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THE PREMIER MOUNTAIN RESORT COMMUNITY
MOVING TOWARD A SUSTAINABLE FUTURE

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The Right Honourable Stephen Harper
Prime Minister of Canada
Office of the Prime Minister
80 Wellington Street
Ottawa
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Re: COPENHAGEN SUMMIT on climate change

Dear Mr. Prime Minister,

Whistler Council has endorsed a resolution urging the Government of Canada to take a pivotal role in meeting the Global Climate Challenge. Specifically, we believe that Canada should agree to sign a new binding international agreement.

The Whistler community has demonstrated a strong interest in doing its part, and has chosen to lead by example. It is our intention to leverage our worldwide recognition and profile as the Host Mountain Resort of the 2010 Olympic and Paralympic Winter Games to showcase our sustainability initiatives. The desired outcome is to inspire other communities to also take responsibility through individual action.

We would be pleased to provide more detail on our work on sustainability. Our approach is based on our conviction that our future economic prosperity is entirely dependant on aggressive action to protect our environment. It is quickly being recognized around the world that the economy is a wholly owned subsidiary of the environment.

Decisive action taken by Canada is a critical factor in our future success, and would be most welcomed by our community.

Thank you for your serious consideration of this urgent appeal.

Most sincerely,

Ken Melamed
Mayor

cc. John Weston, MP

