



# Staff Report

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## Finance

**Report To:** COW\_Finance\_Admin\_Fire\_Community\_Services  
**Meeting Date:** March 18, 2024  
**Report Number:** FAF.24.021  
**Title:** 2024 Draft Budget – Public Comments  
**Prepared by:** Sam Dinsmore, Acting Director of Finance / Treasurer

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### A. Recommendations

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THAT Council receive Staff Report FAF.24.021, entitled “2024 Draft Budget – Public Comments” for information purposes.

### B. Overview

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This report outlines the comments from the Public Meeting for the 2024 Draft Budget, which was held on March 12<sup>th</sup>, 2024, at 9:30 a.m., as well as Staff’s response to these comments.

### C. Background

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The 2024 Draft Budget has been reviewed by Council and the Public over a series of meetings throughout 2024. On March 12<sup>th</sup>, 2024, the Town held a Public Meeting to provide the public with the opportunity to review and comment on the 2024 Draft Budget and 2024 Draft Water and Wastewater Budget.

The timeline, as presented to Council, is to bring forward a By-law to adopt the estimates of all sums required for 2024 on April 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2024, for Council’s consideration.

The Town received twelve written comments and four verbal comments up to 12:00pm March 8, 2024 in advance of the Public Meeting (Attachment 1), three after the deadline prior to the Public Meeting (Attachment 2) and four verbal comments at the Public Meeting. Below is a summary of the comments received from the public.

## **D. Analysis**

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The following written and verbal comments were received by the public prior to the 12:00pm March 8, 2024 deadline:

### Ron & Lynda Mikulik

Ron and Lynda Mikulik feel the tax increase is ridiculously high in these inflationary times. Mr. and Mrs. Mikulik have had their cottage in Thornbury for 40+ years and taxes and increases reasonable. They feel some of these capital expenditures could be delayed for the short term or until the economy gets better.

Staff Response - the Town started the 2024 budget process with a 9.58% tax rate increase, through Council deliberations over multiple days in early January 2024, the tax rate increase now sits at 2.77%.

### Denis Martinek, President of the Tyrolean Village Resorts 2021 Limited

Denis Martinek provided comments on the Tyrolean Lane Watermain Replacement and wastewater servicing project phase 2 and noted that this project is not included in the 2024 budget but should be and provided several points supporting their reasoning.

Mr. Martinek is requesting that Council include Phase 2 of this project in the Town's 2024 Budget and to immediately tender the project in order to secure a contract so that the project can be completed in 2024 at the best price available.

### Lynda Ivardi

Lynda Ivardi provided comments on her disappointment of the announcement made in early 2023 that the Tyrolean Watermain Replacement and Wastewater Servicing project has been postponed indefinitely which makes future planning of her property challenging if not impossible. It is requested that Council provide direction to staff to include Phase 2 of the Tyrolean Watermain Replacement and Wastewater Servicing Project in the Town's 2024 Budget and tender the project as soon as possible.

Staff Response – the previous two comments received are both around the Tyrolean Lane Watermain Replacement and Wastewater Extension therefore staff has included one staff response.

This capital project was delayed through the 2023 budget to allow for a prioritization of staffing and financial resources to higher priority projects. Tyrolean Lane has some development potential which would impact how the area is serviced and the final costs that would be billed back to the property owners. At this time there aren't any concrete planning applications for these properties and therefore staff don't feel that it is an appropriate time to move forward with this extension.

However, at the direction of Council staff can re-prioritize the 2024 capital plan and move Tyrolean Lane up the list while other project(s) are delayed.

John Leckie (comment provided verbally on Jan 8, 2024 at the Special Committee of the Whole Meeting)

The Town has seen significant growth since 2010 with a lot more on the way. The Town isn't collecting enough to keep on top of the required works and upgrades to handle this growth.

Staff Response – the Town continues to fully leverage all available funding sources such as grants from upper-tier governments, development charges, and long-term debt. Included in the 2024 budget is \$2.2M in transfers to the Town's asset management reserve funds which are used to fund capital replacements throughout the Town to keep the assets in working condition and offer the levels of service.

Jim Torrance (comment provided verbally on Jan 8, 2024 at the Special Committee of the Whole Meeting)

The Town needs to make the upfront investments and build the necessary efficiencies to support growth. Council needs to decide what are needs versus wants and prioritize these asks. Mr. Torrance would like to see the 2023 surplus used to offset tax increase for 2024.

Staff Response – staff are continually looking at ways to streamline efforts and maximize efficiencies, a good indicator of this is the annual investments made in IT hardware and software. Through the 2024 budget deliberations in early January 2024 Council did make the decision to apply \$1.3M of the 2023 surplus to the 2024 budget to help offset the required tax rate increase.

Terry Thompson (comment provided verbally on Jan 8, 2024 at the Special Committee of the Whole Meeting)

The Town needs to improve the communications with the public around the budget and the budget process. Mr. Thompson would like to have a better understanding of the impact of the organization structure review on the 2024 budget.

Terry Thompson (comment provided verbally on Jan 10, 2024 at the Special Committee of the Whole Meeting)

Mr. Thompson was happy to see the use of the 2023 surplus to offset 2024 tax rate increase.

Staff Response – Mr. Thompson made two comments during the multi-day budget meetings with Council in early January 2024, staff have compiled one response.

Staff continue to work on the budget book and process to help residents better understand the impact to them and their property. In working with associations such as the Blue Mountain Ratepayers Association staff are confident that future improvements can and will be made.

Staff included an addition to the budget for the organization structure review which has a 2024 impact of \$125,000 being added to the tax levy or 0.64%.

Lynda Ardiel

Lynda Ardiel provided comments on garbage pickup. For many years she had garbage pick-up every 2nd week. This worked well for her and would like to suggest that the Town could all go back to this schedule. It would cut costs and help to teach children and adults about less garbage – wherever possible - the old reduce, reuse, recycle.

Staff Response – the Town has recently awarded the solid waste collection contract which kept the level of service status quo. Staff have and will continue to work with the contractor to lower the cost of the service as well as increase the diversion of waste into recycling and organics streams and out of the Town's landfill.

Pamela Spence

Pamela Spence provided comments on the 2024 Budget. RE: Stormwater Natural Infrastructure Project – Page 53 and respectfully requests that Council approve the Stormwater Natural Infrastructure Project and direct Operations and Sustainability to modify the work plan in order to make the Craighleith area a priority and then monitor, study and create solutions to address any and all issues in Craighleith's watercourses with haste.

Re: Proposed 2024 Budget

Ms. Spence understands that Council is considering applying 2023 savings to offset tax increases in the 2024 budget. That is admirable but she along with others have highlighted issues, such as safety, housing and water quality, that "must" be made a priority.

Ms. Spence respectfully request that not ALL the 2023 savings be applied to offsetting residents' taxes and asks that some of the savings be applied to fund important projects that herself and others have highlighted. The community residents can and should accept a modest increase of 3.5-4.5%. A 4% tax increase is realistic and would align with real-world inflation and the impacts of increasing costs.

Staff Response – In initial budget deliberations in early January 2024, the Stormwater Natural Infrastructure project was removed from the 2024 Proposed Budget however at the January 29, 2024 Council meeting, Council did include the full study in the 2024 Draft Budget at a cost of \$500,000 with \$400,000 coming from a grant and the remaining \$100,000 from a Town reserve fund.

The use of a previous year surplus is at the full discretion of Council, if directed, a portion of the 2023 surplus could be reallocated towards issues as highlighted by the commentor.

Kathy Uram, Kim Harris, Su Penny, Ken Key, Raymond Frederick

Kathy Uram, Kim Harris, Su Penny, Ken Key, Raymond Frederick provided comments on the parking passes and are opposed to the new system.

Staff Response – there is currently a notice of motion in front of Council that looks to make potential changes to the parking pass system. At this time staff are waiting Council direction on how the Town will proceed with this program.

Stephen Granger and Jennifer Murdison – Craigleith Community Working Group (CCWG)

Written comments were submitted by both Stephen Granger and Jennifer Murdison on a number of key community needs and numerous 2024 budget requests and action priorities. The key community needs identified are Pedestrian Safety, Wayfinding Signage, Resident Parking, Trail Connectivity, Beach Improvements, Road Reconstruction, Sidewalk Snow Removal, Trail Protection, Increased Transit Hours and Craigleith Master Plan.

Staff Response – staff look forward to continuing the work with the CCWG and other stakeholders such as local developers within the Craigleith service area. Through continued collaboration, some of the items identified by the commentators (such as resident parking) can potentially be accomplished through the Town's 2024 operating budget.

Other items are longer term commitments with the Town and local developers. Examples of these include upgrading of Jozo Weirder Boulevard, working with the Town of Collingwood regarding indoor recreation facilities, and the Parks and Open Space Master Plan which is included in the 2025 budget.

**Verbal Comments – Received at the Public Meeting held on March 12, 2024**

Sarah Beveridge and Renee Desrochers, Chair and Co-Chair of Thornbury BIA

Sarah Beveridge and Renee Desrochers highlighted the BIA 2023 projects that were completed and accomplished including updated banners and rebranding in Thornbury, new website highlighting business ownership, and successful Canada Day and Olde Fashion Christmas events.

The BIA requested that Council provide direction to staff to work with the BIA to address their staffing concerns, as it is too much work for a volunteer board, the request would then be in line for the 2025 budget. In addition, the BIA also requested the continued support of the flower watering subsidy for \$20,000.

Staff Response – with Council direction staff can work with the BIA around staffing and bring any future requests they may have through the 2025 budget process. The Town has waived the \$20,000 annual flower watering costs since 2020 (due to the COVID-19 pandemic), the \$20,000 cost to the BIA is included in the 2024 Draft Budget, offsetting taxation, however this can be removed at the direction of Council.

Stephen Granger

Stephen Granger attended the meeting and reiterated his written comments as indicated above.

Staff Response – staff comments included above for this comment.

Jennifer Murdison

Jennifer Murdison attended the meeting and reiterated her written comments as indicated above.

Staff Response – staff comments included above for this comment.

Mark Maskens

Mark Maskens gave support to the Craighleith Community Working Group; however, does note that he does not want to see changes to the cottage feel of Price's Subdivision.

Staff Response – staff comments included above for this comment.

## **E. Strategic Priorities**

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### **1. Communication and Engagement**

We will enhance communications and engagement between Town Staff, Town residents and stakeholders.

### **2. Organizational Excellence**

We will continually seek out ways to improve the internal organization of Town Staff and the management of Town assets.

### **3. Community**

We will protect and enhance the community feel and the character of the Town, while ensuring the responsible use of resources and restoration of nature.

### **4. Quality of Life**

We will foster a high quality of life for full-time and part-time residents of all ages and stages, while welcoming visitors.

## **F. Environmental Impacts**

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N/A

## **G. Financial Impacts**

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The Town's 2024 Draft Budget has a tax rate increase of 2.77% over 2023 which equates to an additional \$60 annually for the average assessment house.

## **H. In Consultation With**

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N/A

## **I. Public Engagement**

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The topic of this Staff Report has been the subject of a Public Meeting which took place on March 12<sup>th</sup>, 2024. Those who provided comments at the Public Meeting, including anyone who has asked to receive notice regarding this matter, has been provided notice of this Staff Report.

Any comments regarding this report should be submitted to Sam Dinsmore, Acting Director of Finance / Treasurer [directorfit@thebluemountains.ca](mailto:directorfit@thebluemountains.ca).

## **J. Attached**

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1. Public Comments received prior to the 12:00pm March 8, 2024 deadline
2. Public Comments received after the deadline

Respectfully submitted,

Sam Dinsmore  
Acting Director of Finance / Treasurer

For more information, please contact:  
Sam Dinsmore, Acting Director of Finance / Treasurer  
[directorfit@thebluemountains.ca](mailto:directorfit@thebluemountains.ca)  
519-599-3131 extension 274

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This report and all of its attachments were approved and signed as outlined below:

**Sam Dinsmore - Mar 12, 2024 - 3:55 PM**

**Shawn Everitt - Mar 13, 2024 - 7:33 AM**



**Tracy Nowak**

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**From:** Web Committee  
**Sent:** Friday, December 29, 2023 11:33 AM  
**To:** The Blue Mountains Taxes; Tracy Nowak  
**Subject:** Webform submission from: General Inquiries - Finance Department & Property Taxes

Submitted on Fri, 12/29/2023 - 11:32

Submitted by: Anonymous

Submitted values are:

**Name:**  
Ron & Lynda Mikulik

**Email:**

[REDACTED]

**Phone:**

[REDACTED]

**How can we help you?**

We have read the proposed budget. We feel the tax increase is ridiculously high in these inflationary times. We have had our cottage in Thornbury for 40+ years & taxes & increases reasonable. We feel some of these capital expenditures could be delayed for the short term or until the economy gets better.

**I would like a copy of my submission sent to my email address.**

No

Any accompanying files are attached.

## Tyrolean Village Resorts 2021 Limited

January 2, 2023

By email to [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]

Mayor Matrosovs and Members of Council  
C/O Corrina Giles, Clerk  
Town of the Blue Mountains  
PO Box 310, 32 Mill St.  
Thornbury, Ont. N0H 2P0

### **RE: Draft 2024 Budget and Wastewater Servicing of Tyrolean Lane**

We have reviewed the Town's Draft 2024 Budget and are disappointed that the Tyrolean Lane Watermain Replacement and Wastewater Servicing Project Phase 2 is not included given that this Project:

1. Was originally approved in the 2020 Budget.
2. The engineering design has been completed and the Tender Documents are substantially completed.
3. Will replace aging infrastructure that has proven to be prone to failures/breaks and the related service disruptions.
4. Will provide much needed wastewater servicing to a number of chalets that are currently serviced by aging on-site sewage system systems.
5. Contract Administration will be completed by the Town's consultant and thus minimal Town staff involvement/capacity is required.
6. Funding is by benefiting land owners (wastewater servicing) and reserves and therefore no impact on the tax rate.
7. It will meet the Town's affordability criteria given the commitments from the owners of 136 Tyrolean Lane and 138 Kandahar Lane.
8. Phase 1 has been successfully completed.
9. It would immediately provide the opportunity to increase the number of staff housing beds available in the market. Currently the Tyrolean Village area is providing around 220-250 staff housing beds. The provision of wastewater servicing on Tyrolean Lane will provide opportunity for approximately 25 existing chalet units to switch back and forth from STA uses to Staff Housing uses based on demand from the Resort. The Town's servicing of Birch View Trail and Arlberg Cres. within the Tyrolean Area has led to the sustainable creation of almost 250 Staff Housing beds that are servicing the market today.

As Council is aware, early in 2023 the Town announced:

*With the passing of the 2023 Town Budget, construction of Phase 2 of the Tyrolean Village Watermain Replacement and Wastewater Servicing project has been postponed indefinitely. The Town will be completing the detailed engineering process for the area, but the project will not be tendered for construction until*

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[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

## Tyrolean Village Resorts 2021 Limited

*more details are known regarding the outstanding planning and development aspects of the project area.*

Since the time of the Town's announcement the owners of 136 Tyrolean Lane and 138 Kandahar Lane have provided commitments to the Town regarding the minimum number of units to be developed on their lands so that the Town's Affordability Criteria will be achieved for this Project. The Wastewater servicing costs will be recovered fully from the landowners in a similar way that they are being recovered on Birch View Trail and Arlberg Cres.

We therefore respectfully request that Council provide direction to Town staff to include Phase 2 of the Tyrolean Village Watermain Replacement and Wastewater Servicing Project in the Town's 2024 Budget and to immediately tender the project in order to secure a contract so that the Project can be completed in 2024 at the best price available.

Sincerely,



Denis Martinek  
President  
Tyrolean Village Resorts 2021 Limited



January 30, 2024

By email to [REDACTED]

Mayor Matrosovs and Members of Council  
C/O Corrina Giles, Clerk  
Town of the Blue Mountains  
PO Box 310, 32 Mill Street,  
Thornbury, Ontario, N0H 2P0

**RE: Wastewater Servicing of Tyrolean Lane**

I am the registered owner of [REDACTED] ([REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] The Blue Mountains) which consists of a lot measuring  
approximately 51.6M X 68.8M and including 50+ year old chalet. The  
property is currently being serviced with municipal water and the  
original septic system.

The announcement early in 2023 that the construction of Phase 2 of  
the Tyrolean Watermain Replacement and Wastewater Servicing  
project has been postponed indefinitely was disappointing and has  
made future planning for this property challenging if not impossible.  
The size of the property has the potential to be separated into 2 or 3  
parcels. Along with a small zoning change, the options for highest and  
best use are numerous depending on market demands. Currently,  
affordable housing for staff and short-term rentals is in extremely high  
demand and interest has been shown for this property in that regard.

While acknowledging the pressures put on municipal staff (or lack  
thereof), planning and resources because of the pandemic, record  
growth and other unknowns, we urgently ask that you re-prioritize this  
project. The advantages of doing so are numerous and would include;

1. Taking advantage of current costs and economic conditions
2. Addressing the need for affordable housing
3. The environmental benefits of replacing old, inefficient, and perhaps leaky septic systems
4. Saving the cost of servicing old, brittle watermains

It is our understanding that the owners of 136 Tyrolean Lane and 138 Kandahar Lane have provided commitments to the Town regarding the minimum number of units to be developed and as such, addresses the Affordability Criteria.

We request therefore, that Council provide direction to staff to include Phase 2 of the Tyrolean Watermain Replacement and Wastewater Servicing Project in the Town's 2024 Budget and tender the project as soon as possible.

Sincerely,

[Redacted Signature]

Lynda C. M. Ivardi

[Redacted Address Line]

The Blue Mountains, Ontario,

[Redacted Address Line]

CC:

[Redacted CC List]

**Tracy Nowak**

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**From:** Lynda Ardiel [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, February 2, 2024 11:12 AM  
**To:** Director FIT  
**Subject:** Garbage

Good morning Sam

For many years, we had garbage pickup every 2nd week. This worked well for us I would like to suggest that we could all go back to this schedule. It would cut costs and help to teach children (and adults) about less garbage -wherever possible - the old reduce, reuse,recycle Sincerely Lynda ARDIEL Sent from my iPhone

TO: Council, Town of the Blue Mountains  
Town Clerk, Town of the Blue Mountains

CC: S. Dinsmore, Acting Director of Finance, Town of the Blue Mountains

From: Pamela Spence, [REDACTED]

RE: Comments for 2024 Budget Public Meeting March 12, 2024

I will be out of the country on March 12, 2024. Since I can not attend, I provide these comments to be read at the Public Meeting on the draft 2024 Budget on March 12. Thank you

RE: Stormwater Natural Infrastructure Project – Page 53

In my previous deputation in November of 2023 and in other comments and correspondence to Council, I have identified serious runoff, erosion and potential contamination concerns within the watercourses in the Craigleith area that flow and drain into Nottawasaga Bay.

In other correspondence related to the East Side Water Storage EA, I have also identified that no part of Nottawasaga Bay is a Source Water Protection Zone and suggested this dirty runoff may be detrimental to the preferred water intake proposed in Craigleith.

Therefore, supported by these very important communications, I respectfully request that Council approve the Stormwater Natural Infrastructure Project listed on page 53 of the 2024 draft budget and direct Operations and Sustainability to modify the work plan in order to make the Craigleith area a priority and then monitor, study and create solutions to address any and all issues in Craigleith's watercourses with haste.

RE: Craigleith Community Working Group

As a member of the Craigleith Community Working Group (CCWG), at the end of Phase 1 the Working Group was preparing to propose some items that we felt needed immediate attention within Craigleith and should be budgeted for in the 2024 Budget. Most of the items that were of concern related to identified incomplete and dangerous pedestrian linkages within residential areas.

On the advice of the CAO, the CCWG was asked to wait and present these findings to Council at the March Public Meeting. Members of the CCWG will be at the Public Meeting to outline these concerns in detail. I hope it is not too late for Council to consider these and allocate what could be considered a relatively modest amount of financial resources to benefit the safety of local citizens.

So, I respectfully ask that Council open-mindedly listen to and adopt the expenses that will be proposed and requested by the CCWG to address safety concerns highlighted in the Craigleith area.

Re: Proposed 2024 Budget

I understand Council is considering applying 2023 savings to offset tax increases in the 2024 budget. That is admirable but I along with others have highlighted issues, such as safety, housing and water quality, that “must” be made a priority.

I respectfully request that not ALL the 2023 savings be applied to offsetting residents’ taxes. I ask that some of the savings be applied to fund these important projects that myself and others have highlighted. The community residents can and should accept a modest increase of 3.5-4.5%. A 4% tax increase is realistic and would align with real-world inflation and the impacts of increasing costs.

Please notify me of the decision on this matter and thank you for considering my requests.

Pamela Spence

March 5, 2024

CC: Craigleith Community Working Group

J. Fletcher, Acting Director, Operations and Sustainability, TBM



**From:** Kathy Uram (BMR) <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, January 25, 2024 1:28 PM  
**To:** Corrina Giles <[cgiles@thebluemountains.ca](mailto:cgiles@thebluemountains.ca)>  
**Subject:** Parking Pass

Mayor Matrosovs and Council

I am writing this letter in regards to the car registration for parking pass for residents in our Municipality and my dislike of this method.

My biggest issue is when family comes home to visit and I'm sure I am not the only one in our Community to have this concern. When my grandchildren come to visit I will need to move 2 or even 3 car seats from my daughters vehicle to mine, go to the park/beach for a time, come home and then move the car seats back to her vehicle. This may sound like a weak concern but those car seats are tethered to the back of the car and it is not a simple thing to move them from one vehicle to another. Being able to move the parking pass from car to car is important for a lot of residents as we have family come home to visit and quite often our own vehicles are not big enough for the family to ride in. In my case, I would move my window parking pass from my car to my daughters car and take the grandchildren to the beach, same amount of people in the car and same amount of cars (1).

I have heard part of the reason for making your decision is due to residents giving or even selling their passes to non residents. My thought to try and help control this would be for the TBM to levy a fine in the amount of \$500.00 Or \$1,000.00 If anyone is caught doing this. Perhaps our vehicles would still need to be registered in order to control the giving and selling of the passes however this is not an issue for me, I am not opposed to registering my vehicle as long as I am able to have a window parking pass.

I am asking Mayor Matrosovs and Council to please take the above into consideration as this will affect a large number of residents in our Community.

Thank you

Kathy Uram

Cc: Andrea Matrosovs <[andrea.matrosovs@gmail.com](mailto:andrea.matrosovs@gmail.com)>

Subject: new parking "passes"

Dear Ms Giles,

I would like to submit the letter below but am not sure to whom I should address it to, or if there is council meeting regarding this issue. Please would you mind advising me where to send my correspondence?

Thank you!

Sincerely,

Kim Harris

Dear Mayor Matrosovs, Council and Staff,

I will do my best to temper my displeasure at the new parking pass system and try to be rational.

Was the "hanger pass" system broken? Why did we need a new system?

It seems to me that changing the system will be more costly than keeping the status quo. Surely with a million plus visitors to the town, we can charge *them* for parking and leave the residents alone. I'm all for walking and using bikes but some families with small children need vehicles with car seats.

Facts: I live alone. As a tax payer, I am issued two hanger passes for the year. One is obviously for me. When my grandchildren come to visit I give them the second pass so we can use my kid's vehicle with the carseats in them to visit beaches or the pier. But I have two children. Why should I not be able to use a hanger pass for both kids who visit maybe once or twice in the summer season? It seems money grubbing and unfair that the town now demands that one of the children pay for parking. Also ageist. Seniors who tend not to be the most online-savvy have to do yet another online application or go into the town hall and submit their paperwork. Also, I drive an older vehicle. If I need a rental car while my car is being repaired why should I have to pay for parking?

It seems to me that the bugs in the new system were not thought through. If it ain't broken, don't fix it. Please keep it simple. Please retain the hanger pass system.

Sincerely,

Kim Harris

## Tracy Nowak

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**From:** Kyra Dunlop  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 27, 2024 2:24 PM  
**To:** Tracy Nowak  
**Cc:** Corrina Giles  
**Subject:** FW: Parking Passes

FYI, comments re parking passes regarding the budget.



**Kyra Dunlop**

Deputy Clerk, BA (Hons)

Town of The Blue Mountains, 32 Mill Street, P.O. Box 310, Thornbury, ON N0H 2P0

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**From:** info pricecheck.com [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Monday, February 12, 2024 9:02 AM  
**To:** Kyra Dunlop <[kdunlop@thebluemountains.ca](mailto:kdunlop@thebluemountains.ca)>  
**Subject:** Re: Parking Passes

Thank you for this Kyra.

I will plan to read this link below this week. As I was leaving the parking lot after our conversation, I met an oldest daughter of a mother sitting in her car while she went into your offices, who needed a new parking pass to be able to take her Mom for drives. She also expressed frustration with the new policy, that her siblings cannot take her Mom for drives to the park because they don't have an address in the area and their car isn't registered with a Blue Mountain address, so therefore, she is now burdened with either lending her car for them to take their Mom to the waterfront or doing it herself. The system was simple before as they could use the pass assigned to her Mom's home, similar to a Wheel Chair parking pass. I can relate to this as I took my Mom to the park frequently as well before she died using the passes.

I have a son whose legal address is our home but his license plate is a B.C. plate. With this new system, he won't be able to go to the parks either or have his "Mommy" drive him there or borrow my car. He is 27 year old adult man.

I have a dear friend who is born and raised in Ravenna and now when she comes, it is my car we have to use to go to the parks and transfer all of her stuff into my car.

I have an 82 year old friend with two old dogs who she brings with her for our visits and we have been simply going in her car to help all three of them feel comfortable. This is also now not possible with this new license plate assignment.

I have a friend with a truck that we can load our canoes into to go to the river. This is also now out.

I have a friend who came for dinner last night. Low income and rents in Thornbury. He has never seen the card and only pays rent so he isn't allowed either with this new system.

As I have expressed, I believe the two card per household worked with the exception of the few rogues that you said didn't have their tags present in their cars, so complained. It seems a shame that the entire system is being changed due to a few alleged cheaters.

I am extremely disappointed in this change to the system as it isn't The Blue Mountains mentality I grew up with and seems extremely mean to seniors, children of residents when they come home, guests who can't get out of their cars or have little dogs, renters living in The Blue Mountains, and people who simply want to entertain their guests when they come to visit.

Thank you again for this link below ++++ Kyra and I am especially interested to learn the reasoning and discussions for changing from a simple two passes in the tax envelope to having to come in and register and then be bound to one car with one license plate. I hope the reasons are sound and I am very curious of what could possibly have prompted this change of policy.

Sincerely,

By;

Su Penny

Town of Blue Mountains Resident

[REDACTED]

Linked In- Su Penny

**From:** Corrina Giles  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 27, 2024 1:55 PM  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Cc:** council; SMT; Debbie Young; Kyra Dunlop; Emily Beauchamp; Tracy Nowak  
**Subject:** FW: Webform submission from: Contact Council & Town Clerk

Good afternoon Mr. Key,

I acknowledge receipt of your email below and confirm I have forwarded the same to Council for information. By way of copy, I am also providing your email to By-law Enforcement so that they may provide you with details on how to register your vehicle for parking with situation you have identified below.

As your concern may have budget implications, we will reference your comments during the March 12 Public Meeting, and will include the same on the followup staff report, for Council consideration.

Kind regards,



**Corrina Giles, CMO**

Town Clerk

Town of The Blue Mountains, 32 Mill Street, P.O. Box 310, Thornbury, ON N0H 2P0

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Email: [cgiles@thebluemountains.ca](mailto:cgiles@thebluemountains.ca) | Website: [www.thebluemountains.ca](http://www.thebluemountains.ca)

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**From:** Web Committee <[webcommittee@thebluemountains.ca](mailto:webcommittee@thebluemountains.ca)>

**Sent:** Monday, February 26, 2024 1:43 PM

**To:** Corrina Giles <[cgiles@thebluemountains.ca](mailto:cgiles@thebluemountains.ca)>

**Subject:** Webform submission from: Contact Council & Town Clerk

Submitted on Mon, 02/26/2024 - 13:42

Submitted by: Anonymous

Submitted values are:

**Name:**

Ken Key

**Email:**

[REDACTED]

**Phone:**

[REDACTED]

**How can we help you?**

You should not have to provide ownerships for vehicle parking .

Some are leased some company owned.

Providing a paid tax bill and and utility bill should be sufficient. and a plate number.

If nothing else go back to old system of mailing out two passes with the tax bills.  
You are all being unfair especially to seniors ...just another frustration for them. Shame on you

**I would like a copy of my submission sent to my email address.**  
No

Any accompanying files are attached.



## Tracy Nowak

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**From:** Corrina Giles  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 6, 2024 5:06 PM  
**To:** Raymond Frederick  
**Cc:** Kyra Dunlop; Carrie Fairley; Tracy Nowak; council; SMT; Debbie Young  
**Subject:** RE: Resident parking pass change

**Follow Up Flag:** Follow up  
**Flag Status:** Flagged

Good afternoon Mr. Frederick,  
I acknowledge receipt of your comments in response to the [March 12 Notice of Public Meeting Re: 2024 Draft Budget and 2024 Draft Water & Wastewater Budget](#) and confirm I have forwarded the same to Council for their information and consideration. Your comments will be included in the record of the March 12 Public Meeting and will be attached to a followup staff report regarding this matter.

Kind regards,



**Corrina Giles, CMO**

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-----Original Message-----

**From:** Raymond Frederick <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 6, 2024 4:54 PM  
**To:** Town Clerk <[townclerk@thebluemountains.ca](mailto:townclerk@thebluemountains.ca)>  
**Subject:** Resident parking pass change

I believe the change from mirror hanger parking passes to digital is very flawed. My family has had a cottage at [REDACTED] since 1973. When my mother passed away the cottage was put in my brother's name. If the cottage was still in my mother's name, she didn't have a driver license or own any cars. Under the new system, the family cottage couldn't register for a parking pass. With the mirror hanger a family member could hang a pass in their car and have the privilege of parking in town. My brother and I have had a boat slip at the harbour, which we had to give up because of a year of health issues, now at our age we can't get a slip back, because out of tow nets have them all bought up. We use a season launch pass now, but it is a sticker for the trailer, not the car, so unless the trailer is attached to the car, we can't park my car. I cannot park my car at the river or harbour under the digital system, and I am down at the river or harbour very often from April to November, fishing or launching. My brother is not always up there, and under the new system, which will only allow him to register his and his wife's car for parking. And his wife's car never goes up there. I have osteoporosis arthritis, therefore I am unable to walk to the river/harbour, and my disabled parking pass will not help me at town parking spots by river/harbour or at the Indian brook, where I go often to fish. So, for my family cottage, this change from mirror hangers to digital is a devastating step backwards for my sister and myself. I hope that the situation can be rectified or I am going to have a life altering situation at the age of 75 because of a couple of mirror hanging parking passes that have gone to a flawed digital system. Raymond Frederick, [REDACTED]

To: Council, Town of Blue Mountains, Public Meeting Tuesday March 12, 2024

Clerk, Town of Blue Mountains

From: Stephen Granger, Craigleith Community Working Group

Re: Delegation presentation, Public Meeting: 2024 Draft Budget ,item B.1

**CCWG 2024 Public Meeting Draft Budget Requests for TBM Council Consideration:**

We stood before you in January to raise awareness of our Craigleith community priorities for Council consideration.

Our focus today, is to ask Council for budget support and some budget money that will enable the starting of our community's required next steps.

Today the CCWG will present current action priorities to address pedestrian safety amongst some others that we feel are important now in this 2024 budget year by Council.

Some may sound familiar, as they were shown during our recent Craigleith shuttle tour with Council members along with a delegation presented in 2023 to Council.

Jennifer Murdinson will outline in more detail these requests to Council soon afterwards.

It was highlighted in this year's staff update on the Official Plan Review, under "summary feedback" that,

"The development of Craigleith as a complete community is a priority, particularly with the projected growth over the next few years. Schools, offices, social services, etc. should follow". This feedback, combined with population forecasts reported in the recent Hemson Development Charges presentation, detail that the Craigleith area of TBM is rapidly transitioning .

We are no longer a rural needs community with our current and expected new development continuing to happen. Like any community soon approaching a secondary settlement in community size, our residents living here in Craigleith want what any other growing community desires in TBM, for equal services and infrastructure. Our CCWG budget requests will show today a financially sound path by which we all can collaboratively benefit to meet these same goals equally.

This is the impetus of why Council's support with some budget allocations is so important to our community well-being moving forward.



I'd like to highlight for Council's consideration an important slide that was presented in January by the CCWG. This slide reflects insight into the Craigleith community tax roll and new development revenue contributions along with other key growth demographics. In particular, our current yearly tax roll contribution to the TBM's total tax roll each year is growing and significant. It is evident from this slide that Craigleith is an important economic contributor to the overall TBM budget and its necessary allocations of resident tax moneys for Town-wide projects and services each year.

With significant money sources already coming from the residents of Craigleith, along with other new anticipated money sources for the TBM identified, the bottom-line is that a fair and equitable allocation process of budget moneys to meet our community needs is required. The CCWG appreciates Council's support and guidance in this regard and will endeavor to be part of the current and future budget considerations going forward. Starting today, we have prepared a focused presentation for Council's consideration that can help meet some of Craigleith's growth needs sooner rather than later.

Lastly, respecting Council's directive noted in January, the CCWG held back our formal budget presentation. We had difficulty in navigating exactly when was the best timing to do our formal request which is why we are before Council today at the tail-end of the 2024 budget process. Hopefully, given these reasons and that other community groups have been considered earlier in the 2024 draft budget process with their submissions, CCWG is requesting the same equal weighted consideration and merits as part of our 2024 budget allocations for consideration.

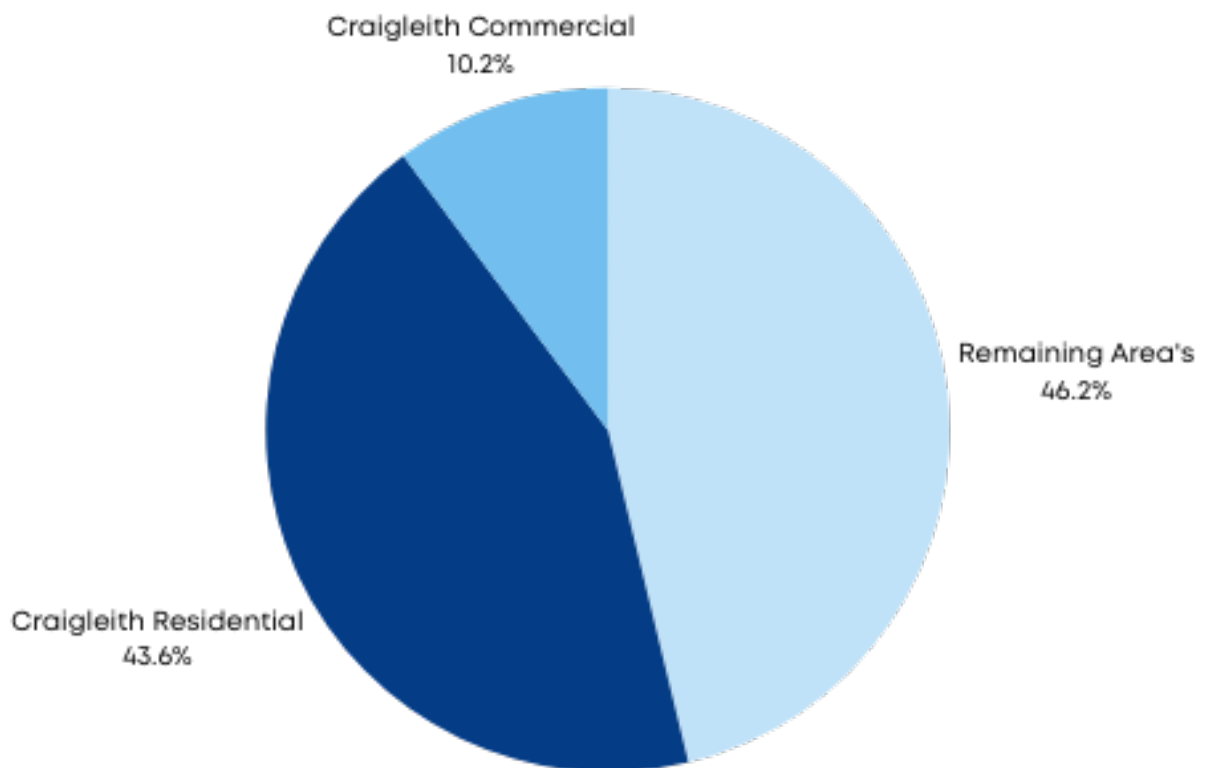
Stephen Granger

CC: Craigleith Community Working Group, March 8<sup>th</sup>, 2024

# <sup>T</sup> **CRAIGLEITH INSIGHTS 2024 Slide:** March 12<sup>th</sup>,2024

- Residential properties contribute an estimated 44% to the total tax roll currently.
- Commercial properties contribute an additional estimated extra 10% to the total tax roll.
- Total Tax Levy \$19,605,000 (TBM Approved Budget, 2023)
- Estimated Population: 7,827 ( See Hemson , 2024 DC background study forecasts Feb/2/2024)
- Estimated Residential Properties: 4,346 Units
- New Active Developments: 1,676 Units
- Proposed new Developments forecasted: Min. 1500 Units
- Growth Rate: Approx. 47% Min (See Hemson report Feb/2/2024,census population growth estimates are higher)
- Anticipated potential Development Charge Contribution estimate: \$104,512,008  
(Reference to Hemson, 2024 Development Charges Background Study, February 2, 2024).

## **Total Estimate of TBM Tax Roll Contribution**



## **CCWG 2024 Budget Requests for TBM Council Consideration:**

On behalf of the Craighleith Community Working Group (CCWG), I'd like to provide further detail on our 2024 budget requests and action priorities.

Our ongoing focus remains on improving pedestrian safety and addressing key community needs. These priorities are critical to aligning our community's development with the vision of a complete community, ensuring access to essential services and infrastructure for all residents.

To achieve these goals, we are requesting specific budget and time allocations from Council and staff. These funds will enable us to implement targeted initiatives that address pedestrian safety concerns and enhance community infrastructure.

With Council's support, we are confident that we can begin addressing these needs in a timely and effective manner.

### **1. Pedestrian Safety**

We are facing urgent safety concerns in our community due to the lack of adequate street lighting on Kandahar Lane and Jozo Weider Blvd., as well as the absence of safe shoulders and pedestrian crossings. These issues pose significant risks to both drivers and pedestrians, particularly during poor weather conditions and evening hours.

In light of these safety challenges, we request that Council direct staff to investigate and report on potential funding sources or means to address the following critical needs:

- Installation of street lighting on Kandahar Lane and Jozo Weider Blvd. to enhance visibility and safety for all road users.
- Installation of safe shoulders and a pedestrian crossing from the main walkways on Jozo Weider Blvd. to protect pedestrians and improve traffic flow.

CCWG estimates that funding would be approx. \$50,000 for the above projects.

### **2. Wayfinding Signage**

To enhance safety and improve trail connectivity in our community, we are seeking the installation of additional wayfinding signage. This signage is crucial for enhancing safety, guiding residents and visitors, and improving connectivity between trails and key locations in our community.

Therefore, we request that Council direct staff to work with CCWG to identify the deficiencies in signage and incorporate it into a suitable work plan.

Additionally, we seek Council's endorsement to utilize CCWG as an advisory body to the regional wayfinding strategy included in the town's current draft budget. The CCWG has a vested interest in ensuring that the wayfinding strategy meets the needs of our community and can provide valuable insights and recommendations to enhance its effectiveness.

CCWG estimates that funding would be approximately \$15,000 for the above project.

### **3. Resident Parking**

Permanent residents face unique challenges and requirements regarding parking in the area, and it is essential that the bylaw reflects these needs appropriately.

We request that Council direct staff to initiate the review process for the parking bylaw, with a focus on addressing the needs of permanent residents. This review will ensure that the bylaw is fair, effective, and reflective of the needs of all members of our community.

### **4. Trail Connectivity**

The completion of several unfinished trails in our community, many of which are part of development agreements, is crucial for achieving complete trail connectivity. These trails are essential for enhancing accessibility and promoting active transportation in our community.

To facilitate this, we request that Council direct staff to conduct a thorough review of incomplete trails. This review will involve ongoing interaction between staff and the Craigleith Community Working Group (CCWG) to identify priority connections and provide transparency regarding the timelines for completion.

### **5. Beach Improvements**

Enhancing Northwinds Beach to make it more attractive, safer, and useful for residents and visitors is a priority. This includes investigating new licensing strategies to assist in funding maintenance and addressing the need for safer, up-to-date playground equipment on the east side beach.

Therefore, we request that Council direct staff to explore new licensing strategies, review and update maintenance schedules, and assess the playground equipment on the east side beach.

### **6. Road Reconstruction**

The CCWG seeks Council's endorsement to serve as an advisory body for upcoming road reconstruction projects, focusing on Grey Rd. 19 and Hwy 26, which are vital arteries in our community.

Our involvement in road design, signal selection, pedestrian/cyclist access, and safety discussions is essential for ensuring these projects align with our community's needs. We can contribute valuable insights to research, ongoing discussions, and planning.

To demonstrate our commitment, we are organizing a shuttle tour with County and Town officials to discuss the projects and exchange ideas. This tour will ensure that resident input is considered in the planning process.

## **7. Sidewalk Snow Removal**

Residents in the Craighleith community are eagerly seeking transparency on the next steps of the sidewalk snow removal planning, particularly regarding budget planning and equipment purchases. Initial phases of the snow removal plan have already been announced, prompting interest in understanding the timeline and details of the upcoming phases.

To address this need, we request that Council direct staff to provide clear communication on the budget planning process, including any anticipated costs and funding sources.

## **8. Trail Protection**

Preserving and enhancing our trail network is crucial for maintaining connectivity and accommodating future utility needs. To achieve this, we propose mandating that any surplus land that includes or is near trails reserves at least a 3m corridor in the Town's name/title for trails, connectors, or utility connections.

To support this goal, we request that Council direct staff to:

- Investigate and recommend strategies for protecting and preserving these corridors, which may include developing a policy, implementing conservation easements, or other mechanisms.
- Ensure that any recommended strategies are incorporated into future surplus land disposal processes and agreements.

## **9. Increased Transit Hours**

Increasing service hours is vital to enhancing the quality of life for residents and supporting the local labor supply. A collaborative effort between the Town and its partners would aim to improve transit services, benefiting both residents and employers.

A pilot project would provide the necessary data to determine future funding needs and provide residents with greater access to essential services, employment opportunities, and recreational activities, ultimately improving their quality of life. Additionally, it will support local labor supply by providing more reliable and accessible transportation options for workers, leading to increased workforce participation and productivity, benefiting the local economy.

Therefore, we request that Council direct staff to work with existing transit partners to create a pilot project that aims to increase service hours and secure co-funding for the project.

## **10. Craigleith Master Plan**

A comprehensive plan is essential for ensuring that Craigleith has a clear identity and vision for the future. This plan should encompass all aspects of community life, including residential, commercial, recreational, and environmental considerations.

In addition to the Master Plan, we also request that Council and Town staff work on a Parks and Recreation Plan that includes an interregional facility with Collingwood, the proposed regional park, and connects other local parks, amenities, and trail systems for the residents of Craigleith. This plan should ensure that our community has access to high-quality recreational facilities and green spaces.

To facilitate this process, we anticipate setting up a working session with the Director of Planning. We seek Council's endorsement of this time commitment from staff to ensure that the comprehensive plan and the Parks and Recreation Plan are developed in a timely and effective manner.

## **Conclusion**

In conclusion, the Craigleith Community Working Group (CCWG) is dedicated to addressing the critical needs of our community and enhancing the quality of life for all residents.

We respectfully request that Council receive the above-outlined requests and initiatives and direct staff to allocate the necessary resources and funding to implement these projects. With Council's endorsement, we are confident that we can begin addressing these needs in a timely and effective manner, ultimately improving the overall well-being of our community.

Thank you for considering our requests, and we look forward to working collaboratively with Council and staff to achieve our shared goals for Craigleith.

Jennifer Murdison  
March 8, 2024

CC: Craigleith Community Working Group

Appendix - 2024 CCWG Budget Matrix					
Zone Information	Summary Item	2024 Budget - Ask	Budget	Council Action - Request Next Steps in 2024	CCWG Action - Proposed Phase 2 2024
Zone 1	1	CCWG Input on Arrowhead Rd Re-Alignment	Staff Time	Zone 1: Requesting That Staff Work W/ CCWG for Input	
Zone 1	2	CCWG Input With Province/MTO On Hwy 26 Re-Construction	Staff Time	Zone 1: Requesting That Staff Work W/ CCWG for Input	
Zone 1	3	CCWG Input On Parks, Trails and Roads Completion - Alta Ph 2	Staff Time	Zone 1: Requesting That Staff Work W/ CCWG for Input	
Zone 2	4	Improved Wayfinding Signage	\$5,000	Zone 2 Budget request : CCWG to endorse improvement of wayfinding signage and overall wayfinding strategy .This is over 3 zone areas as noted. Action next step is 2024 budget period	Establish a sub-committee for input
Zone 3	5	Plan 529 Beach Access - Follow Up / Resolution	Staff Time	CCWG is advised to monitor this priority/progress.	
Zone 3	6	CCWG Input With County/Town On Grey Rd 19 Re-Construction	Staff Time	Action: CCWG to establish a sub-committee to collaboratively address as per mandate. Request Participation in a Staff Driving Tour.	Establish a sub-committee to coordinate with TBM/Grey County to address traffic flow issues, and consider active transportation options and safety.
Zone 3	7	CCWG Input With Province/MTO On Hwy 26 Re-Construction	Staff Time	Zone 3: Requesting That Staff Work W/ CCWG for Input	CCWG to establish a special task force work group to collaboratively address as per mandate
Zone 3	8	Increased Summer Staff - Garbage, Maintenance, and Washrooms	Staff Time	Request that staff update as to the summer maintence scheduling to address resident concerns for excess garbage & clean washrooms at very busy Northwinds beach site . Staff to also update the TBM Website accordingly.	Staff to confirm updates w/ CCWG
Zone 4	9	Trail Installation	Staff Time	Trail connectivity required. Council Request: Direct staff to confirm development timeline on all priority incomplete trails w/ CCWG	
Zone 4	10	Improved Wayfinding Signage	\$5,000	See #7 above and CCWG establish a committee to address wayfinding design required with a strategy for local and possible Regional use.	
Zone 4	11	CCWG Input With County/Town On Grey Rd 19 Re-Construction	Staff Time	Same as zone 3: CCWG to establish a special task force working within CCWG to address concerns.	
Zone 4	12	Asset Management - Increase Street Lighting	\$20,000	Special 2024 Budget request for Kandahar along with by-law review item # 17	CCGW to report on recommended needs for council consideration in 2024
Zone 4	13	Surplus Land - Pedestrian Walkway	Staff Time	Special CCWG request for select surplus land consideration by Council to maintain active pedestrian path linking Zone 4 community to BMR. Maintain trail, sell residual. Put \$\$ back into Craigeleith.	CCWG to review surplus lands for input.
Zone 4	14	Parking Bylaw Revision - Permanent Residents	Staff Time	Council Request: Direct staff to open by-law for review to accomadate resident concerns in Zone 4.	
Zone 5	15	Immediate Safety Solution - Crosswalk/ safe interim Shoulder	\$8,000	Budget 2024 package ask- Jozo Weider as key saftey/accessibility concern.	CCGW to report on recommended needs for council consideration in 2024
Zone 5	16	Asset Management - Increase Street Lighting	\$20,000	Budget 2024 package ask- Jozo Weider as key saftey/accessibility concern.	
Zone 5	17	Public Consultation / Engineering Design Status - Road Reconsuction	Staff Time	Council Request: Direct staff to provide CCWG with engineering status and community input on design.	
Zone 5	18	Road Reconstruction	Staff Time	Council Request: Direct staff to include the reconstruction in the 24/25 budget.	
Zone 5	19	Trail Completion - Status Update	Staff Time	Council Request: Direct staff to monitor the completion, inform CCWG of the timelines, and expedite the assumption.	CCWG has sourced updates independant of TBM - construction underway.
Zone 5	20	Improved Wayfinding Signage	\$5,000	2024 Budget ask as part of above wayfinding signage required and replacement on key trails. This is part of the overall Wayfinding signage strategy with Regional considerations. Action plan required 2024 with CCWG under Community Services and Communications current budgeting. Staff time required.	
Zone 5	21	Tunnel Access Repair - Hand Rail / Anti-Slip	\$3,000	County staff time required with CCWG as next best steps. Direct staff to install hand rail & anti-slip material.	CAO with Community Services to examine request to assess scope of safety concern to be addressed and appropriate action required.
Zone 6	22	Traffic Calming Study	Staff Time	Special CCWG Request forTBM Roads & Drainage staff time to set up traffic counters in key areas so as to collect data in process of addressing zone area traffic calming needs ( Note: Key part of overall Grey 19 road reconstruction in these key multi zone areas )	Sub-Committee to Identify key locations. Staff to report key findings to CCWG and incorporate feedback into Grey County collaborations (Grey Rd.19 Sub- Committee)
Zone 7	23	Public Transit Increase - Pilot Project - 12 Months	Staff Time	Council Request: Direct staff to work with CCWG to initiate the pilot project including scheduling and promotion.	
Zone 7	24	Park Plan	Staff Time	Council Request: Direct staff to work with CCWG to create a comprehensive Park Plan of all zone areas of Craigeleith.	Focus on sequencing along with Wayfinding, trail connectivity
All Zones	25	Regional Park Planning	Staff Time	Council Request: Direct staff to work with CCWG on the Regional Park planning.	Review/Endorse Regional Park Plan
All Zones	26	Winter Sidewalk Snow Removal - BMR Contract Extension	\$10,000	Council Request: Direct staff to expand current contract with BMR to include Crosswind's Blvd and Springside Cres.	CCWG to determine BMR's capacity for Crosswinds/Springside Cres.
All Zones	27	Phased Approach - Sidewalk Snow Removal	Staff Time	Council Request: Direct staff to update the Sidewalk Snow Removal strategy/revised phased in approach	Staff to provide action plan to CCWG
All Zones	28	Complete - Criageleith Master Plan	Staff Time	Council Request: Direct staff to work with CCWG to begin development of a Complete Community Development Master Plan incorporating OPR and committee mandate objectives	
All Zones	29	Friendship Agreement & Insurance Provisions	Staff Time	CAO - framework to be provided.	2024 CCWG to explore Friendship agreements that could benefit the Community and TBM goals for economic sustainability.

**Tracy Nowak**

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**From:** Corrina Giles  
**Sent:** Monday, March 11, 2024 8:56 AM  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Cc:** council; SMT; Tracy Nowak; Kyra Dunlop; Carrie Fairley  
**Subject:** FW: Webform submission from: Town Clerk  
**Attachments:** BlueMountainsBudgeSubmissions2024DMurphy.pdf

Good morning,  
 I acknowledge receipt of your attached comments regarding the March 12 Public Meeting, and confirm I have forwarded the same to Council for their information and consideration. As your comments were received after the deadline, they may not be included in the summary of comments received, but will be attached to the followup staff report regarding this matter.

Kind regards,



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**From:** Web Committee <[webcommittee@thebluemountains.ca](mailto:webcommittee@thebluemountains.ca)>

**Sent:** Sunday, March 10, 2024 1:17 PM

**To:** Town Clerk <[townclerk@thebluemountains.ca](mailto:townclerk@thebluemountains.ca)>

**Subject:** Webform submission from: Town Clerk

Submitted on Sun, 03/10/2024 - 13:16

Submitted by: Anonymous

Submitted values are:

**Name:**

Daniel Murphy

**Email:**

[REDACTED]

**Phone:**

[REDACTED]

**How can we help you?**

Dear Town of Blue Mountains, please find attached my submissions to be submitted to council for the March 12th, 2024 Budge Meeting. I may not be able to attend in person, however I would ask that all council and the Mayor be given the attached copy of my Submissions and it be read into the record, if I am not able to attend in person. Thanks so much



**I would like a copy of my submission sent to my email address.**

Yes

Any accompanying files are attached.

March 10, 2024

The Town of Blue Mountains Council

32 Mill St.

Thornbury, Ontario

NOH 2PO

**RE: 2024 Draft Budget Meeting on March 12, 2024 Submissions to Council**

Dear Council, please accept this word document in relation to the Draft Budget for 2024. As per the Draft Budget Summary, you directed staff to bring in a Tax increase of no more than **2.5 %**. Yet staff have indicated the Tax increase must be closer to **10 % at 9.58 %**. You also refer to **“significant”** growth in the Town and that **“Growth”** seems to be growing with no end in sight. With all the additional property assessments the town should be able to come in at a Tax increase of no more than **2.5 %** in my opinion and should make every concerted effort to do so. The Town of Blue Mountains is constantly referring to the term **“Affordable Housing”** and if you undertake to go beyond the **2.5 %** increase, you are contradicting your efforts respectfully, to make housing affordable in Blue Mountains. I moved here, for quality of life and good services and in just one year, I have noticed a massive increase in the development around me.

I currently reside on Beckwith Lane in the 230 Condo Townhome Development at Mountain House at Windfall. We all pay exorbitant Property Taxes, **yet all out properties on Beckwith Lane and Beausoleil Lane are not provided with Snow Removal or Salting on our roads, nor are we afforded Municipal Garbage and Recycling collection, which begs the question what are out property taxes going towards ?** That if you are going to have any increase above 0% for 2024, the least you can respectfully do, is to please provide us with the Municipal Services that other people in Blue Mountains enjoy.

I realize that there are **“Inflationary Pressures”** everywhere and the township is not immune to these pressures, however I would argue those pressures are far more acute for home owners, including many on Beckwith Lane and Beausoleil Lane, who are now being confronted with massive increases in their monthly finances, due to Mortgage renewals on homes, where in 2019 one might have had a mortgage rate,

of **1.75 %** and are now going to **5.75 %** resulting in the homeowner in many instances having to find an **extra \$700.00** or more, to be able to keep the property the reside in and any property Tax increase, the Town of Blue Mountains places on homeowners will only further exacerbate a dire situation for some individuals.

You do make reference to MPAC and the assessments and respectfully those assessments are going to come much further down. The resale prices, in my complex have dropped by as much as between **\$200,000 and \$250,000**. You forecasted a year end 2023 Revenue Target that is ***"Well over budget for revenues"*** this alone, means the township should have more than enough to get to a **0% or 2.5 % increase**.

Lastly, I realize that the Town of Blue Mountains is a quasi Tourist / Residential destination, however I would respectfully say, the Residential growth is far outgrowing the Tourist component and Tax levies and services should be applied accordingly.

Thank you for taking my submissions under consideration

Daniel Murphy

[REDACTED]

Blue Mountains, Ontario

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

## Tracy Nowak

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**From:** Corrina Giles  
**Sent:** Monday, March 11, 2024 10:23 PM  
**To:** Randall Bier  
**Cc:** council; SMT; Tracy Nowak; Kyra Dunlop; Carrie Fairley  
**Subject:** RE: Resident Parking Pass

Hello Mr. Bier,

I acknowledge receipt of your email below regarding the Town's parking pass program. By way of copy, I have provided the same to Council for their information and consideration. As your comments were received after the deadline regarding the March 12 Public Meeting Re: 2024 Budget, your comments will not be included in the summary of comments received, but will be attached to a followup staff report regarding this matter.

Kind regards,



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**From:** Randall Bier [REDACTED]

**Sent:** Friday, March 8, 2024 5:34 PM

**To:** Town Clerk <[townclerk@thebluemountains.ca](mailto:townclerk@thebluemountains.ca)>

**Subject:** Fwd: Resident Parking Pass

Hi, I recently applied for parking passes and an exception which was initially forwarded to the By-law office. They suggested I reach out to you. Below is my request and the response from the By-law office. I appreciate your consideration of an exception for our situation.

Randall

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** Corey Ellis <[cellis@thebluemountains.ca](mailto:cellis@thebluemountains.ca)>

**Date:** March 8, 2024 at 4:12:28 PM EST

**To:** [REDACTED]

**Subject:** Resident Parking Pass

How can we help you?

Hello, I recently sent in parking pass information on behalf of my father, Glenn Bier, who lives at [REDACTED] on Clarksburg. My father is 92 years old, lives alone and no longer drives. He still owns a vehicle which is registered to him in Clarksburg and that vehicle has been accepted into the parking pass program. However, my family drives this vehicle. We live in Caledon and on weekends someone from my family drives up to see and spend time with my father. I submitted license plates for two of the vehicles I own as we often drive one of these vehicles to spend time with my father and drive him around, rather than the vehicle he owns. Unfortunately these vehicles have not been accepted into the

program. I hope with this explanation, you might consider an exception for our situation and accept these vehicles into the program.

Thanks, Randall

Response:

Hi Randall,

Thanks for your email.

I understand and appreciate the situation. However, you would be required to reach out to the town clerk to have this 'rule' or 'requirement' changed or the exception accepted. Unfortunately, we as a department must abide by the requirements imposed by council. If you reach out to the clerk's department, they would bring the inquiry/request to council.

[townclerk@thebluemountains.ca](mailto:townclerk@thebluemountains.ca)

Thank you,



**Corey Ellis**

By-law Services Administrative Assistant

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As part of providing accessible customer service, please let me know if you have any accommodation needs or require communication supports or alternate formats.

## Tracy Nowak

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**From:** Corrina Giles  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 12, 2024 12:57 PM  
**To:** Stu Frith  
**Cc:** Dan Simpson; council; SMT; Tracy Nowak; Kyra Dunlop; Carrie Fairley  
**Subject:** RE: Letter for Council | Wastewater Servicing of Tyrolean Lane  
**Attachments:** Dan Simpson Letter \_ Re\_ Wastewater Servicing of Tyrolean Lane \_ March 11th, 2024.pdf

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I acknowledge receipt of your comments in response to today's public meeting regarding the 2024 draft budget. By way of copy, I have forwarded your comments to Council for their information and consideration. As your comments were received after the deadline, your comments will not be included in the summary of comments read at today's meeting, but will be attached to the followup staff report regarding this matter.

Kind regards,



**Corrina Giles, CMO**

Town Clerk

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**Sent:** Tuesday, March 12, 2024 9:21 AM

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**Cc:** Dan Simpson <[REDACTED]>; Shawn Everitt <[severitt@thebluemountains.ca](mailto:severitt@thebluemountains.ca)>

**Subject:** Letter for Council | Wastewater Servicing of Tyrolean Lane

Good morning Corrina,

How are you doing ?

Attached you will find a letter for Council from a valued client of mine. Thanks in advance for passing over to Council for consideration.

Have a great week ahead.

Sincerely,



Stu Frith | Business Development Manager | Blue Mountain, ON

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March 11th 2024

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Mayor Matrosovs and Members of Council c/o Corrina Giles

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**RE: Wastewater Servicing of Tyrolean Lane**

I am the registered owner of both [REDACTED] Tyrolean Lane and [REDACTED] Tyrolean Lane each of which contains a 50+ year old six bedroom chalet. . The property is currently being serviced with municipal water and the original septic system and both dwellings are currently Municipally licensed as STA's.

I was extremely disappointed by the announcement early in 2023 that the construction of Phase 2 of the Tyrolean Watermain Replacement and Wastewater Servicing project had been postponed indefinitely.

In the Blue Mountains, there are several market demands or pressures for housing, only one of which I can provide at this time on my two properties, that being STA. With the public messaging from the Municipality, for a long time now, being focused on affordable and workforce housing and knowing that each is in extremely high demand it is somewhat unexplainable why Phase 2 was postponed, when it was. Completing Phase 2 would have opened up many opportunities along Tyrolean Lane for options under all three housing types, not only for me, but for a significant number of other property owners along the impacted stretch of Tyrolean Lane. **It would seem to me that this is an easy win for all stakeholders, for obvious reasons, as noted throughout my letter.**

1. By re-initiating the Phase 2 project, the timing would be good as TBM's would be taking advantage of current costs and economic conditions
2. By completing Phase 2 TBM's would absolutely be able to pride in increasing community options by addressing the market's housing needs, through the provision of actual brick and mortar options for workforce (ie. BMR) and affordable housing
3. The septic systems in questions are multiple decades old and, as such, by completing Phase 2, the TBM'S would facilitate the actual environmental benefits of replacing these old, inefficient, and perhaps leaky septic systems
4. It seems like a predictable outcome, over time, that portions of the existing water systems fail within the TV zone, at much time and cost to repair, so by completing Phase 2, TBM's would be saving the cost of servicing the undeniably old and extremely brittle watermains.



**As a long time property owner I am respectfully requesting the reinitiation and completion of Phase 2 of the Tyrolean Watermain Replacement and Wastewater Servicing project.**

Thanks for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Dan Simpson

