

Lucy Wyn-Griffiths

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, November 25, 2020 4:37 PM
To: Council; corporate
Subject: White Gold Underground

Dear Mayor & Council

I am writing to share my continued support for this project as I understand you will be considering the White Gold Undergrounding project at the upcoming Council meeting.

This is an excellent opportunity to modernize and improve safety in our neighbourhood. The petition process which has been implemented is an excellent opportunity and the big benefit is that it makes it so much more affordable by amortizing the cost on annual property taxes over a number of years - in line with the long term benefit that accrues to us all - rather than needing to pay upfront for the bulk of the undergrounding works

We continue to fully support the project, and fully appreciate all the work the homeowner group and the RMOW staff have done to get us to this stage and thank them for the clear information that has been available on the website throughout the petition process.

Thank you again for the work you do for our community

Angelo Chang
"0946903 BC Ltd."
7186 Nancy Greene Dr
[REDACTED]

November 25, 2020

RE: White Gold Undergrounding

Ms. Cullen and Honourable Mayor and Council,

As homeowners since 1970 at 7501 Ambassador Crescent in White Gold, we implore you to not proceed with undergrounding of utilities in White Gold.

There has been no transparency in the voting process or in a final cost to residents. Why was the vote extended 15 days to get “yes” votes but only 4 days given for people to rescind?

Residents were not properly informed of landowner expenses.

There was no community engagement where people could understand the impact on other members of our community e.g. “old-timers” on a fixed income, and older family cabins that are meant to be handed down through generations.

The option of “you could sell” is not an option – it feels like bullying and gentrification of the neighbourhood.

This is not the time to proceed with a project for “beautification” when people have lost their income (rental and/or employment) due to COVID and our tax money could be better spent supporting small business and community services.

The undergrounding will cause a significant disruption to our lives for an undefined number of years. The one-year noise and dust during the upgrading of the waterlines was unbearable for those of us living full-time in the community. Another estimated three to five years is not acceptable.

Regards,

Linda and Gerry Sung and family
7501 Ambassador Crescent
Whistler, BC

Lucy Wyn-Griffiths

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, November 26, 2020 3:57 PM
To: corporate; emariner@whistler.ca
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: White Gold Under-Grounding Approval Process

Chief Administrative Officer and Mayor and Council

Resort Municipality of Whistler

4325 Blackcomb Way
Whistler, BC V8E 0X5

Email emariner@whistler.ca

Email corporate@whistler.ca

Date: November 25, 2020

RE: White Gold Undergrounding

Ms. Cullen and Honourable Mayor and Council,

I implore you to not proceed with undergrounding of utilities in White Gold.

There has been no transparency in the voting process or in a final cost to residents. Why was the vote extended 15 days to get "yes" votes but only 4 days given for people to rescind?

Residents were not properly informed of landowner expenses.

There was no community engagement where people could understand the impact on other members of our community e.g. “old-timers” on a fixed income, and older family cabins that are meant to be handed down through generations.

The option of “you could sell” is not an option – it feels like bullying and gentrification of the neighbourhood.

This is not the time to proceed with a project for “beautification” when people have lost their income (rental and/or employment) due to COVID and our tax money could be better spent supporting small business and community services.

The undergrounding will cause a significant disruption to our lives for an undefined number of years. The one-year noise and dust during the upgrading of the waterlines was unbearable for those of us living full-time in the community. Another estimated three to five years is not acceptable.

Regards,

Suli Ackhurst

7474 Ambassador Crescent, White Gold, Whistler B.C.

PHONE [REDACTED]

E-MAIL [REDACTED]

Sent from my iPad

Anthony and Chelsea Duhs
7208 Fitzsimmons Rd S
Whistler, BC V8E 0E6

Mayor and Council
Resort Municipality of Whistler
4325 Blackcomb Way
Whistler, BC V8E 0X5

November 25, 2020

RE: LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR WHITE GOLD UNDERGROUNDING PROJECT

Dear Mayor and Council,

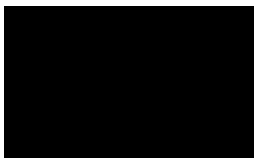
We are writing to express our support for the White Gold Undergrounding Project, and thank you for the time and effort you, and Municipal Staff, have already put into the project. We have been silent to date, allowing democracy to run its course. However as we have become aware of a vocal minority objecting to the project, we wish to assure you that we, and many neighbours we have spoken to, are really excited and looking forward to this project.

We think the benefits in reliability and visual appearance will add to the feel of our neighbourhood, and that removal of the overhead lines will make the landscape feel cleaner and greener.

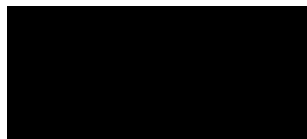
We have talked to an electrician, who estimated that a private power pole and keeping the overhead service would be between \$3,000 and \$4,000, and this option would work on any house with an existing overhead service. It is also likely these costs can be kept to a minimum by neighbours pooling together to combine our scopes of work and obtain more competitive pricing.

Thank you for your consideration, we look forward to your review and decision.

Yours Faithfully,



Anthony Duhs



Chelsea Duhs

Lucy Wyn-Griffiths

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, November 26, 2020 11:03 AM
To: corporate; Council
Subject: White gold underground

Dear council,

I was disappointed to hear that the underground wiring of white gold was going back to review due to a minority group complaining about this project. I hope that this review results in the same outcome as the official process.

I know that there was a committee of residence in this area that did a lot of work to inform all homeowners about this upcoming project over the past year. The majority of people agreed this was a great project and are willing to invest in our neighbourhood. Please stay with the democratic process and allow this project to proceed.

Thank you very much,
the residence of 7406 and ambassador Crescent
Brett Creed & Fred Sverre

Get [Outlook for iOS](#)

CONFIDENTIALITÉ : Ce document est destiné uniquement à la personne ou à l'entité à qui il est adressé. L'information apparaissant dans ce document est de nature légalement privilégiée et confidentielle. Si vous n'êtes pas le destinataire visé ou la personne chargée de le remettre à son destinataire, vous êtes, par la présente, avisé que toute lecture, usage, copie ou communication du contenu de ce document est strictement interdit. De plus, vous êtes prié de communiquer avec l'expéditeur sans délai et de détruire ce document immédiatement.

CONFIDENTIALITY: This document is intended solely for the individual or entity to whom it is addressed. The information contained in this document is legally privileged and confidential. If you are not the intended recipient or the person responsible for delivering it to the intended recipient, you are hereby advised that you are strictly prohibited from reading, using, copying or disseminating the contents of this document. Please inform the sender immediately and delete this document immediately.

Lucy Wyn-Griffiths

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, November 26, 2020 5:44 PM
To: Council; corporate
Subject: White Gold Undergrounding Proposal

Dear Mayor Jack Crompton and Council
Members DeJong, Ford, Forsyth, Gills, Jackson, Jewett:

I have been at 7334 Toni Sailer for over 20 years with my family.

I am a strong supporter of the White Gold Undergrounding proposal that was approved by Council at their Nov 3 meeting. It was noted at that time that the proposal had been made with scrupulous adherence to all municipal requirements. It was also supported in a democratic vote by 94 White Gold residents which is 58% of our neighbourhood and opposed by only 14 showing strong support and will to have the project done. This is in excess of the required threshold and which is larger than the 52% turnout in the recent provincial election. I am therefore shocked and dismayed to learn that Council has decided to reconsider its decision at its December meeting.

In any democratic decision, there will always be dissenting opinions. I believe that when procedures are followed, questions answered and a (large) majority is in favour, that decision should stand. The interests of a small minority should not be permitted to overrule the wishes of a large majority. The minority have a number of options to make things more affordable for their private connection, including being part of bulk purchasing organized by one of our neighbours. They also have time to pay for things and there is a government program for those in need to help with property taxes.

In summary, then, I respectfully request that the Council abide by their previous decision to approve the White Gold Undergrounding project, and respect the wishes of a large majority of White Gold homeowners. Thanks for your consideration.

Yours Truly,
Jacqueline Orenstein

Lucy Wyn-Griffiths

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, November 26, 2020 2:00 AM
To: Council; corporate
Subject: White Gold Improvements to Powerlines

Dear Mayor and Council,

My name is Lisa Black, and I live in White Gold on Toni Sailer Lane. I have voted in favor for the power lines to be buried and I am still very much in favour of the project going ahead. Some residents have said burying the lines increases beautification and property values, I don't necessarily agree or disagree with those sentiments. However, I don't like how the trees that grow close to the lines are topped. The main reason I voted to have the lines buried is to improve safety in our neighbourhood. I think it would be safer for all residents in the event of an ice storm, wind storm or wild fire. It would also decrease disruption of service during those events. Thank you for your consideration,
Lisa Black

Kimberley Lisa Black
7310 Toni Sailer Lane
Whistler BC
V8E 0E3
[REDACTED]

Lucy Wyn-Griffiths

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, November 26, 2020 11:55 AM
To: Council; corporate; [REDACTED]
Subject: underground utility support

Dear Mayor & Council

I live at 7457 Ambassador Cr. and am an active member of our community, run a business here and have offered rental housing to local workers for many years.

I am writing to share my support of the White Gold utilities undergrounding project, which I also expressed through voting in the recent formal process.

Thank you to Mayor and Council for your decision on 3 November 2020 to progress the White Gold undergrounding project. I am excited to see this project move forward, which has been decided through a democratic process with the neighbourhood casting their vote and with the outcome being support well in excess of the required threshold. More than 58% of the neighbourhood voted in support of the project.

The process to get to this point was supported by council when they gave the go ahead to perform the petition over a year ago, and followed the Community Charter. I received the project information by mail from the RMOW, and it was thorough and detailed, and all information is on the website with questions raised by owners and answers provided for all to see very transparently.

I look forward to continuing to enhance our neighbourhood for the benefit of all our community to keep us safe, minimize utility disruptions through storm and changing weather patterns and reduce wildfire risks from downed power lines.

I was surprised when you decided on 17 November to review your decision coming up at the next council meeting, and hope that once again, you will respect the democratic process that has been implemented, and continue to support this project in line with the majority support in the neighbourhood. I see the project is in the 2021 budget shared this last week and look forward to it being implemented.

Thank you
Nicole Newman

Honorable Mayor and Council, & Christine Boehringer Project Manager, White Gold Utility Undergrounding Project.

RE: "Petition Retraction" White Gold Buried Powerlines Project

I sent a similar letter to all of you a month ago, on November 4, 2020. I have not heard back from anyone of you, so I am sending it again, to reinforce my concern.

I have reconsidered and want to retract my support to the petition, and this project overall. Please accept this retraction on behalf of my family. Although I originally voted Yes for this initiative, in light of all the latest information and discussions with other members of my community, I want you to know I no longer support this process and wish to rescind my vote and make it a "NO".

My property value is already too high and our family is having trouble paying the yearly taxes. Ours is "family cabin" that was originally purchased by my parents in 1969, not as an investment property, but a family home to share for generations. We have no interest in increasing its value further than it is. It is not a "for profit" property, it is our home.

We are confused as a neighbourhood by the way this seems to be driven forward by council without enough input from the homeowners affected, who deserve better representation by you all.

Given the state of the world and the horrific effects of COVID on everyone, and their ability to carry on economically, why are you so driven to spend your time and "our money" on this unessential project.

I look forward to someone's reply and explanation.

Rob Third & Family
7237 Fitzsimons Road (South)

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Lucy Wyn-Griffiths

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, November 27, 2020 6:37 AM
To: Council; corporate
Subject: White Gold Utilities - Underground Project - 7346 Toni Sailor Lane

Dear Mayor and Council,

My Name is Mark Endras and I am the owner of 7346 Toni Sailor Lane. My family purchased the property after the petition to bury the overhead cables had closed on October 9th, 2020. As such, we were not able to officially express our support.

We are not aware of the prior owner supporting the petition, but we are very enthusiastic about the project and had we had the opportunity to vote in support, we would have. Therefore, please accept this email as an expression of our enthusiastic support and please add us to the existing list of those owners who voted in favour of the petition.

Best Regards,

Mark Endras
7346 Toni Sailor Lane
Whistler, B.C.
V8E-0E5

Lucy Wyn-Griffiths

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, November 27, 2020 11:26 AM
To: corporate
Subject: In Support of White Gold Undergrounding Project

Begin forwarded message:

From: Karen Potter [REDACTED]
Subject: In Support of White Gold Undergrounding Project
Date: November 27, 2020 at 11:24:58 AM PST
To: council@whistler.ca

Dear Mayor and Council,

We are long time owners and full time residents with our family in White Gold since 1998. We are writing to express our support for the White Gold Utilities Undergrounding project.

We are excited to see our community take on this project, and feel that right now is a unique opportunity for the project to go ahead, in that we have the cooperation of residents and the RMOW, financial support through grants and financing, the planned repaving of our neighbourhood after watermain upgrades etc. etc. We do not feel there will be another opportunity where all of these factors align.

The benefits of this project are not only aesthetic but safety-related. Bringing these services underground ensures safety from storms, fires and other natural and manmade incidents. We personally have had many outages from low hanging wires being hit by trucks and other tall vehicles over the years.

We feel that the communication has been clear and timelines provided adequate, for owners to consider the scope of the project and make an informed decision. Having the option to stay above ground or underground your own utilities from the street to your residence provides flexibility, not only financially but also for future development plans.

We would like to sincerely thank the community leaders who have spearheaded this project with countless hours of research, collaboration and communication in enlisting support from the municipality and from White Gold residents.

We feel this is a legacy project that future generations of families will benefit from.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Richard and Karen Potter

7338 Toni Sailer Lane

Whistler

Lucy Wyn-Griffiths

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, November 28, 2020 10:21 AM
To: Council; corporate
Subject: Undergrounding Project

To Mayor and Council,

I am writing to share my support of the White Gold utilities undergrounding project, which I also expressed through voting in the recent petition. I have owned my cabin in White Gold since the late eighties, we raised a family with a passion for the mountains and skiing is a significant family activity. We support the Whistler community where we can and I also ran for councilor in 1999.

Thank you to Mayor and Council for your decision on 3 November 2020 to progress the White Gold undergrounding project.

This project has been discussed for over 2 years throughout our neighborhood with lots of engagement and information along the way, and it is very exciting to see the majority of our neighborhood support it progressing to implementation.

I am thankful for the opportunity of the petition to help spread the costs over many years, making it much more viable for a project like this.

I received the project information by mail from the RMOW, and it was thorough and detailed, and all information was available for me to make my decision.

This is a long term strategic investment that will continue to enhance our neighborhood for future generations.

The coinciding of the BC Hydro grant, the petitioning opportunity, the road paving being funded through municipal water project, and the majority support, is a once in a lifetime opportunity to make this happen.

I understand you will be reviewing your decision next week, and hope that once again, you will have confidence that the process was a fair and equitable opportunity for all to be informed and make their vote count, and continue to support this project in line with the majority support in the neighborhood.

I see the project is in the 2021 budget shared this last week and look forward to it being implemented.

Thank you again for all the work you do for our community.

Yours sincerely
Richard Laurencelle
7433 Ambassador Crescent
[REDACTED]

Lucy Wyn-Griffiths

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, November 29, 2020 9:28 AM
To: Council; corporate
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: Whitegold utilities

Dear Mayor and council

My name is Hugh Oosthuizen. Together with my wife Antoinette we are permanent residents of White Gold for the last six years. This is home to us and we really appreciated efforts by the City Council to upgrade this historic part of Whistler by replacing the water piping two years ago.

This letter is to express our support for the project to take White Gold utilities underground.

We see taking the utilities of White Gold underground as a natural extension of the water pipe project and do not understand why the democratic process that was followed is questioned. Anybody that claims that they were not informed or did not know what the process involved were not around the last 18 months or does not care enough for the neighborhood. There was more than enough time and opportunity to raise concerns or mobilize against the project: open house discussions, meetings organized by community members, repeated documentation via e-mail, and normal mail from the project team at RMOW . Still, the majority decided in favor of the project. We also believe the RMOW project team answered all relevant questions and concerns raised during the process adequately. Although we did not have the need to contact RMOW ourselves we know that the team was open should we wanted to raise concerns. The process was certainly what we would describe as an "open and fair " process and any further delay or opposition would be "Trumpian" - a new verb to describe somebody not accepting the will of the majority. We can do better than that.

We, therefore, would urge the council strongly to accept the will of the majority and not to allow a minority to delay this process any further. We believe the first decision of the council should stand and the approval of the project should be re-affirmed a.s.a.p.

Regards

Hugh and Antoinette Oosthuizen
7305 Toni Sailer lane
[REDACTED]

Lucy Wyn-Griffiths

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, November 29, 2020 12:51 PM
To: Council; corporate
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: White Gold Hydro underground project

Categories: Green Category

To whom it may concern,

We are homeowners in the White Gold neighborhood.

We spend every weekend year-round at our home in White Gold as well as a portion of the summer.

We voted in support of the project and were pleased to hear that council agreed to move ahead with burying the Hydro lines based on the requisite 50% approval from homeowners. We felt that the information we received was well-presented, and we understand all of the costs involved.

We understand that Council may review its decision to proceed. We write to affirm our support for the project.

Thanks,
Marc Kazimirski & Michelle Ostrow
7434 Ambassador Crescent

Lucy Wyn-Griffiths

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, November 29, 2020 6:00 PM
To: corporate; Council
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: White Gold Undergrounding Project - Letter of Support

To Mayor and Council

My wife and I own 7326 Toni Sailer Lane which we bought around Easter 2019 and have since renovated. We currently live overseas, but have spent (and plan to spend – once the COVID pandemic is behind us) plenty of time in Whistler with our young family.

We wanted to reaffirm our support for the White Gold utilities undergrounding project that the Mayor and Council decided to support on 3 November (and which we previously voted in support of). The White Gold neighbourhood has combined to propose this project, and there have been extensive discussions and communications on it over the last 18 months or so – including comprehensive documentation from the RMOW project team. The project will be a significant enhancement to the neighbourhood for the benefit of the entire community and should help keep people safe, minimize utility disruptions through storm and changing weather patterns, and reduce wildfire risks from downed power lines.

Given the democratic process that has been undertaken under the Community Charter to formalise the project, we were surprised to hear that there would be a review on 1 December of the original decision to support the project. We understand that this review arises from a small number of homeowners who do not support the initiative and whose objections are largely around the initial private connection cost (which is a cost that was clearly highlighted during the consultation). The scope of the project is clearly confined to moving existing overhead utilities underground on public lands (and does not include any service upgrades, such as street lighting or gutters), and it is also clear on the RMOW website that work on private property remains the responsibility of the homeowner (and anticipated costings were provided).

We appreciate that these are challenging times, but with the private work not needing completion until 2022 or 2023, and the first local area service charge on property taxes in 2024, this should provide plenty of time for all owners to prepare accordingly. In addition, one of our White Gold neighbours [REDACTED], has kindly offered to lead a group with the aim of simplifying the installation of utility connections on private property, through a not-for-profit initiative of reducing cost through leveraging our bulk purchasing power, consolidating project management and consulting work. A website has been established already to start collecting information from owners and engaging with relevant trades. We would hope that this will help alleviate some of the concerns of the objecting homeowners.

We do hope that the Mayor and Council will respect the process that has been implemented, and continue to support this project in line with the majority support within the White Gold neighbourhood.

Kind regards

Simon Weller / Amy Beckingham
Owners of 7326 Toni Sailer Lane, White Gold, Whistler BC

B9, Burnside Villa, 9 South Bay Road, Repulse Bay, Hong Kong
[REDACTED]

Elisabeth Littomericzky
agent for G. Sakota
P. Sakota
7305 Fitzsimmons Rd S
VON 137

YOUR NAME

Your Address, White Gold, Whistler B.C.

Chief Administrative Officer and Mayor and Council
Resort Municipality of Whistler
4325 Blackcomb Way
Whistler, BC V8E 0X5
Email emariner@whistler.ca
Email corporate@whistler.ca

Date

RE: White Gold Undergrounding

Ms. Cullen and Honourable Mayor and Council,

I implore you to not proceed with undergrounding of utilities in White Gold.

There has been no transparency in the voting process or in a final cost to residents. Why was the vote extended 15 days to get "yes" votes but only 4 days given for people to rescind?

Residents were not properly informed of landowner expenses.

There was no community engagement where people could understand the impact on other members of our community e.g. "old-timers" on a fixed income, and older family cabins that are meant to be handed down through generations.

The option of "you could sell" is not an option – it feels like bullying and gentrification of the neighbourhood.

This is not the time to proceed with a project for "beautification" when people have lost their income (rental and/or employment) due to COVID and our tax money could be better spent supporting small business and community services.

The undergrounding will cause a significant disruption to our lives for an undefined number of years. The one-year noise and dust during the upgrading of the waterlines was unbearable for those of us living full-time in the community. Another estimated three to five years is not acceptable.

Regards,

Your name

Elisabeth Littomericzky

Elisabeth Littomericzky
agent for Sakota
7305 Fitzsimmons S
VON1B7

YOUR NAME

Your Address, White Gold, Whistler B.C.
PHONE (xxx) xxx-xxxx • E-MAIL: xx@xx.xx

Considerations:

We would like you to know there is a growing group of White Gold residents concerned about the undergrounding project.

This is mainly due to the unbounded costs to the property owner that were not explained in the initial "pitch", which will put many of our community into financial stress, and likely require them to sell a family or retirement home. People feel the process was flawed.

Here are the key points cited by 16 residents in letters to the Mayor and council, requesting the project not go forward:

- 1) Residents were not properly informed of landowner expenses
- 2) There was no community engagement where people could understand the impact on other members of our community e.g. "old-timers" on a fixed income, and older family cabins that are meant to be handed down through generations.
- 3) The process was not transparent – why the vote was extended, and how non-voters and changes in vote were considered.
- 4) The option of "you could sell" is not an option – it feels like bullying and gentrification of the neighbourhood.

Here is the link to the council meeting where they acknowledged but did not support the request.
<https://pub-rmow.escribemeetings.com/Players/ISIStandAlonePlayer.aspx?Id=495f73a5-b872-4028-988d-e065bd02f45a> scroll forward to 2:02:18.

Many people have rescinded their "yes". This project is creating deep fear and anxiety in our community. If any of this causes you to reconsider your "yes", it would help immensely if you wrote a letter (template on the other side) right away. The website for letter submission is:

- 1) For Mayor and Council: <https://www.whistler.ca/municipal-gov/council/writing-council> ; Email corporate@whistler.ca
- 2) For Chief Administrative Officer <https://www.whistler.ca/municipal-gov/departments/administration> ; Email emariner@whistler.ca

Lucy Wyn-Griffiths

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, November 30, 2020 2:09 PM
To: corporate
Subject: Undergrounding of overhead wires in White gold

To Mayor and Council,

At this time I would like to rescind my vote to the proposed burial of overhead wires in White Gold. I did not receive an email after the last deadline vote with the option to rescind. I would like to exercise that right now.

Thank you,

Lindsay Myers

Address: 7218 Fitzsimmons Rd N

Whistler, BC

V8E 0E3

cell#:

[REDACTED]

Lucy Wyn-Griffiths

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, November 30, 2020 10:18 AM
To: Council; corporate
Subject: Letter in Support of White Gold Underground Utilities Project

Dear Mayor and Council,

I am writing to you as a supporter of the White Gold Underground utilities project and asking you to let the November 3, 2020 decision stand and to allow the project to move forward.

I was very pleased the project received the Mayor and Council's support.

Congratulations to all involved in the hard work and effort needed as well as the foresight involved by the Mayor and Council to support this project. *Moving utility lines underground is an amazing step towards enhancing the natural beauty of our community as well as providing safe and reliable services for the future.*

I was initially not in support of moving my lines underground due to the initial, large up-front cost. However, when I saw the RMOW and BC Hydro step in to provide support for the project and the way it would be structured over time with annual payments as well as a beautification grant, I quickly changed my mind and supported the process.

I would like to say I am very surprised the Council is re-considering this project. The neighbours leading the project have been very clear all along about costs and the process and working hard to provide alternatives and methods for streamlining the amount of effort required of an individual household to participate both organizationally and financially.

The RMOW project team documentation was thorough and detailed, and all information on the website includes questions raised by our neighbours and answers provided for all to see very transparently.

I am a single mother of three. My White Gold home is my happy place. I love my neighborhood. I live in a small, original home that I purchased in 2009. The cost of this project will be a significant expense for me. However, I know that it will make a HUGE improvement in the neighborhood and, I have enough time to save and prepare for the expense.

I am grateful that a White Gold neighbour, [REDACTED], has kindly offered to lead a group with a mission to simplify the installation of utility connections on private property utilizing our bulk purchasing power, consolidating project management and consulting work. If this project does not go forward with all the supports in place, I will never be able to afford burying my lines on my own – not just the money but the time involved to manage such an effort.

The RMOW project team documentation was thorough and detailed, and all information on the website includes questions raised by our neighbours and answers provided for all to see very transparently. The passing of the motion followed the democratic process. It would be tragic for to see this overturned.

Thank you for your consideration.

Regards,

Stephanie Petersen, 7350 Toni Sailer Lane, Whistler BC



Claire Thornthwaite and Tom Prochazka
7470 Ambassador Crescent, Whistler, B.C. V8E 0E4

Nov 28, 2020

To Mayor and Council
Resort Municipality of Whistler

Dear Mayor and Council,

We wish to express gratitude to you for taking a “second-look” at the prior approval of the Whitegold “Beautification” Undergrounding Project. We DO NOT support this project for the following reasons:

1. **Cost of public portion:** Besides the absolute fact that the current projected cost will cause substantial financial hardship to many Whitegold residents, it is the uncertainty of cost overruns, for which homeowners will be responsible, that could prove to be disastrous. During a consultation with the owner of an established local excavation company (35 years of experience working with private, commercial, and municipal infrastructure projects) we were told that endeavors such as these almost certainly run into unexpected costs, largely due to the unknown nature of what lies below. Digging up ground in an older subdivision is not as simple as burying utilities in a new one.
2. **Cost of private portion:** This is yet another huge unknown. Our property appears fairly simple. However, the ballpark figure given to us was upwards of \$10,000 just for excavation. This does not include the added costs for the hookup of electricity or telephone/cable lines. For some homeowners, these costs are a drop in the bucket. For many others, they are out of reach and could force some to give up their homes. There still exist many older/original houses in Whitegold (for now). That adds to its charm. However, when choosing between putting a new roof on your house or burying a utility line for simple aesthetics, the roof would (and should) take precedence.
3. **Process:** Though council previously gave this project the go-ahead based on “following proper procedure”, we are concerned about flaws in the process. Firstly, there was a lack of community engagement surrounding the petition process. Though “yes” voters were allowed their say via the petition, “No” voters were only allowed silence. Out of country homeowners were granted a two-week mail extension to have their say, yet voters were only given 4 days via email (2 of which were on a weekend) to rescind their vote. It appears that the majority of full-time residents are now supporting the “No” side.

We believe many of the “yes” decisions were initially made in good faith without full consideration of how their decision will affect others in the community. Due to recent face to

face engagement, and upon learning of the challenges facing their neighbors, numerous homeowners have now changed their “yes” to “no”.

4. **Property Value:** From a real estate perspective, Whitegold is one Whistler’s most popular neighborhoods. We have lived here since 1991 and over the years have watched our own property value increase tenfold. At the same time small cabins have made way for large contemporary homes. The undisputable desirability of this subdivision is based on its location and natural beauty. The visibility of overhead lines so far has not deterred any of the buyers who have bought and/or built here, nor will burying the lines make it any more valuable or safe. Regardless, increased property values are only of value if you are planning to sell. Gentrification and unaffordability are already genuine concerns in our town.
5. **Community:** Whitegold is a subdivision with varying demographics. Long time locals, fortunate to have purchased cabins when Whistler was affordable, coexist alongside new locals, seasonal renters, weekenders, and absentee owners. We all love this imperfect yet charming subdivision that does not require “beautification”. We are a mountain community – not a city suburb - and have survived happily for years without sidewalks and streetlights. We are proud to call this amazing neighborhood home and hope our children will be able to enjoy it with their kids in years to come.

In closing, we recognize and applaud the vast work that has gone into the planning of this project thus far, and completely understand that some homeowners are strong proponents. If there was a firm risk-free budget, and it was affordable for **all homeowners** (not just 50%), we may too be proponents. However, given the high level of budget uncertainty, and the fact that it is a huge financial burden for no community benefit we stand in strong opposition.

Sincerely,

Claire Thornthwaite & Tom Prochazka

Lucy Wyn-Griffiths

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, December 1, 2020 1:25 PM
To: corporate
Cc: Arthur De Jong; Cathy Jewett; Duane Jackson; Jen Ford; John Grills; Ralph Forsyth
Subject: RE: White Gold Underground Hydro Project - abandon proposal

Karen Ford
7486 Ambassador Crescent, White Gold, Whistler, B.C.
[REDACTED]

Mayor and Council
Resort Municipality of Whistler
4325 Blackcomb Way
Whistler, B.C. V8E 0X5

December 1, 2020

[RE: White Gold Underground Hydro Project](#)

Dear Mayor and Council,

I am writing again to ask that you to vote down this project.

I recently met with some White Gold (WG) neighbours and learned that many of us will be negatively impacted if this project were to go through.

The economic uncertainty that has been caused by the COVID-19 pandemic is creating so much anxiety that is being further intensified by the unconfirmed additional costs that will be demanded from this project.

This project is unnecessary, burdensome and unfair.

Please, to those of you who voted yes, reconsider - do not let this project pass!

Thank you,
Karen Ford