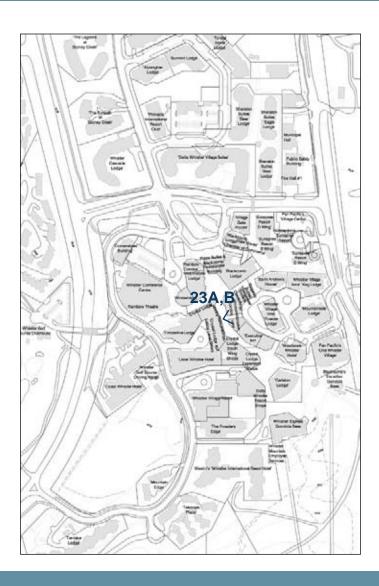
View Sequence #23: Forested ridg	e and Mo	untain peak from Village	Photo	Viewpoint	View Subject
Stroll at Sunrise Alley			Number	Location	_
View Characteristics:			23a (start)	Village Stroll at	Forested ridge
Short view sequence looking down S	unrise All	ey from Village Stroll, peek-		Sunrise Alley	
a-boo view of snow-capped mountain	n peak an	d forested ridge, obscured by	23b (finish)	Village Stroll at	Mountain peak
trees in foreground. View characteris	tics includ	le:		Sunrise Alley	
		_			
Framed	<b>✓</b>				
Frequency					
Intactness					
Layered, Complex					
Placemaking					
Scenic beauty, Vividness					
		•			
View Features to Protect:					
<ul> <li>Mountain peak</li> </ul>					
<ul> <li>Forested ridgeline</li> </ul>					



Photo 23a (start)



Photo 23b (finish)





# Village Core Views View Sequence 24 - Whistler Mountain Panorama

View Sequence #24: Panorama Mountain from Village entry at			Photo Number	Viewpoint Location	View Subject
View Characteristics:		· <b>J</b>	24a (start)	Village entry at	Mountain peaks
Panorama view, long view down valley of distant mountain peaks, layered				Transit Exchange	-
view of lower ski runs and ski lifts	. View chara	cteristics include:	24b (finish)	Village entry at Transit Exchange	Whistler Mountair  – lower ski runs
Framed				Transit Exchange	lower skirturis
Frequency	✓				
Intactness	✓				
Layered, Complex	✓				
Placemaking	<b>√</b>				
Scenic beauty, Vividness	✓				
View Features to Protect:  Distant mountain per Ski runs Lift lines	aks				



Photo 24a (start)



Photo 24b (finish)



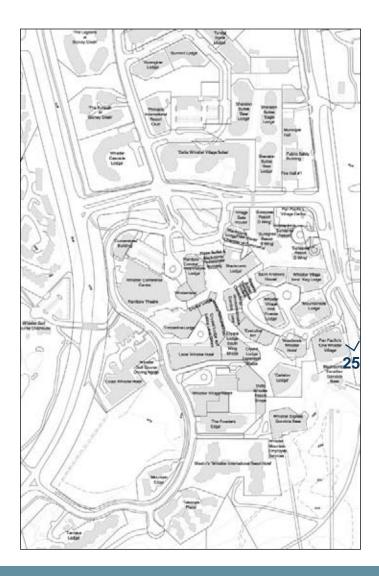


# Village Core Views View 25 - Forested Ridge

liew #25: Forested Ridge from Village entry at transit exchange		Viewpoint Location	View Subject
/iew Characteristics:	25	Village entry at	Forested Ridge
Green connection. View characteristics include:		Transit Exchange	
Framed			
Frequency			
Intactness <			
Layered, Complex			
Placemaking			
Scenic beauty, Vividness			



Photo 25





# Village Core Views View Sequence 26 - Blackcomb Mountain

View Sequence #26: Blackcom at Executive Inn and ending at	b Mountain from Village Stroll, starting Mountain Square	Photo Number	Viewpoint Location	View Subject
View Characteristics:	•	26a (start)	Village Stroll at	Blackcomb -
Orientation view framed by buildi	ngs, connection to skiing. View		Executive Inn	lower ski runs
characteristics include:		26b	Mountain Square	Blackcomb – peaks & lower ski
Framed	<b>V</b>	0(-(5-1-1-)	Manualaia Canana	runs
Frequency	✓	26c (finish)	Mountain Square	Blackcomb –
Intactness	✓			peaks & lower ski
Layered, Complex	✓			Tuiis
Placemaking	✓			
Scenic beauty, Vividness	✓			
View Features to Protect:  Ski runs Peaks				



Photo 26a (start)



Photo 26b



Photo 26c (finish)





# **Village Core Views View Sequence 27 - Whistler Mountain**

View Sequence #27: Whistler M Mountain Square and ending a		llage Stroll, starting at	Photo Number	Viewpoint Location	View Subject
View Characteristics: Good orientation view, connection	n to skiing. View o	characteristics include:	27a (start)	Mountain Square	Whistler Mountain – lower ski runs
			27b	Mountain Square	Whistler Mountain
Framed	<b>✓</b>		27c	Springs Lane at	Whistler Mountain
Frequency	✓			Mountain Square	– gondola and
Intactness	<b>√</b>		27d (finish)	Caringe Lane at	lower ski runs Whistler Mountair
Layered, Complex	<b>✓</b>		270 (11111511)	Springs Lane at Skiers Plaza	-lower ski runs
Placemaking	<b>✓</b>				
Scenic beauty, Vividness					
/iew Features to Protect:  Ski runs Lift lines Ridgeline					



Photo 27a (start)



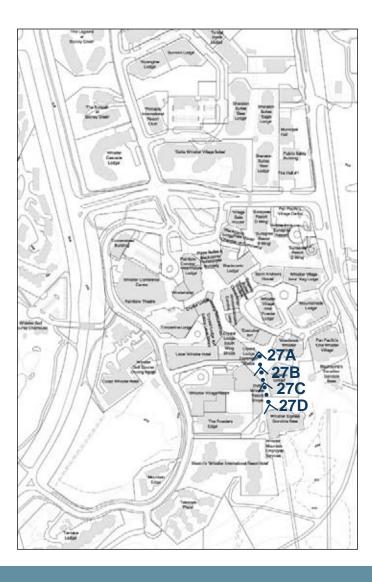
Photo 27d (finish)



Photo 27b



Photo 27c



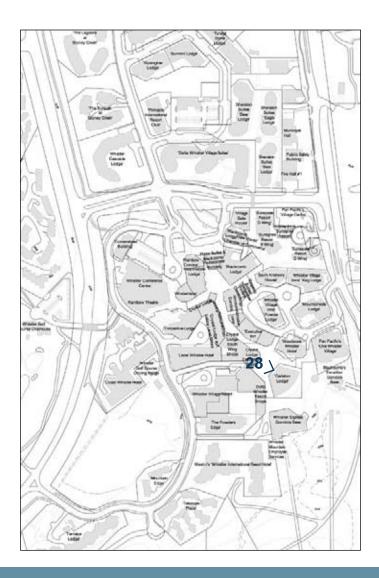


# Village Core Views View 28 - Mt. Sproat

View #28: Mt. Sproat from Mount	ain Square	)	Photo Number	Viewpoint Location	View Subject
View Characteristics: Peek-a-boo of mountain peak frame View characteristics include:	ed by build	ings, mountain connection.	28	Mountain Square	Mt. Sproat
Framed	<b>√</b>	1			
Frequency		1			
Intactness	✓	]			
Layered, Complex					
Placemaking		]			
Scenic beauty, Vividness					
View Features to Protect: Ridgeline Mountainside					



Photo 28



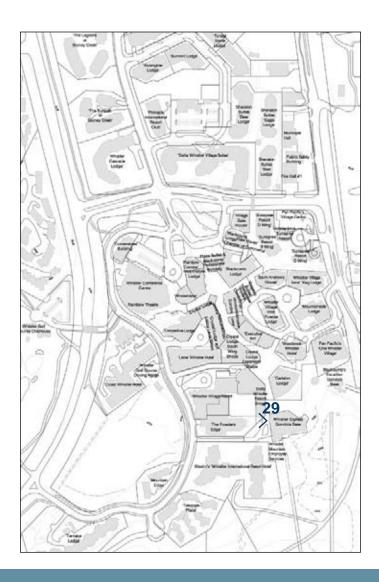


# Village Core Views View 29 - Mt. Sproat

Springs Lane at Skiers Plaza Mt. Sproat



Photo 29





# Village Core Views View Sequence 30 - Wedge Range to Blackcomb

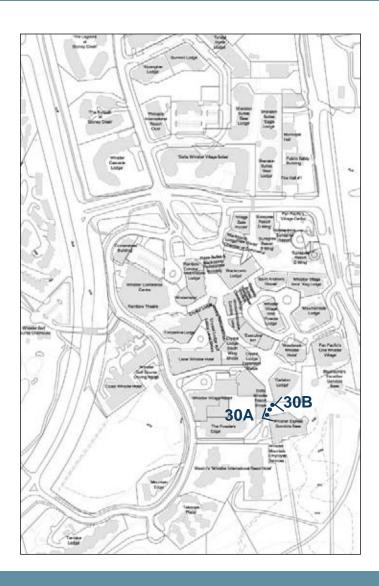
'iew Sequence #30: Wedge Ranç kiers Plaza	ge and Blackcomb Mountain from	Photo Number	Viewpoint Location	View Subject
Tiew Characteristics:  Tramatic view sequence of foregro	und forested ridge and ski runs and	30a (start)	Springs Lane at Skiers Plaza	Wedge Range
now-capped mountain peaks, goonclude:	d orientation view. View characteristics	30b (finish)	Springs Lane at Skiers Plaza	Blackcomb Mountain – peaks & lower ski runs
Frequency				
Intactness	<del>'</del>			
Layered, Complex	<b>─</b>			
Placemaking	<b>✓</b>			
Scenic beauty, Vividness	<b>√</b>			



Photo 30a (start)



Photo 30b (finish)





# **Village Approach Views View Sequence 1 - Whistler, Flssile, Blackcomb**

View Sequence #1: Whistler, Fissile and Blackcomb from N Boulevard and Gateway Drive, starting at Blackcomb Way at Village Breezeway		Viewpoint Location	View Subject
View Characteristics: Dramatic view sequence of mountain peaks and ski runs, conn skiing, panorama views (1d, 1e, 1f and 1h, 1i). View characteris		Northlands Blvd.	Fissile, Whistler Mountain – lower ski runs
Framed Frequency	1b	Northlands Blvd Village Gate intersection	Whistler Mountain - lower ski runs
Intactness ✓ Layered, Complex ✓	1c	Northlands Blvd Village Gate intersection	Fissile, Whistler Mountain – lower ski runs
Placemaking ✓ Scenic beauty, Vividness ✓	1d	Northlands Blvd Village Gate intersection	Blackcomb Mountain – peaks and ski runs
View Features to Protect:	1e	Northlands, Village Gate intersection	Fissile
<ul><li>Lift lines</li><li>Forested ridgelines</li></ul>	1f (finish)	Gateway Drive at Whistler Way	Blackcomb Mountain – peak and lower ski runs



Photo 1a (start)



Photo 1d



Photo 1b



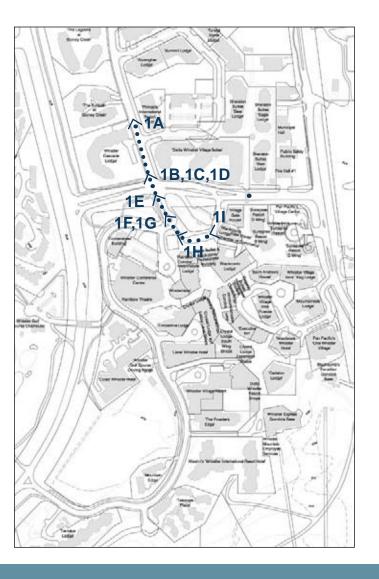
Photo 1e



Photo 1c



Photo 1f





# Village Approach Views View Sequence 1 - (continued)

View Sequence #1 (continued): V Northlands Boulevard and Gatew and ending at Village Breezeway	ay Drive,		Photo Number	Viewpoint Location	View Subject
View Characteristics:	in neelie e	ad ald more assumestion to	1g	Gateway Drive at	Whistler Mountain
Dramatic view sequence of mounta skiing, panorama views (1d, 1e, 1f			1h	Whistler Way Gateway Drive	- lower ski runs     Blackcomb     Mountain – peak     and lower ski runs
Frequency	<b>√</b>		1i (finish)	Gateway Drive at	Blackcomb
Intactness	<b>✓</b>			Blackcomb Lodge	Mountain – peaks
Layered, Complex	<b>✓</b>			crosswalk	& lower ski runs
Placemaking	<b>√</b>				
Scenic beauty, Vividness	<b>✓</b>				
View Features to Protect:  Mountain peaks Ski runs Lift lines Forested ridgelines	,	-			



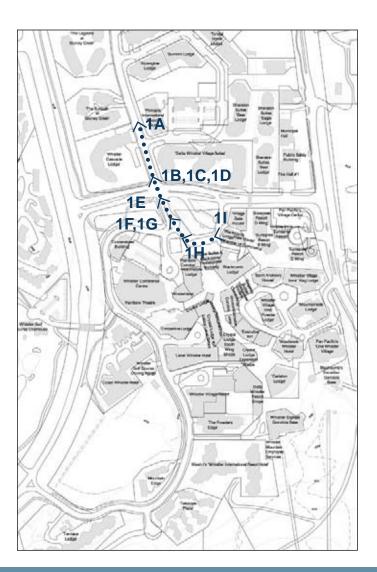




Photo 1h



Photo 1i (finish)



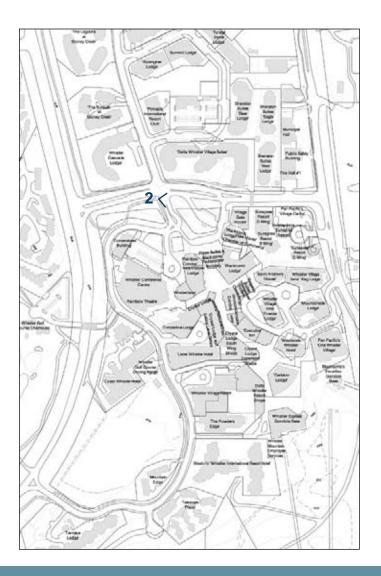


# Village Approach Views View 2 - Blackcomb Mountain

2	Gateway Drive	Blackcomb Mountain – ski runs
		runs
1		



Photo 2





# **Village Approach Views View 3 - Mountain Peaks**

View #3: Mountain Peaks from C	View #3: Mountain Peaks from Gateway Drive at Village Breezeway			Viewpoint Location	View Subject
View Characteristics:			3	Gateway Drive at	Mountain peaks
Peek-a-boo of mountain peaks. Vi	ew characte	ristics include:		Village breezeway	(Wedge range)
		7			
Framed	✓				
Frequency		1			
Intactness		1			
Layered, Complex		1			
Placemaking		1			
Scenic beauty, Vividness					
	•	-			
View Features to Protect:					
<ul> <li>Mountain Peaks</li> </ul>					



Photo 3





## Village Approach Views View 4 - Rainbow Mountain

View #4: Rainbow from Gatewa	Photo Number	Viewpoint Location	View Subject	
View Characteristics:		4	Gateway Drive at	Rainbow - peak
Full view of Rainbow. View chara	cteristics include:		Village breezeway	
Framed				
Frequency				
Intactness	<b>✓</b>			
Layered, Complex	✓			
Placemaking				
Scenic beauty, Vividness	<b>✓</b>			
View Features to Protect: Rainbow peak Forested ridgeline				



Photo 4





# **Village Approach Views View Sequence 5 - Rainbow Mountain**

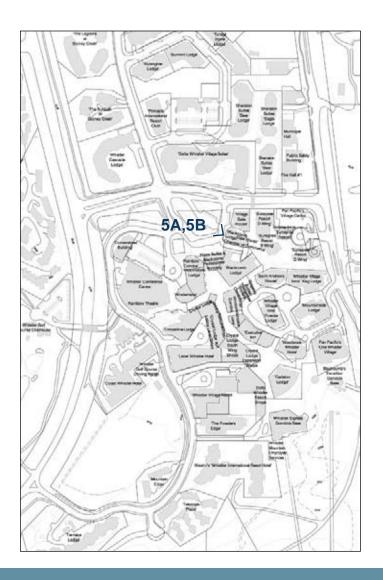
View Sequence #5: Rainbow from 0	Photo Number	Viewpoint Location	View Subject	
View Characteristics:		5a (start)	Gateway Drive at	Rainbow - peak
Panorama view of snow-capped peak	and forested ridgeline. View		Visitor Info Centre	
characteristics include:		5b (finish)	Gateway Drive at	Rainbow -
			Visitor Info Centre	forested ridge
Framed				
Frequency				
Intactness	$\checkmark$			
Layered, Complex	✓			
Placemaking				
Scenic beauty, Vividness	✓			
View Features to Protect: Forested ridgeline Rainbow peak				



Photo 5a (start)



Photo 5b (finish)





## Village Approach Views View 6 - Blackcomb Mountain

View #6: Blackcomb Mountain f	View #6: Blackcomb Mountain from Visitor Centre bus loop		Viewpoint	View Subject
		Number	Location	
View Characteristics:		6	Visitor Centre bus	Blackcomb
Peek-a-boo orientation view, conr	ection to skiing. View characteristics		loop	Mountain – peaks
include:	-			and ski runs
Framed	✓			
Frequency				
Intactness	✓			
Layered, Complex	<b>✓</b>			
Placemaking	<b>✓</b>			
Scenic beauty, Vividness				
View Features to Protect:				
<ul><li>Peaks</li></ul>				
<ul><li>Ski runs</li></ul>				



Photo 6





# **Village Approach Views View Sequence 7 - Whistler, Fissile, Blackcomb**

View Sequence #7: Panorama of Whistler, Fissile and Blackcomb from Cornerstone building entrance			Photo Number	Viewpoint Location	View Subject
J		7a (start)	Cornerstone Building entrance	Blackcomb Mountain – peaks and ski runs	
Framed Frequency Intactness Layered, Complex	<b>√</b>		7b (finish)	Cornerstone Building entrance	Fissile, Whistler Mountain – lower ski runs
Placemaking Scenic beauty, Vividness	<b>✓</b>	_			
View Features to Protect: Peaks Lift lines Ski runs					



Photo 7a (start)



Photo 7b (finish)



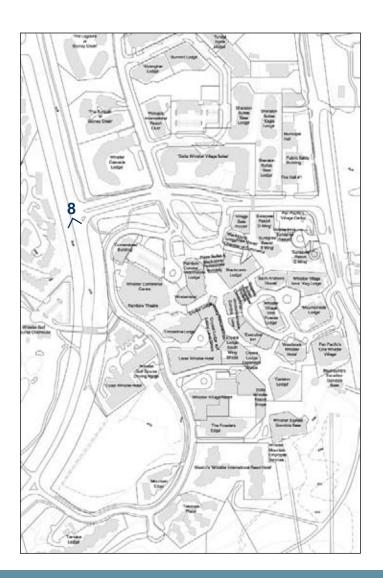


# **Village Approach Views View 8 - Whistler Mountain & Fissile**

View #8: Whistler Mountain and Fissile from Highway 99 at Village			Photo	Viewpoint	View Subject
Gate			Number	Location	
View Characteristics:			8	Hwy 99 at Village	Fissile, Whistler
Good orientation view, connection to	Good orientation view, connection to skiing. View characteristics include:			Gate	Mountain – lower ski runs
Framed		]			
Frequency		1			
Intactness		1			
Layered, Complex	<b>✓</b>				
Placemaking	<b>√</b>	-			
Scenic beauty, Vividness	<b>✓</b>				
View Features to Protect:	1				



Photo 8





# Village Approach Views View Sequence 9 - Blackcomb to Wedge

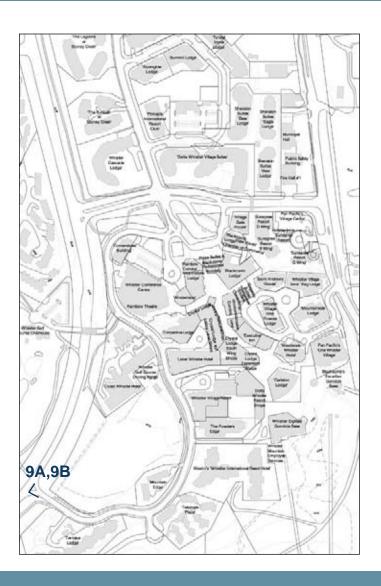
View Sequence #9: Panorama of Blackcomb Mountain and Wedge range from Highway 99 at Whistler Way			Photo Number	Viewpoint Location	View Subject
View Characteristics:	_		9a (start)	Hwy 99 at	Mountain peaks
Panorama view of snow-capped	peaks and ski	runs, view partially		Whistler Way	(Wedge Range)
obscured by foreground trees. Vi	ew characteris	stics include:	9b (finish)	Hwy 99 at	Blackcomb
, ,			` ′	Whistler Way	Mountain – peaks
Framed					and ski runs
Frequency					
Intactness					
Layered, Complex	✓				
Placemaking	<b>✓</b>				
Scenic beauty, Vividness	✓				
View Features to Protect:					



Photo 9a (start)



Photo 9b (finish)





# Village Approach Views View Sequence 10 - Wedge & Blackcomb

View Sequence #10: Wedge range and Blackcomb from Highway 99			Photo Number	Viewpoint Location	View Subject
View Characteristics: View sequence starts with glimpses of snow-capped peaks and terminate with view of Blackcomb Mountain peaks and ski runs. View characteristics include:			10a (start) 10b 10c 10d (finish)	Hwy 99 Hwy 99 Hwy 99 Hwy 99	Mountain peaks Mountain peaks Mountain peaks Blackcomb
Framed Frequency Intactness Layered, Complex Placemaking Scenic beauty, Vividness	✓ ✓ ✓				Mountain – peaks and ski runs
View Features to Protect:  Ski runs Forested ridgeline					



Photo 10b

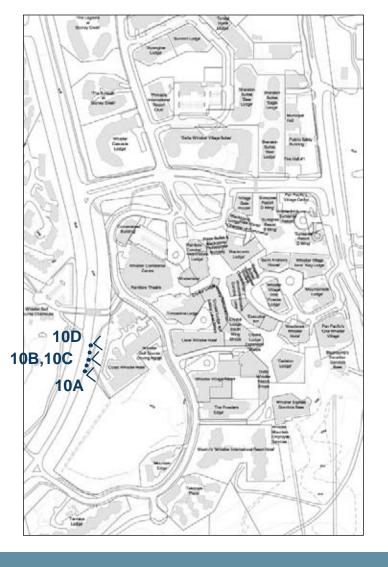




Photo 10d (finish)



Photo 10c



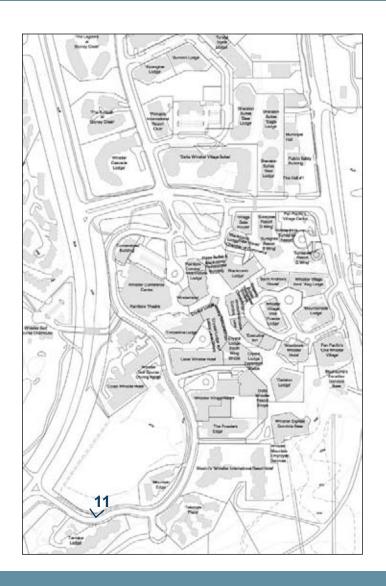


# Village Approach Views View 11 - Cougar Mountain

View #11: Cougar Mountain from Whistler Way	Photo Number	Viewpoint Location	View Subject
View Characteristics: Forested ridgeline. View characteristics include:	11	Whistler Way sidewalk	Cougar Mountain, Rainbow
Framed Frequency Intactness Layered, Complex Placemaking  Scenic beauty, Vividness  View Features to Protect:			



Photo 11





# Village Approach Views View Sequence 12 - Blackcomb to Mt. Currie

View Sequence #12: Blackcomb to Mt. Currie from Whistler Way			Photo Number	Viewpoint Location	View Subject
View Characteristics:			12a (start)	Whistler Way	Blackcomb
View sequence of ski runs and distant snow-capped mountain peaks. View characteristics include:				sidewalk	Mountain – peaks and ski runs
Framed		]	12b	Whistler Way sidewalk at	Mountain peaks
Frequency				Tantalus Drive	
Intactness			12c (finish)	Whistler Way	Mt. Currie
Layered, Complex	✓			sidewalk	
Placemaking	✓				
Scenic beauty, Vividness	✓				
View Features to Protect:					
<ul><li>Ski runs</li><li>Forested ridgelines</li></ul>					



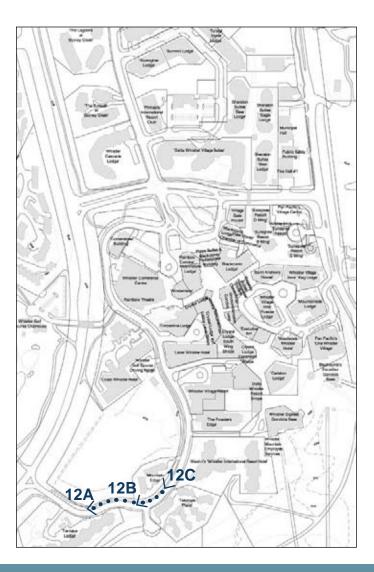
Photo 12a (start)



Photo 12b



Photo 12c (finish)





## Village Approach Views View 13 - Rainbow Mountain

View #13: Rainbow from Whistl	View #13: Rainbow from Whistler Way			Viewpoint Location	View Subject
View Characteristics: Peek-a-boo view of Rainbow peak and foreground forested ridgeline. View characteristics include:			13	Whistler Way sidewalk	Rainbow
Framed		7			
Frequency					
Intactness					
Layered, Complex	✓				
Placemaking	<b>√</b>				
Scenic beauty, Vividness	<b>√</b>				
View Features to Protect:  Forested ridgeline	,	_			



Photo 13





## Village Approach Views View Sequence 14 - Panorama

View Sequence #14: Blackcomb, W	histler, Rainbow and Wedge range	Photo	Viewpoint	View Subject
from Driving Range		Number	Location	
View Characteristics:		14a (start)	Driving Range	Blackcomb
Panorama views of mountain peaks a	nd ski runs. View characteristics			Mountain – peak
include:				and ski runs
		14b	Driving Range	Whistler Mountain
Framed				<ul> <li>lower forested</li> </ul>
Frequency				slopes
Intactness		14c	Driving Range	Mt. Sproat
Layered, Complex	✓	14d (finish)	Driving Range	Rainbow
Placemaking	✓			
Scenic beauty, Vividness	✓			
View Features to Protect:  Mountain peaks Forested ridgelines Ski runs				



Photo 14a (start)



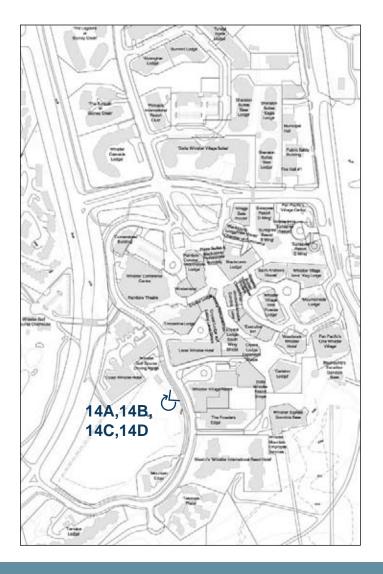
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Photo 14b



Photo 14c



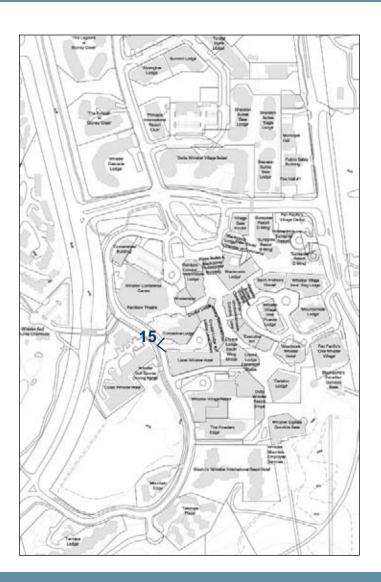


# Village Approach Views View 15 - Blackcomb Mountain

View #15: Blackcomb Mountain	r from Whistler Way	Photo Number	Viewpoint Location	View Subject
View Characteristics: Connection to skiing, foreground and background ski runs. View characteristics include:		15	Whistler Way sidewalk at Village Green	Blackcomb Mountain – peaks and ski runs
Framed Frequency Intactness Layered, Complex	<b>V</b>			
Placemaking Scenic beauty, Vividness	<b>✓</b>			
View Features to Protect: Ski runs Ridgeline				



Photo 15



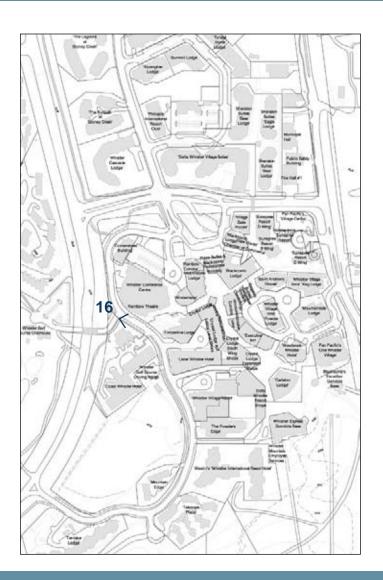


# Village Approach Views View 16 - Blackcomb Mountain

View #16: Blackcomb Mountain from Whistler Way		Photo Number	Viewpoint Location	View Subject
View Characteristics: Connection to skiing, foreground and background ski runs. View characteristics include:		16	Whistler Way at Golf Course exit	Blackcomb Mountain – peaks and ski runs
Framed Frequency Intactness Layered, Complex	<b>V</b>			
Placemaking Scenic beauty, Vividness	✓			
View Features to Protect:  Ski runs Ridgeline				



Photo 16





# Village Approach Views View Sequence 17 - Mt. Sproat

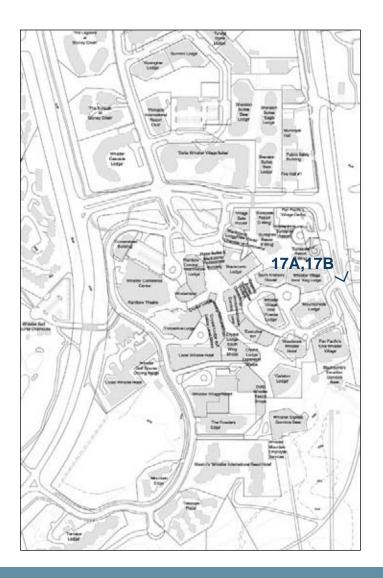
View Sequence #17: Sproat and R	ainbow fro	m Blackcomb Way	Photo Number	Viewpoint Location	View Subject
View Characteristics:		17a (start)	Blackcomb Way	Mt. Sproat	
Mountain peaks, green connection, view partially obscured by trees.			sidewalk		
View characteristics include:		17b (finish)	Blackcomb Way sidewalk	Rainbow	
Framed					
Frequency					
Intactness					
Layered, Complex	<b>✓</b>				
Placemaking					
Scenic beauty, Vividness	<b>√</b>				
View Features to Protect:					



Photo 17a (start)



Photo 17b (finish)





# Village Approach Views View Sequence 18 - Whistler Mountain

View Sequence #18: Whistler fr	om Blackcomb Way	Photo Number	Viewpoint Location	View Subject
View Characteristics:		18a (start)	Blackcomb Way	Whistler Mountain
Ski runs and lift lines, connection	to skiing. View characteristics include:		sidewalk at Village Gate	– lower ski runs
Framed		18b	Blackcomb Way	Whistler Mountain
Frequency			sidewalk	– lower ski runs
Intactness	<b>✓</b>	18c (finish)	Blackcomb Way	Whistler Mountain
Layered, Complex	✓		sidewalk	– lower ski runs
Placemaking	✓			
Scenic beauty, Vividness				
View Features to Protect:  Lower forested ridge Ski runs Lift lines	line			



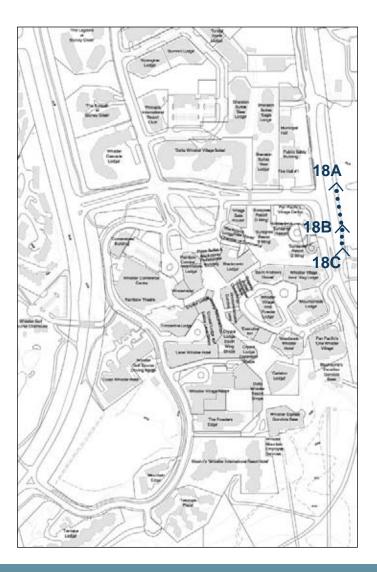
Photo 18a (start)



Photo 18b



Photo 18c (finish)



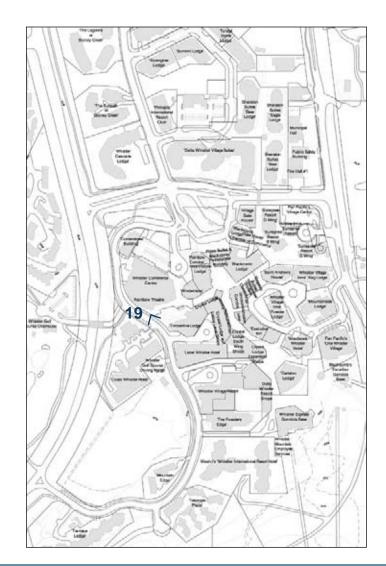


# **Village Approach Views View 19 - Whistler Mountain**

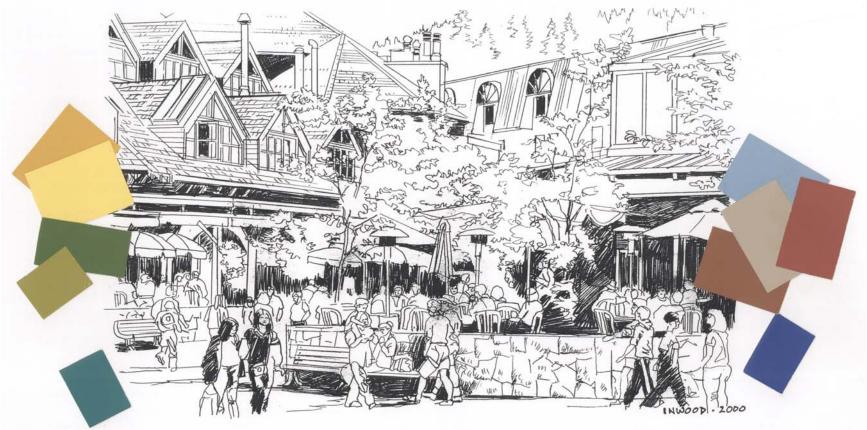
/iew Characteristics:	19	f =	
Connection to skiing, green connection. View characteristics include:	17	Rainbow Theatre entry plaza	Whistler Mountain
Framed			
Frequency			
Intactness			
Layered, Complex ✓			
Placemaking			
Scenic beauty, Vividness			



Photo 19



Resort Municipality of Whistler



Whistler Village COLOUR GUIDE



#### WHISTLER VILLAGE • COLOUR GUIDE

#### INTRODUCTION:

Colour design guidelines have been created by the Resort Municipality of Whistler in order to address colour related design issues identified in the Whistler Village Enhancement Strategy.

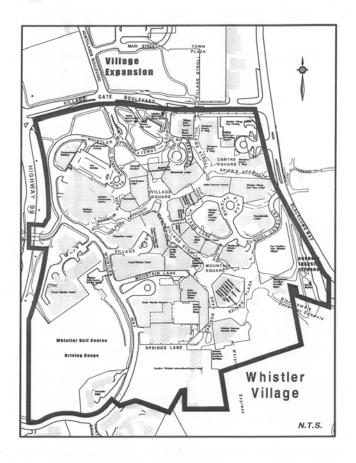
The importance of colour in the built environment is recognized by the Municipality of Whistler, and the exterior coloring of ALL buildings and structures within the core Village areas are subject to design review and approval procedures under a Development Permit process.

#### COLOUR GUIDE OBJECTIVES

The Whistler Village Colour Guide has been developed to assist in the determination of exterior building colour schemes which successfully meet the design criteria for visual standards established by the Municipality.

The core of the original Whistler Village was initially constructed in the late 1970's and has been incrementally developed over the succeeding years by a variety of designers and developers, resulting in a unique eclectic flavor. The extensive use of natural materials and subdued earth tones which comprised many of the original building's facade colouration have weathered the test of time fairly well, but may sometimes lack visual vitality. It is recognized that there is an opportunity to inject freshness and vibrancy into the environment through the use of colour. Colour schemes in the Whistler Village area should respect the heritage of the individual building's architecture, and strive to blend harmoniously with the surrounding natural environment as well as the adjacent built environment, and should be conceived to compliment, but not copy, the colour palette of Village North.

A wide range of colours may be acceptable, however, some colours may not work next to each other, or in relation to the colour schemes of adjacent structures, and therefore won't necessarily be approved - even if they meet the guidelines.



A R E A M A P

#### **COLOUR GUIDE FORMAT:**

#### HOW TO USE THE COLOUR GUIDE

Developing successful colour schemes for buildings in Whistler Village involves the understanding and consideration of a variety of colour design elements. The Whistler Village • Colour Guide is organized to present the relevent colour components in 3 (interrelated) SECTIONS. Each section contains specific guidelines (numbered & within boxes) and explanatory material pertaining to the guideline criteria. It is recommended that the entire Colour Guide booklet be read & that the "Check List" ( see P. 2 ) be followed to facilitate a speedy and successful Development Permit Application process.

The 3 SECTIONS are:

#### SECTION: 1 BUILDING STYLE

 Categorizes buildings by architectural style to aid appropriate colour selection.

#### SECTION: 2 COLOUR PRINCIPLES

- Philosophy for Whistler colour preferences.

#### SECTION: 3 COLOUR IN CONTEXT

- Principles for applying colour to buildings.

#### • PROFESSIONAL DESIGN ADVICE:

The use of a design professional is not mandatory in the preparation of colour scheme proposals, but is recommended as a means to assure quality and conformance with the Resort Municipality of Whistler's high design standards.

#### APPENDIX C

#### Whistler Village • Building Repainting Development Permit Application

## CHECKLIST

**SELECTING A COLOUR SCHEME:** 

Actual paint chips for all proposed colours

☐ Perspective colour sketch (optional) of building w/ surroundings
☐ Completed Development Permit Application Form & Payment of Fee



The following Checklist is provided as an aid to successfully completing the requirements for submitting proposals for colour schemes through the Municipal Development Permit process.

#### Read Whistler Village . Colour Guide booklet Determine "Style" of building ☐ "Rustic" ☐ "Modern" ☐ "Combination" (see Section 1) Determine "Type" of paint scheme (see Section 3.5) ☐ Monochromatic ☐ Monochromatic w/ accent ☐ Complementary ☐ Analogous ☐ Other Choose colours & locations (see Sections1 and 2) ☐ Primary base colour Secondary base colour ☐ Additional base colour(s) ☐ Accent colour(s) Check conformance with Guidelines ☐ 3.1 Colour location on facade ☐ 2.1 Source for colour selection ☐ 3.2 Secondary facades ☐ 1.1 Heritage Building 3.3 Roof colour 2.2 Quality of Colour ☐ 1.2 Rustic Style 3.4 Ratio formula ☐ 2.3 Value Range ☐ 1.3 Modern Style ☐ 3.5 Colour relationships ☐ 1.4 Combination Style 2.4 Neutrals & Earth Tones 3.6 Building accessories 3.7 Styles & trends Development Permit Application document checklist - BE SURE TO HAVE: □ Name & Address of building \_ ☐ Name of building owner(s) ☐ Current photograph(s) of subject building ☐ Photographs of adjacent surroundings Colour elevation drawing(s) of building facade w/ paint scheme indicated

# SECTION: 1 BUILDING STYLE

An important element in determining appropriate colour schemes is the "TYPE" or "STYLE" of the building. The architecture of Whistler Village represents a variety of different building styles, which should be recognized for their specific qualities in the selection of facade colours. An inventory of the building types in Whistler Village identifies 3 basic styles -"RUSTIC", "MODERN", and "COMBINATION". When beginning the design process for colour selection, the building "STYLE" should first be identified and the colour guidelines for that specific building style should then be adhered to when making colour choices.

#### 1.1 "HERITAGE " BUILDINGS

An additional element to be considered in colour selection involves the precedent for colour scheme preferences which may be linked to a building design's original architectural stylistic philosophy.

#### RECOMMENDATION:

Building owners should consult with the Municipal Planning Department to determine if their building is considered a "landmark/heritage" structure (i.e. by a noted architect), and should endeavor to respect any original colour intent which pertains to such specific architectural style.

The Hearthstone Lodge, designed by noted Canadian architect Arthur Erickson, is an example of a "Heritage" building.

### RUSTIC style

The "Rustic" Style is typified by the exclusive use of natural organic exterior finish materials such as wood siding, shingles, & stone masonry. They are typically Condo/Retail structures of 2 and 3 story height. Many exhibit styling from the International/Expressionist and Craftsman schools - with a unique western flavor. The Rustic Style has a timeless charm when its' materials are left to weather naturally - but may become a bit drab looking in the process. It is generally recommended to maintain the essential natural look of these buildings, but to inject more colour into trims & accent areas.

#### 1.2 "RUSTIC" STYLE

#### RECOMMENDED:

Colours selected for "RUSTIC" style building facades should maintain the essentially "natural" aspect of the building materials. Primary background facade areas should use subdued neutral tones or hues, or maintain a natural finish (e.g. shingles, masonry, & translucent stains on wood). Mid to dark values are preferred. Colour is recommended for use in trims and retail facade elements.

#### NOT ALLOWED:

Large masses of bright colours which clash with the "natural" character of the "Rustic" materials.

# NEUTRALS • PRIMARY BACKGROUND • NATURALS NEUTRALS • SECONDARY BACKGROUND • SHADED TONES SHADED HUES • ACCENTS • SHADED HUES

#### APPENDIX C







#### **RUSTIC STYLE BUILDINGS:**

- FITZSIMMONS
- FIRESIDE
- BLACKCOMB PROFESSIONAL BLDG.
- WHISTLERVIEW
- HEARTHSTONE LODGE

### MODERN style

The "Modern" Style is typified by the extensive use of stucco or concrete as a finish material, combined with other machined materials such as metal & glass. The styling exhibits forms and motifs of the Post Modern school. Many of the structures in this category are large hotels which have Chateauesque forms. The planes and stepped surfaces of stucco provide an ideal vehicle for creative paint schemes. Generally, the large hotel structures should use "reserved"/ neutral colour palettes while smaller (2&3 story) structures may be able to support more colourful schemes.

#### "MODERN" STYLE

#### RECOMMENDED:

1.3

Colours selected for "MODERN" style building facades should generally be in the mid-tone range. Various colour hues are acceptable, but it is generally recommended that "neutral/ earth" tones be used for the primary background areas, especially on large structures (over 3 stories). More colourful accents may be used to good advantage to detail architectural elements, and at the retail facade level,

#### NOT ALLOWED:

Large masses of overly bright colours or extremely light or dark values.







#### MODERN STYLE BUILDINGS:

- · CRYSTAL LODGE · DELTA
- WESTBROOK
- CARLETON • WESTIN
- . PAN PACIFIC SUNSPREE RESORT
- CONFERENCE CENTRE

## COMBINATION style

The "Combination" Style features a mix of "Modern" stucco and "Rustic" natural finsih materials together on the facade. The forms and detailing of buildings in this category are quite eclectic and draw from many stylistic sources. Colour schemes should respect the guidelines for both the Rustic & Modern Styles, as may pertain to a specific area of finish material on the facade. It is generally recommended that large areas of stucco be treated with tones of mid-range value.

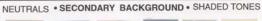
#### 1.4 "COMBINATION" STYLE

#### RECOMMENDED:

Colours selected for "COMBINATION" style building facades should follow the general recommendations for colour use stipulated for the "RUSTIC" and "MODERN" styles, and apply the guidelines as appropriate to the facade style &/or material in question.

#### EXAMPLES OF APPROPRIATE COLOURS FOR THE "MODERN" AND "COMBINATION" STYLES







TRENDY COLOURS · ACCENTS · SHADED HUES









#### COMBINATION STYLE BUILDINGS:

- BLACKCOMB LODGE 
   WINDWHISTLE
- WEDGEVIEW
- ST. ANDREWS HOUSE
- TIMBERLINE
- SUNSPREE RESORT



#### APPENDIX C

# SECTION: 2 COLOUR PRINCIPLES

The basic premise for ALL colour selection in Whistler Village specifies that "exterior finish colours and colour schemes be drawn from the "palette" of the surrounding NATURAL ENVIRONMENT". The mountains, trees & flowers, waters, skies, and the snow & ice provide a wide variety of colour possibilities to choose from as the ever-changing quality of light and revolution of the seasons produce a myriad of colours and nuance. The specific QUALITY of the colour(s) used is very important w/ regard to harmonizing with natural colours and adjacent structures. The overall colour philosophy for the Village aims to mimic the patterns of nature, where visual delight is found in the brilliantly coloured details against the muted background tones of mountain vistas. This natural principle is symbolized on building facades by generally recommending the use of warm subdued tones for large expanses of background colour, while deeper shades are used for accents at the shopfront level, and small areas of intense colour create highlights of visual excitement.

#### 2.1 SOURCE FOR COLOUR SELECTION

#### RECOMMENDED:

Colours used in colour schemes within Whistler Village should respect, and be drawn from, the colours of the surrounding NATURAL ENVIRONMENT. The range of acceptable choices is expanded beyond the "earth tones" of the 1970's-80's, to include more colourful hues for backgrounds & accents.

#### NOT ALLOWED:

Colours which are alien to the surrounding natural environment; e.g. "man-made", overly bright, or not typically found in the natural environment of the Whistler area.

#### THE ENVIRONMENT









## COLOUR & THE SEASONS

Whistler is a four season resort, and colour schemes should be used which look good with both the winter snow and the summer greenery.

Generally speaking, light colours & earth tones tend to look drab & dingy in the winter (as shown in picture at left of original Whistler Village).

Stronger colours & deeper tones (as shown in photo at right from Whistler's Village North) give a warmer, more vibrant, look in the winter - as well as the summer months.

## Quality of Colour

There is a vocabulary of special terms that describe the "qualities" of colour - which are important to understand in order to develop attractive colour schemes. The diagram below is provided to help graphically explain the terminology used in describing colours. The preferred type of colour(s) for use in Whistler Village are referred to as "Shaded Tints" or "Muted Tones". These are pure "hues" to which have been added varying degrees of white and black. This "softens" or "mutes" the intensity of the colours so that different hues do not clash with one another, and allows buildings with fairly strong colours to co-exist harmoniously together within the streetscape.



#### 2.2 QUALITY OF PREFERRED COLOUR(S)

#### RECOMMENDED:

The type of colours recommended for exterior use in Whistler Village are known as "MUTED TONES" /or "SHADED TINTS". Grays, neutrals, & earth tones are also accepted.

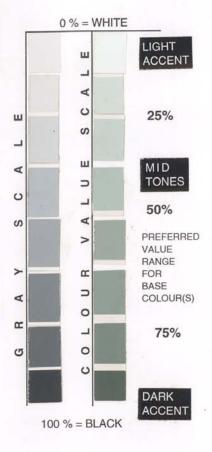
#### NOT ALLOWED:

Large masses (over 10% aggregate facade) of pure hue or tinted hues ("pastels"), and BLACK. The use of WHITE in large expanses is STRONGLY DISCOURAGED.

#### Colour Value

The term "value" refers to the relative degree of light and dark in a shade or colour. A graduated grey scale (like the one shown at right) is based on relative percentages of black and white. Pure WHITE is given a value of 0% and pure BLACK is 100%. The various shades of grey may be shown as moving from light to dark in 10% increments as more black is injected. When colour is added to the mix, the principle remains the same.

In Whistler Village it is recommended that fairly strong "mid tone" values (25%-75%) be used for the primary background field. Light (0%-25%) & Dark toned (75%-100%) values can add visual interest to retail, & trim/detail areas.



#### 2.3 VALUE RANGE FOR COLOUR SCHEMES

#### RECOMMENDED:

Values (degree of light to dark) within the mid range (25%-75%) are generally recommended for the main body of the building. Lighter values (0%-25%) and/or Darker values (75%-100%) are recommended for accent areas.

#### NOT ALLOWED:

Large masses (over 15% aggregate facade) of black or colour values which are overly light or dark. Use of pure WHITE is STRONGLY DISCOURAGED.

#### APPENDIX C

#### Earth Tones & Neutrals

Colours referred to as NEUTRALS and EARTH TONES are important to the development of paint schemes because they provide a relatively colourless tone for stronger colours to play against. EARTH TONES are generally based on brown and red pigments and with the addition of white & black form a wide variety of warm shades. NEUTRALS are based on greys and include such colours as the Taupes, and a variety of Warm and Cool Greys which may also have a subtle colour nuance.



#### 2.4 NEUTRALS & EARTH TONES

#### RECOMMENDED:

The use of 'warm' - light to mid value - 'neutral' and / or 'earth tone' colours is generally recommended for large expanses of background facade.

# SECTION: 3 COLOUR IN CONTEXT

The term "CONTEXT" refers to several important aspects which should always be considered when developing colour schemes. Firstly, there is the context of the colours on the individual building facade, which involves decisions regarding the mix of colours to be used and their location on the building. In addition, there is the consideration of how the colour scheme of the individual building meshes with the colours of adjacent structures, as well as, the over-all appearance of the surrounding Whistler Village streetscapes. Failing to recognize either of these important elements may result in the Municipality disallowing a colour scheme proposal.



#### 3.1 LOCATION OF COLOUR ON THE BUILDING FACADE

#### RECOMMENDED:

Paint schemes which respect and accent the architectural detailing of the building; e.g. various surface planes and decorative trims.

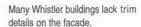
#### NOT ALLOWED:

Paint schemes which ignore the architectural form or detailing of the structure by "cutting across" such elements.

## ACCENT THE ARCHITECTURAL ELEMENTS OF THE BUILDING

Utilize the architectural and decorative features of the building facade as appropriate places for colour transitions. Typical architectural elements would include column pilasters, cornices, window lintels and sills, and any type of decorative trim relief on the building face. These types of details should be painted to include the side/edges of the raised element as well as the frontal face plane. This lends a sense of mass to the detailing.







Building facade with trim details added to create visual interest.

#### ACCENT THE ARCHITECTURAL ELEMENTS OF THE BUILDING

#### 3.2 SECONDARY FACADES

#### RECOMMENDED:

To consider secondary facades such as rear and side walls, and exterior corridors in colour scheme concepts - exploring opportunities to create visual interest through colour.

# DARK ON LIGHT LIGHT ON DARK SAME VALUE

#### Roof Colour:

Where planes of the building's roof system are visible, the colour of the material(s) which comprise the roof finish should be carefully selected to blend harmoniously with the surrounding built and natural environment. Natural material roofs, such as wood shingle or shake should be left natural. Asphalt shingles and metals should be coloured to appear as "natural" as possible, w/ "Neutral" hues recommended.



Neutral Tones - Recommended



**Bright Tones - Strongly Discouraged** 

#### 3.3 ROOF COLOURS

#### RECOMMENDED:

Colour of roof material(s) should be harmonious with the building facade colours & the natural environment.

#### NOT ALLOWED:

Roof colours which are overly intense in hue or visually disharmonious with the building's colour scheme or the natural environment.

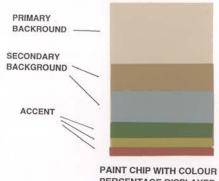
#### 3.4 RATIO FORMULAS FOR COLOUR APPLICATION

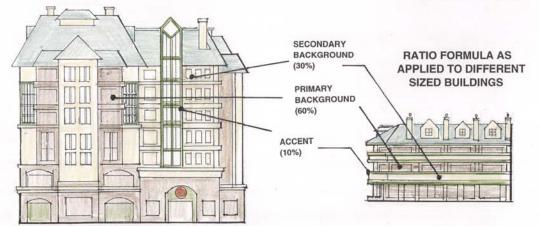
#### RECOMMENDED:

- 1) PRIMARY BACKGROUND AREAS (defined as up to/or over 60% of the aggregate facade surface area) should be generally of a mid tone value (30%-60%). Neutral colours are recommended for the principle background colours for buildings over 3 stories in height. The number of individual tones or colours used for "background" areas should be limited to avoid an overly "busy" look.
- 2) SECONDARY BACKGROUND AREAS (defined as up to 30% of the aggregate facade surface area) should represent a relative contrast to the colour(s) of the primary building background. Lighter(10%-30%) and/or Darker (60%-80%) shades may be used to good advantage at street level retail oriented elements to create visual interest.
- 3) DETAIL ACCENT AREAS (defined as not exceeding 10% of the aggregate facade surface area) may incorporate some intense light (0% [white] -20%) and/or dark (80%-100%) values. Generally these "hues" will benefit from an injection of black, to harmonize them with the background colour shades. Detail accent areas include window sash & trims, decorative metal work, and elements of the retail facade and signage.

#### Locating Colour on the Building:

When creating a colour scheme for a building it is useful to analyze the various surfaces and planes of the structure, in order to determine where to locate the various tones. A ratio formula may be applied to determine the percentage of surface coverage for the various colours to be used in the over all scheme. h visualizing the proposed colour concept it is helpful to arrange the paint colour sample chips in slices sized to represent the percentage of the area they will cover on the building face. (see example below)





#### TYPICAL 3 STORY CONDO BUILDING

#### RELATIONSHIP OF COLOURS 3.5

#### RECOMMENDED:

Colours selected for individual building facades should blend harmoniously within the building facade, as well as, with colour schemes of adjacent building facades.

#### NOT ALLOWED:

Colours which clash within the individual building facade or with the colours of adjacent buildings.

#### TYPES OF COLOUR SCHEME

Good colour schemes for buildings are generally made up of only a few colours which have been tastefully selected, mixed, and blended. Four types of colour scheme are discussed & illustrated below.

#### MONOCHROMATIC:

Monochromatic colour schemes are developed by using several values of the same colour. A typical scheme would include a minimum of three values, for instance, dark, medium, and light.

#### NEUTRAL PLUS ACCENT:

This scheme uses a base of "neutral" monochromatic colours. -but adds a contrasting, complementary, colour for accent. Earth, taupe, and gray tones make good monochromatic bases, with "shaded" primary colours for accents

#### **ANALOGOUS**

The analogous style of paint scheme typically draws from 2 or 3 variations of the same colour, or uses combinations of "similar" colours which are immediately adjacent on the colour wheel. Unlike Monochromatic colour schemes which rely on contrasts in value for effect. Analogous colour schemes may use tones of the same value, but of contrasting colour.

#### COMPLEMENTARY:

Complementary colour schemes are formed by selecting colours which sit opposite each other on the colour wheel. The principle complementary colour pairs are: red & green, blue & orange, and violet & yellow. Complementary schemes work best when the colours are muted.



PERCENTAGE DISPLAYED





# Accent the Retail Elements of the Facade:

The power which colour has to catch our eye or create a mood can be useful in designing colour schemes for the commercial components of the building facade. Deeper shades and more vibrant (bright) colours may be used in the design of individual retail shop fronts to create a sense of uniqueness, and visual interest and excitement at the street level. Store front colour schemes, however, should acknowledge, and be harmonious with adjacent shop fronts as well as the general colour scheme of the larger building to which they may be a part.



The photograph above is a positive example of a building facade in Whistler Village which uses colour effectively, and is in accord with the principles of the Colour Guide.

This is a "Rustic" style building with natural organic finish materials. The colour scheme is "Monochromatic w/ Accent" - the natural grays of the stone base and the gray stain on the wood siding create a warm base tone. The retail facade is accented by the golden tones of the varnished natural wood display window system and the forest green awning.



## Building accessories:

Building accessories include retail oriented elements such as signage, awinings, patio details, & planters (as pictured above). These accessories may support fairly intense colour applications, but should be designed thoughtfully to blend harmoniously with the surrounding built and natural environment.

#### 3.6 BUILDING ACCESSORIES

#### RECOMMENDED:

Colours selected for items such as AWNINGS, SIGNS, PLANTER BOXES, etc. should be harmonious with the colour schemes of the buildings with which they are associated.

## Colour Styles & Trends:

It should be recognized that concepts of design and public taste are constantly evolving and changing. Various major styles emerge and hold sway for a period of time, to be amended or replaced by new ones in due course. Further, within a particular stylistic period "trends" may wax and wane over a shorter period of time. Colour is perhaps the most mutable of design elements and colour trends are constantly in flux. In attempting to maintain a vibrant contemporary flavor - "trendy" colour is often used to by designers to good effect. In this regard it needs to be acknowledged that the relatively transient nature of colour trends may necessitate re-painting in a relatively short time. Old and outdated "trendy" colours can have a marked negative visual impact.



Example of intense "trendy" colours (c. 2000) used to create a vibrant interior decor scheme.

#### 3.7 COLOUR STYLES & TRENDS

#### RECOMMENDED:

In selecting colours it is generally recommended to use more "timeless" natural/ neutral colours for the primary background surfaces of the building facade. The use of "Trertdy" colours is acceptable to maintain a sense of freshness, but they should be limited in their application to smaller accent/detail areas and/or to the interior decor.

#### NOT ALLOWED:

Large masses (over 15% of aggregate facade surface area) of intense "trendy" colour.

**GRAYS** 

## WHISTLER VILLAGE COLOUR PALETTE

The following selection of colour samples are provided to show an example of a range of acceptable and appropriate "environmental" colours which may be used to develop colour schemes for buildings in the Whistler Village area. These colours, as well as the sample palettes shown elsewhere in the Colour Guide, are intended to be used as a general colour guideline, & do not represent the ONLY colours which may be used. Each colour scheme will be judged on its own merits.

#### SECONDARY BACKGROUND



#### **ACCENTS**



PRIMARY BACKGROUND

**NEUTRALS** 

**EARTH TONES** 



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