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Dear Council Members:

We are writing to express our full support for the White Gold utilities undergrounding project. As longtime residents of White Gold, we appreciate and support the November 3, 2020 decision by Council to move forward with the White Gold undergrounding project. Our family has owned a home at Whistler for 20 years. We have enjoyed the endless outdoor experiences that Whistler offers and plan to keep doing so for another 20 years. We have been involved in numerous clubs, donate to community organizations, and have been family season pass holders since the 90's.

So imagine our confusion and dismay upon reading an article in the Pique (November 20, 2020) which reported that the White Gold project is now being reconsidered by Council. Confusion, because the process and petition submission was supported by Council over a year ago, Council followed the process of the Community Charge, and approximately 60% of the neighbourhood residents voted in support of the project (even after residents who did not respond were counted as "no"). Dismayed, because despite the democratic process undertaken and overwhelming neighbourhood support, it now appears that Council is considering putting aside the wishes of the majority. Please explain how this is remotely fair or consistent with the intention of a democratic process.

Over the past 2 years, we received numerous emails outlining in detail the proposed White Gold utility undergrounding project. We also received detailed correspondence from RMOW

and neighbourhood representatives, as well as invitations to neighbourhood houses which provided an opportunity to gather additional information. Documentation we received was thorough and detailed; information included on the website is very clear, including questions raised by neighbours. In addition, one of the White Gold neighbours has kindly offered to lead a group with the mission to simplify the installation and utility connections on private property to reduce costs. The entire process has been thorough, transparent, and neighbourhood driven. Therefore, we are very surprised at claims that anyone did not receive complete information on the scope and associated project costs.

We believe the utility undergrounding project will be positive for the neighbourhood and Whistler community in the long term, for both beautification and safety. Removing the overhead utility lines will modernize the neighbourhood, eliminate a blemish on the natural beauty of the area, and bring White Gold up to the standard for all new Whistler neighbourhoods. More importantly, from a safety standpoint, undergrounding the lines will reduce utility disturbances and the very real risk of wildfire. These are tangible benefits for all White Gold residents and for the community.

We sincerely hope that, upon reconsideration, Council will once again elect to respect the democratic process followed to date and continue to support this project in line with the majority support in the neighbourhood.

Sincerely,

Angela Samuda and family

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