

## Kim Parsons

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**From:** Sarah Frood [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Monday, April 25, 2022 9:13 PM  
**To:** corporate; emariner@whistler.ca  
**Cc:** andre.charland  
**Subject:** Re: White Gold Undergrounding - request to switch our vote to 'No'

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Ms. Cullen and Honourable Mayor and Council,

I understand there is an upcoming council meeting and the White Gold Underground project will be discussed. I just wanted to reiterate that my husband and I do not support this project and would like our vote counted as no. We are very concerned by how close the vote was and the costs that will be incurred by residents who did not agree to this. We are also very concerned by the budget and the rising costs of this project. The current cost estimates are significantly different from what was presented to us during the voting process.

Affordable housing is a major issue in our town and this will force locals out of our neighborhood. We are local business owners and have struggled to keep staff due to the housing challenges. Whistler is an amazing community and we would love to see initiatives that make housing more accessible to the community.

My original letter is below.

Thank you very much for taking the time to reconsider this important matter.

Sarah Frood and Andre Charland  
7478 Ambassador Crescent, Whistler  
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On Tue, Nov 24, 2020 at 1:45 PM Sarah Frood [REDACTED] wrote:  
Ms. Cullen and Honourable Mayor and Council,

We are full time residents in White Gold (7478 Ambassador Crescent) and would like to rescind our vote for the White Gold undergrounding project. We originally voted yes for this project but would like to vote 'No' now as we were not fully aware of the costs or the unintended consequences this could have for the neighborhood.

Most importantly, we are deeply concerned that this will force some of our neighbours to leave White Gold (and maybe Whistler) who cannot afford the additional expenses this would incur. We live in Whistler full time with our young children and there are very few full time residents around us. We truly value having long time locals around and feel they are an incredibly important part of the Whistler community. It seems unethical to force these significant expenses on families who do not consent to it.

We also agree with the following points brought to our attention by members of our neighbourhood:

- 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.

Thank you very much for reconsidering this project.

Regards,

Sarah Froid and Andre Charland  
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