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To: Mayor and Council  
Resort Municipality of Whistler

Re: Whitegold Undergrounding of Overhead Utilities

This letter is to express our concerns over the expenses regarding the undergrounding of overhead utilities in our subdivision.

We have owned and resided in Whitegold since 1991 and have never had an issue with the overhead lines. We believe the undergrounding of the utilities for essentially an aesthetic reason is unnecessary and imposes extremely substantial financial cost for very little gain.

The actual long-term construction and financing costs of this project are largely unknown especially when considering the uncertainty of the current economic climate. We are self employed "seniors", nearing retirement, and are working towards reducing our long-term debt rather than adding to it. Possible substantial cost overruns could be devastating. There is a huge likelihood that the financial positions of many residents have changed due to the pandemic and it is unclear if/when recovery will take place. This is a situation that has cropped up after the initial idea for the project was brought forth.

In conclusion, we believe that forcing the entire subdivision to take on an increased amount of debt against their will is unfair and has the potential to cause substantial hardship and anxiety for many homeowners.

Sincerely



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