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Subject: White Gold Utilities Project Support

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Dear Mayor and Council

I am writing you in support of the White Gold Underground utilities project.

We have owned our home here since 2017. Prior to that we owned a home in Bayshores. Since moving to Whistler permanently with our 3 young kids in 2019, we've come to know many of our neighbors throughout White Gold. We live close to Passive Haus, so have also noticed the volume of foot traffic past our home. Many on bikes heading to the Lost Lake trails, or families on foot heading into the Village. It's a fun and active street and we really love living in this part of Whistler.

When we first moved here, we were happy to hear that neighbors had started work and research looking at the possibility to "bury the wires" in our subdivision. We were thrilled at the idea. Having spent previous years in mountain communities in Alberta, I've always loved the feeling of living amongst the trees and mountains. For me, the idea of removing wires from the neighbourhood is an amazing opportunity.

As the project began to gain traction via the hard work of community members- it was exciting to think it could happen, not only for our neighbourhood and the people who live here, but for the many residents and visitors who use our street to access other areas of Whistler. The idea of clearing overhead wires from the views of this well used area would be remarkable.

The process has been diligent and collaborative. In fact, it's been great to get to know more people in our hood via this process. Some have had questions and concerns naturally, but the strong majority, as per the recent petition, have been in favour. I also understand we need to work together as a community to ensure the best pricing is achieved for any work required to connect homes to the new system. Those neighbors with concerns are needed and welcomed to ensure the best outcome and maintain the vibrant fabric of this community.

I'd like to thank you for taking the time to help move this project forward.

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