

Mayor & Council

Resort Municipality of Whistler
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Dear Mayor & Council,

**Re: UNDERGROUNDING OF OVERHEAD UTILITY SERVICES IN ALTA VISTA
- Cancelling Neighbourhood Petition**

It is with significant disappointment that we, the organizers of the Alta Vista Undergrounding, request Council and Staff to terminate the current neighbourhood- wide petition process and consultation.

Our conclusion to end the current campaign is based on a number of adverse conditions:

- BC Hydro's (BCH) lack of support for full neighbourhood undergrounding projects; They have declined our grant application two years in a row and now indicate that smaller/ individual street projects are more in-line with their grant criteria;
- Absence of BCH design documents to accurately develop a Class C petition budget, which also results in the need for a larger contingency in the budget;
- Significant increase in schematic cost estimates due to recent supply chain issues and increased energy costs; and
- Uncertainty in achieving a substantial neighbourhood wide majority.

We wish to thank Council, Staff and the Consulting team, lead by Christine Boehringer, who have worked collaboratively with us through this exploration. Everyone has been very supportive and professional.

We understand that some individual streets, or portions thereof, where significant support exists, may wish to pursue a petition process for a smaller scale project.

Regards,

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