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PS

We have already configured our house so as the electricity supply will be fed from underground. At considerable expense. Who is going to pay for that ?

David

On 6 Jul 2022, at 09:11, David Leahy [REDACTED] wrote:

To whom it may concern

I am a homeowner on Fitzsimmons Road South.

I just wanted to register my absolute disappointment at the abrupt cancellation of the White Gold undergrounding project without any advance notice or discussion or consideration of either the majority support in favour of the project or the implications of cancellation.

There minority pushing against the project and they are being heard over the views of others. Those in support of the project had simply been waiting for a further update on the project and likely costs, but there was no prior indication that cancellation was being seriously considered (and particularly that this would happen without consulting the community).

Given the project cost overrun (which is partly driven by short term supply chain / labour issues), wouldn't it make sense to suspend the project and revisit it in 2 years when those issues will have hopefully subsided? Suspension would allow the project to be revisited and the large amount of existing work that has been undertaken to not go to waste. The BC Hydro grant could then be asked to be extended - that would hopefully keep that in place for when the project is revisited. The road repaving should also be suspended in line with the proposed suspension of the undergrounding. Further, note that inflation is running at nearly 8%. A 5% hurdle for overspending means you are actually saving money !!

We need to evolve as a neighbourhood and we are missing an opportunity to modernise and make the streets safer.

I do hope that you can revisit the cancellation and consider a suspension as outlined above. You do indeed have long term residents in the street, but everyone gets one vote and they all carry an equal weighting. At least give those who voted in against the option to underground in front of their own properties.

Kind regards, David Leahy

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