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RE: White Gold Undergrounding

Ms. Cullen and Honourable Mayor and Council,

I am rescinding my vote and asking you to not proceed with undergrounding of utilities in White Gold.

There has been no transparency in the voting process or in a final cost to residents. Residents were not properly informed of landowner expenses.

This is not the time to be spending money. With Councils proposed increase in property tax, this will mean an increase of 15% to White Gold landowners.

This is not the time to proceed with a project for "beautification" when people have lost their income (rental and/or employment) due to COVID and our tax money could be better spent supporting small business and community services.

There was no community engagement where people could understand the impact on other members of our community; people on a fixed income and older family cabins that are meant to be handed down through generations.

The option of "you could sell" is not an option.

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 understandable, but another estimated three to five years is not acceptable.

Regards,

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