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Dear Mayor and Council,

It is with reservation that I write this letter in support of the burying of the power lines as I have friends on both sides of this program. I thought the simple majority would be enough.

At least 9 years ago after seeing what was built when the new bridge (the freeway on-ramp) was built going into White Gold. (could not be uglier) I asked to have "neighbourhood planning" commence. (No luck) So I canvassed the neighbourhood to get enough names on a petition to have the 4 way stop installed as cars were hitting an easy 80 km or more an hour down Nancy Greene. I note it is still not properly signed as a 4 way stop.

I asked why we still had asbestos water pipes, could we get the neighbourhood together to plan a valley trail down Fitzsimmons so as not to invade the privacy of those on the creek. I contacted Duane (councillor) about putting the power underground at the same time as the water works. Could we have a bus shelter for the school kids and public. Should we have some down lights for night time walking. How about speed bumps/traffic calming or posting the speed limit or "no exit signs" coming into White Gold. All to no avail.

Still today I am confident that many whistler neighbourhoods would love to have a planning session to give input into their subdivision; maybe one day. I already see Alta Vista looking at burying their lines and hear of interest on the West side as well.

Two years ago four well intended locals and one long term part-timer took on burying the power lines in White Gold. Sorry we missed the window to have it done in harmony with the new water lines.

So today I write this letter to say to you these 4 or 5 well intended locals have done a spectacular job on bringing this forward with good governance, in a very detailed and community minded manner. This has not been orchestrated by some rich elite, though I am sure they are in favour after paying the home prices and taxes they are for the privilege of having their home in White Gold.

At \$1,300 dollars a year on my taxes which I already defer at less than 1% interest and then a up front cost of a few thousand dollars to put my power underground even someone as cheap as me sees the benefit. With [REDACTED] leading the home service piece I am thrilled.

To appease those that are concerned and or opposed to this I would like to request council take responsibility for oversight of this project and commit that it moves forward on time and on budget. That you make available the necessary resources and that you make a commitment to White Gold property owners to do so.

Please let's get this process moving forward. I gave up my walkman player long after the last subdivision had been built with power poles. This is a world class resort community lets get our services out of the past. Many of the people who envisioned and built the "Whistler Resort Municipality" have passed or moved on, but there are still some of us here who worked our whole career to move this town to where it is today. We need to keep moving forward enough with the past.

These citizens should be congratulated on their volunteering and initiative I know several people in other neighbourhoods are watching to see how this process works. Let's get moving.

Thank you,

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