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To be discussed at December 1, 2020 council meeting

November, 22, 2020

Attention RMOW Mayor and Council -

We are property owners in White Gold at 7240 Fitzsimmons Road South and we are writing about council reconsidering on December 1st the White Gold Beautification project. We need this to be rescinded as we are totally dismayed at the proposed cost to us in the future. Never, ever did we think this would cost us up to a **\$45,000 INCREASE** to our existing property taxes. We fear the cost could be much more with likely municipal cost overruns and inflation on this project .

Additionally, it is not clear of the cost of bringing the utility lines to our house, we hear estimates between **\$4,500 and \$22,500**.

Finally, we are also told there is no absolute guarantee of the BC Hydro \$800,000 grant - *"as it is time bound and may not be available in future"* ** - so there is another factor that would drive it up much further, possibly **another \$8500** to each homeowner.

** This is stated in the RMOW [WHITE GOLD UTILITY UNDERGROUNDING PROJECT](#) at the bottom of Page 2

One last thing: I need to include [an article from the Nov 12, 2020 Pique Magazine:](#)

Perhaps worst of all, they're [RMOW council] not concerned they really have no firm budget for the project. They have what was termed a pre-conceptual budget. Some of them are concerned if that budget balloons—not like that ever happens in Tiny Town—they may have to re-petition the neighbourhood and run the risks of a vote to pull the plug. If that should happen, no one is sure but it's very likely the muni will eat approximately \$850,000 of costs for the first phase, the one during which they'll discover the real cost.

The financial risks and expense to us as a retired fixed income couple are simply too high so we need this rescinded.

Thank you for this consideration



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