

Mayor and Council
Resort Municipality of Whistler
4325 Blackcomb Way
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27 October 2020

RE: White Gold Utilities Undergrounding

Honourable Mayor and Council

I am writing to request a reconsideration of the decision to proceed with undergrounding of utilities in White Gold. There has been no transparency in the voting process or in a final cost to residents. Are the votes tallied by an independent person (not affected by the outcome)? How do we know which votes are included and not? What was the vote count at the petition deadline before the voting date was extended for international owners (as I was told by the project manager)? We don't want or need this "beautification" of White Gold. 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 five years is not acceptable. The unbounded extra costs to property owners are going to be prohibitive. The project manager has confirmed costs will minimally include: 1) All work on private land such as connecting residences to the new underground system, trenching, running electric and communication lines from the main line to the dwelling, work on the meter, landscaping or added civil work. 2) Hiring of an electrician to define the work required on each property which will be submitted to BC Hydro and will result in a design and reconnection charge from BC Hydro to the landowner 3) For older cabins (as those of the "old-timers"), an upgrade of electricals which will again require the hiring of an electrician and unknown costs. 4) Reinstatement of internet and telecommunication services at an unknown cost 5) Amortization of the loan in taxes to be paid over a 30-year period, the interest rate of which is fixed only for the first 10 years; 20 years of interest is unbounded. The solution offered by the project manager is to sell my home which "may have increased in value". This is not a solution for people like me who planned to spend their remaining years in this community. Beyond the financial hardship this will impose, there is an environmental impact. The noise and air pollution unfairly impact residents.

This proposed project is not affordable for me, is not required, and a complete waste of money and resources.

Sincerely,

[Redacted Signature]

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