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Honourable David Eby
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Dear Minister Eby,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the ICBC Rate Fairness Survey.

The Resort Municipality of Whistler (RMOW) would like to offer a solution to generate some additional revenue for the Insurance Corporation of BC (ICBC). Municipalities lose a significant amount of non-tax revenue annually because of unpaid bylaw fines. Non-tax revenue sources such as bylaw fines help offset costs to municipal services and reduce the property tax burden on residents. The collection of bylaw fines with the cooperation of the Province and the Insurance Corporation of BC will ensure prompt payment of any unpaid bylaw fines. We request that the Province and the Insurance Corporation of BC change legislation to allow ICBC to collect outstanding bylaw fines at the time of auto insurance or driver's licence renewal.

A revenue sharing agreement with ICBC where the collected unpaid bylaw fines would be shared between ICBC and the municipalities would be beneficial to each organization. In addition, ICBC could charge an administration fee to debtors to recover any costs associated with collecting unpaid bylaw fines.

Partnering with the Province and ICBC to recover unpaid bylaw fines would help generate some additional non-tax revenue for both ICBC and Municipalities to ensure rate fairness. We would be happy to discuss our request further with the Province and ICBC at your convenience.

Sincerely,

Mayor
Nancy Wilhelm-Morden