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**From:** Tom Thomson [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 28, 2020 11:25 AM  
**To:** corporate  
**Cc:** Clare Ogilvie  
**Subject:** White Gold Underground Utilities

Dear Mayor and Council

Gentrification is the process of changing the character of the neighbourhood through the influx of more affluent residents, spilling over from neighbouring cities, towns or neighbourhoods.

Whistler has been a strong advocate through MAC of ageing in place. See *The Pique* Newsmagazine - Ageing in Place June 13, 2012 by Stephen Smysnuck.

Having spent almost 50 years as a resident homeowner in White Gold I find the present attempt to gentrify the neighbourhood by relocating the present BC Hydro lines underground repugnant.

Why?

The costs of supplying underground electricity is approximately three times that of overhead power lines. Both of which are subject to their own frailties.

The inequality of supplying underground electricity to an old established neighbourhood can be disproportionate. Older homes are already connected to the grid. Major prohibitive costs can be incurred to bring the already existing transmission of electricity underground from the street to the house.

Over the years of my residing in White Gold many of our power outages originated upstream of our subdivision. Underground or not, the same failures would occur.

My suggestion

- 1) Repave the road if it "really" is necessary to do so.
- 2) Keep the poles in place and save millions of taxpayer dollars.
- 3) In case of power failure as we have done over the years, " Call BC Hydro. "

The under-grounding of the transmission of power in White Gold bares to high a price for the proposed cosmetic upgrade.

Sincerely

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