

Mayor & Council
Resort Municipality of Whistler
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03 September 2021

Dear Mayor & Council,

**Re: UNDERGROUNDING OF OVERHEAD UTILITY SERVICES IN ALTA VISTA
- REAPPLICATION**

This represents a reapplication for the BC Hydro Grant, as our September 2020 application was not successful, due to demand on the program. This letter indicates significant neighbourhood support, from 2020 and ongoing for the application and cost analysis to bury overhead utility services, in concurrence with the RMOW water and sanitary services upgrade project. For detailed background information see our August 26, 2020 original application.

We are requesting the municipality provide relevant information for a formal petition process that the property owners may consider the total cost of this work, minus any available grants.

Abbreviated Background

Under Section 212 of the Community Charter property owners within a defined area may 'petition' the municipality for local area service, for which the cost may be recovered as an add-on to annual property taxes over a number of years. For a petition to succeed for the whole of that area the petition must be signed by owners of at least 50% of the number of property parcels in the area and those must represent at least 50% of the assessed value of the properties. Should the petition succeed, services will be performed for all properties in the defined area and total cost shared among all property owners.

Updated information

The 2020 BC Hydro application was not successful due to demand on the project. A BCH suggestion was proposed to reduce the project area. Alta Vista is a cohesive neighbourhood and unless the petition creates a clear geographic division in supporting undergrounding we wish retain our neighbourhood as a unit for the numerous safety and aesthetic benefits of this project.

Request

We, the undersigned property owner(s), respectfully request the Resort Municipality of Whistler to:

- Provide information as required under the Community Charter, including the total cost, and or annual cost and any other terms that may be applicable should the project proceed, such that the property owners may formally be petitioned to have these services undertaken.
- Submit an application to the BC Hydro Beautification Grant, which, if successful may provide up to one-third of the total cost of the hydro undergrounding. An initial application is due September 30, 2021 with specifics due by November 30, 2021.

Thank you in advance for your support in creating better and safer neighbourhoods.



Crosland Doak, AVUG organizer
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