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To Whistler mayor and council,

Below is the letter I previously sent regarding power line burial in White Gold. We have now seen the design plans for our street. It appears that a transformer box is planned for the land between the drainage ditch and our house. The location of this, which presumably requires new culvert construction as well, is in the exact location where we have witnessed water egress from our property into the drainage ditch. This construction, if it goes ahead, will no doubt put us at greater risk for basement flooding in future.

All of this will also come at a great financial cost to us. We will not be paying the upfront cost as a lump sum since we are both retired. With interest rates rising, the prospect of increasing unknown costs in the future makes us uneasy. We really do not think that this financial burden should be imposed on any White Gold residents who are not in favour.

At this point, if the project is approved, we request design changes that will not put our property at risk for flooding. I would greatly appreciate a formal response regarding this aspect of our concerns.

Thanks very much,
Kathryn Stokvis

Previous correspondence:

I am writing to express our displeasure with the planned power line undergrounding in White Gold. There is a large drainage ditch on our side of the road and we also happen to have the overhead power lines on our side. According to the diagram in the plans sent to us, the excavation will essentially take place in the middle of our driveway, between the ditch and our house.

Although we can understand why some people don't want to look at power poles and lines, we strongly oppose this project mainly because of the disruption it will cause, for no benefit to us. The cost is certainly not justified and should not be imposed on White Gold residents who are not in favour. I really think that any argument that there are major benefits to homeowners other than aesthetics is disingenuous. Moreover the inconvenience of the project, that is the noise and the mess (which has been explained to us as projected to be much worse than the water main replacement) will not be shared equally. I am sensing that a good number of people who returned their petitions in favour are not full time residents but people who use their house part time as a recreational property. But I am sure you have heard all of these arguments before.

White Gold has a history of flooding. We have seen the underground streams at a construction project on our side of the street. We are concerned that the drainage systems in place between our house and the ditch will be disturbed and that there could be increased risk of flooding in our crawl space either during or following the construction. We are asking that, if the municipality cannot guarantee unequivocally that this will not happen, that

arrangements be made for the excavation for the main power lines to take place under the road or on the opposite side of the street (or better yet, that the project be reconsidered entirely on the basis of this and other issues brought forward).

Thanks for listening. We look forward to your response to this last issue.

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