

June 26, 2024

Committee of the Whole
Town of The Blue Mountains
32 Mill Street
Thornbury ON N0H 2P0

Attn: Corrina Giles, Town Clerk cgiles@thebluemountains.ca

RE: Bay Street East Reconstruction

Dear Committee of the Whole:

We are writing you today about the reconstruction of Bay Street East.

After reading the Staff report prepared by Mike Humphries, Senior Infrastructure Capital Project Coordinator, we see that two options are being put forth for the Committee of the Whole's consideration. Based off the two options, which are not what we were hoping for, we feel that choosing one of the options to support is our only choice, at this point.

We feel the Staff preferred option is one that we could somewhat support: "Town Standard Local Urban 20m ROW with No Parking Cross-section which includes barrier curb and gutter, 7.5m asphalt width, along with a 2.7m in-boulevard multi-use trail along the north side of Bay St E."

However, there are concerns that we would like to speak to. Most of the discussion/slides regarding this project have been representation of the section of Bay Street East to the East of Elgin Street North. Less information was provided for Bay Street East from Mill Street to Elgin Street North.

Will the Staff preferred option include Bay Street East from Mill Street to Elgin Street North?

From Staff report, "The road cannot be left offset to the south as per the existing condition." We would like this to be inclusive along all of Bay Street East starting from Mill Street. Can you please confirm this?

Regarding the larger pump station; without knowing the noise implications of this larger higher volume pump station, will there be sound barrier precautions taken to mediate any noise issues?

We cannot support the Staff alternative option. Cycle lanes (with fog lines) along with on road parking, does not create a safe environment in our opinion. Such a lane for cyclists would be unsafe as they are forced to leave the boundary of the lane to dodge parked cars. This option also comes with an increased width (8.5m) may promote increased vehicle speeds and a greater loss of trees, which we also do not support.

Regards,

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