

November 24, 2020
Mayor and Council
Resort Municipality of Whistler

Dear Mayor and Council,

My name is Lenka Prochazka and I am writing you to share my perspective on the White Gold undergrounding project.

I feel so fortunate to have been born and raised in Whistler and to have called White Gold home for almost 26 years. Over years, I've seen this town morph and change into what it is today. Many of these changes I have celebrated, and along the way I have learned to appreciate the benefits that growth and development can offer a small, resort town and community like mine.

However, I'm saddened when I overhear discussion of an upgrade like this when I know how financially detrimental it will be to many long time locals in this small corner of Whistler. Long time locals who have witnessed years of change in this town while remaining the backbone of this community and are the core reason why it boasts a world-class name.

It frustrates and frankly worries me, that this strictly cosmetic upgrade will likely set a precedent in local neighbourhoods where a portion of the residents (local or absent) can force others into financial distress or sadly, displacement.

Whistler needs to preserve the character of its original neighbourhoods so locals can afford to live and work in this unique community.

I hope my perspective is valuable.

Thank you,
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