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From: Juliette Hudson [REDACTED]
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To: Council; corporate
Subject: White Gold Utilities Underground Project

Dear Mayor and Council

My name is Juliette Hudson and together with my family have lived full time in White Gold since 2013. We are very much a part of the local Whistler community.

Our home is [7269 Fitzsimmons road south](#). It's a family house full of chaos and activity and we use and we support all the local amenities and everything Whistler has to offer.

My kids have been at school here and I have helped out in every school whenever possible. We have made numerous donations throughout covid to the community - Whistler Health Care Foundation, Food Bank, the Pique, Nesters Market employees, WAG, and more always believing in community and helping to get people through the difficult times people are now facing.

We are a happy and connected neighbourhood which was very clear recently when so many came out to support the covid Halloween and put on a fun local effort to keep the kids 'in area' and do our part towards keeping Whistler safe. Even people without kids set up covid friendly trick or treat stations and helped to make the kids night special.

I am in favour of the Utilities going underground. I helped wander the streets and chat to people a year ago to see people's thoughts behind this. I did this again a couple of months ago to see if people's feelings had changed or if they were still keen for it to move forwards. All information gatherings were done respectfully and as an opportunity to educate so that people could make an informed decision. It was such a positive response made by mostly locals and mostly yesses. Even with the financial challenges covid has brought to many. Understanding how it will be spread out over many years was key to the move forwards for many. Even neighbours without utilities to their home who expressed worry over doing this now have a local from White Gold organizing how to do this to ensure costs are kept to a minimum. He has been clear in how he can help and this has given greater support from some who were initially concerned how to do that additional piece. Another sign of the connectedness of our neighbourhood.

Interestingly when the talk of this first started there were very few who were actively against it.

The majority of the neighbourhood sent paperwork to support the move forwards of the utilities going underground and we all were led to believe that the process that was gone through was clear, fair and that there was a strong majority in support.

White Gold is definitely going through some gentrification. This has its pros and it's cons and initially suggested more second home owners. This is no longer the case. New homes are being inhabited by full time residents and these people have come to Whistler and embraced our community and are actively supporting and engaged in our small town. Our neighbourhood is not them and us. It's a happy connected neighbourhood that supports each other and there was nothing to suggest angst over the decision that was fairly made.

I very much hope the decision to move forwards stays in place.

Should you require any additional information please do not hesitate to contact me.

I supported the project with my vote and continue to support it.
Thank you so much.

Kind regards
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