

November 24th 2020

Dear Mayor and Councilors

My name is Stan Sprenger and I live at 7169 Nancy Greene with my wife Dawn, who has owned the property for over 30 years, and we voted in favor of undergrounding the public utilities in White Gold.

After listening to the Nov 17th council meeting, I was disappointed and confused by council making a motion to review the decision of approving the White Gold neighborhood initiative of the undergrounding of White Gold utilities made on Nov 3rd.

If we go back to November of 2019, council voted unanimously to approve a petition to let the property owners decide to underground our public utilities with the understating that the petition regulations states, to approve a project requires a vote of over 50% of owners and property values.

Through the whistler.ca/WhiteGoldUtilities there is a wealth of information on the project and a well-publicized information session that was held on August 29. If anyone had any questions the answers were available through many channels.

As we all know the final vote counted was 58% of all owners of support to the undergrounding project. Please note that staff stated on the Nov 3 council meeting that as of September 15th more that 50% of all residents. So, I do not see any dispute that the majority of White Gold residents are clearly in favor of this initiative under the conditions presented.

The issue I am confused by is “How does 14 letters from property owners and non-property owners that represents less than 10% of the White Gold properties trigger an event to have council make a motion to review the decision?”

Private land installation

The other issue, there seems to be a lot of misinformation on reconnecting to the new underground service on private property. I personally have gotten involved and setup a website questionnaire to send out RFP to bid for White Gold owners for private connections - see WhiteGoldConnect.com – This not for profit initiative formed by the neighbors of White Gold is working together to simplify the installation process of utility reconnection from public land to our individual properties to all our homes by reducing the cost through bulk purchasing power, reducing the cost of mobilization for excavation, consolidating project management and consulting work.

From my research today I have found that it will not cost \$4500 to \$22,500 for reconnection services on private lands installation after speaking we contractors, the consensus was if we pool together our buying power and the cost will be considerably less. In most cases it will be less expensive to go below ground than above ground.

To conclude: I would like to thank the mayor and council for giving us, the residents of White Gold the unique opportunity to create a safer and better environment for White Gold today and for future generations to come.

Sincerely,

Stan Sprenger
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