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January 10, 2025

via email

Mayor and Council
Town of the Blue Mountains
32 Mill Street
Thornbury, ON N0H 2P0

Re: Draft Charter for Watershed Security

Dear Mayor and Council,

It is the understanding of the Grey Sauble Conservation Authority (GSCA) that Council received correspondence from a local resident regarding a "Draft Municipal Charter for Watershed Security", and further that Council has referred this correspondence to the GSCA for review and comment.

We have reviewed the provided correspondence, as well as an attached Council motion from July 15, 2024, regarding a proposed "Watershed Summit" and offer the following discussion items.

Background:

1. Ontario's Conservation authorities are established by legislation on a watershed basis.
2. The boundaries of the Town of the Blue Mountains are fully within the jurisdiction of the Grey Sauble Conservation Authority (84%), and the Nottawasaga Valley Conservation Authority (16%).
3. These two conservation authorities have been in existence since 1957 and 1960, respectively.
4. Integrated watershed planning is a role that is already being fulfilled by both conservation authorities, and conservation authorities remain the most appropriate agency to carry out this role.
5. Some of the services that GSCA provides within this context are:
 - a. Managing, monitoring, and communicating the risk of natural hazards related to flood and erosion. This includes GSCA's plan review and permitting roles that works to keep development away from natural hazards. As well as flood forecasting and warning activities and the operation and maintenance of flood and erosion control infrastructure.
 - b. Monitoring and reporting on stream and watershed health.
 - c. Undertaking forestry and stewardship activities, to improve habitats and reduce or reverse the ecological impacts of human uses of the landscape.
 - d. Protection of municipal sources of drinking water through risk management plans for well-head protection zones and intake protection zones.
 - e. Effectively managing natural areas for public recreation, biodiversity, natural flood attenuation and drought resistance.

Member Municipalities

Municipality of Arran-Elderslie, Town of the Blue Mountains, Township of Chatsworth, Township of Georgian Bluffs, Municipality of Grey Highlands, Municipality of Meaford, City of Owen Sound, Town of South Bruce Peninsula

- f. Educational programming to increase environmental awareness and responsibility, provide opportunities to connect with nature, and encourage conservation action.
6. Prior to the implementation of Bill 23, local conservation authorities also provided natural heritage (woodland, wetland, ANSI, etc) review for municipal planning applications under service agreements. This review was conducted with a watershed lens. It is our understanding that the County of Grey is sufficiently resourced to undertake this review on behalf of the municipality for Planning Act applications.

Although conservation authorities are no longer legislatively permitted to conduct this review for Planning Act applications, we can still participate and assist municipalities in undertaking general watershed and/or sub-watershed plans that could provide a framework and an understanding of the watershed for the municipality to incorporate into future municipal plan documents.

Moving Forward:

1. We agree that using the watershed as the scale for land use planning is the most meaningful approach, because water and waterways are essential to both our communities and ecosystems, and they cross over municipal boundaries.
2. We agree that undertaking watershed and sub-watershed planning exercises would position the Town, and your adjacent municipal partners, to make more responsible and informed decisions regarding land-use planning.
3. It is our opinion that undertaking wholistic watershed and sub-watershed planning will prepare the Town to be more development ready, allowing for smoother and more timely development application processes. This is because all parties will have a clear understanding of what is developable and what is not based on the goals and objectives of the Town and the community.
4. We agree that involving the citizens within the community to engage on the development of these plans is vital to success.
5. It is our opinion that this type of work should be led by the municipality(ies) in conjunction with your local conservation authorities to ensure an unbiased, consistent and comprehensive approach that benefits from decades of integrated watershed management experience.
6. Regarding the specific recommended elements from the correspondence provided, these are all valuable considerations for the Town to include in land-use decisions. Some of these could be incorporated into existing municipal planning documents (eg: Official Plans), and some could be built into guidance documents (eg: Standard Terms of Reference or requirements for Environmental Impact Studies).
7. Some considerations for the Town in moving forward:
 - a. Have you had dialogue with the other municipalities that you share your watershed with to determine a coordinated approach?
 - b. Is the Town prepared to partner with neighbouring municipalities and relevant conservation authorities to ensure success?

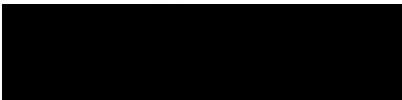
- c. For elements that require monitoring of development, does the Town have the capacity to undertake this. If not, does the Town have the tools to require this of developers? If issues are identified, what mechanisms does the Town have to rectify the issue(s)?
 - d. To what degree do the Charter elements align with the strategic directions of the Town?
 - e. Has the Town set aside funds or is the Town planning to set aside funds to accomplish these goals/elements?
8. Regarding the Watershed Summit, it is our understanding that this event will be used as a learning opportunity to gather groups together with a common interest in watershed health. It is highly recommended that conservation authorities (CA) be involved so they can showcase successes, challenges, projects and initiatives. This may open opportunities for collaboration and allow participants to learn about where there are gaps in the work of the CAs and identify focus areas.

Summary:

Overall, GSCA is supportive of using the watershed as the meaningful scale for land-use planning. Generally, the elements suggested in the Watershed Charter are positive and would promote watershed health. It is our opinion that positive results can be achieved through ongoing partnerships between relevant municipal and conservation authority partners. Further, we believe that comprehensively engaging all sectors of the community would help to develop the most robust and effective plan.

We would be happy to discuss this further with Council and/or Staff of the Town.

Regards,



Tim Lanthier
Chief Administrative Officer
Grey Sauble Conservation Authority

Cc via email:

GSCA Board of Directors
Ms. Sheryl Flannagan, Interim CAO, NVCA

From: Tyler Boswell <tboswell@nvca.on.ca>

Sent: Monday, December 9, 2024 2:55 PM

To: Kyra Dunlop <kdunlop@thebluemountains.ca>

Cc: Sheryl Flannagan <sflannagan@nvca.on.ca>; Doug Hevenor <dhevenor@nvca.on.ca>; Corrina Giles <cgiles@thebluemountains.ca>; Chris Hibberd <c.hibberd@nvca.on.ca>; 'MacLean Plewes' <m.plewes@greysauble.on.ca>

Subject: RE: Town of The Blue Mountains Council Resolution Re Watershed Security

Good afternoon Kyra,

Thank you for circulating us on the Council Resolution regarding a Municipal Charter on Watershed Security. As the Nottawasaga Watershed continues to experience rapid growth, it is important to ensure compatible land-use planning to protect the long-term health and safety of the watershed, including its properties and people.

We fully support efforts to raise awareness about the impacts on watershed health and are willing to consider participating in these initiatives.

Best,

Tyler Boswell, M.A. (he/him)

Planner

Supporting the Town of Blue Mountains, Bradford West Gwillimbury, Grey Highlands, and Wasaga Beach

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Subject: Town of The Blue Mountains Council Resolution Re Watershed Security

Hello,

At their October 29, 2024 Committee of the Whole Meeting, Council received the attached correspondence from Paul Reale, Resident. At their November 25, 2024 Special Meeting of Council, Council passed the following resolution:

THAT Council of the Town of The Blue Mountains receives for information the Paul Reale, Chair, Watershed Summit & Andrew McCammon, Executive Director, Ontario Headwaters Institute Re: Request for Feedback on Draft Municipal Charter for Watershed Security, and refers the correspondence to the Grey Sauble Conservation Authority and Nottawasaga Valley Conservation Authority for comment, Carried.

Thank you,



Kyra Dunlop

Deputy Clerk, BA (Hons)

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Correspondence for Planning and Development Services

Committee of the Whole, October 29th, 2024

RE: Feedback Request on Draft Municipal Charter for Watershed Security

Dear Madame Chair and Committee Members,

We would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your unanimous support for the idea of a Watershed Summit during the July 15th Council meeting. The resolution passed in Council has been instrumental in advancing this important initiative, and we are pleased to provide you with an update.

The Steering Committee has made excellent progress since our initial meeting, establishing positive relationships through productive discussions. As a result, we are targeting June 2025 for the Summit. In line with the goals of the Summit, we have adopted the **Municipal Charter for Watershed Security** as a key framework. We believe this Charter will enable Summit participants to move expeditiously to identify common concerns and prioritize actions for watershed protection.

The **Municipal Charter for Watershed Security**, created by the Ontario Headwaters Institute (OHI), is currently in draft form. The OHI has circulated the Charter to various organizations and stakeholders across the province for their input, and is collecting feedback through social media, meetings, and a [public survey](#), which will remain open until the end of October. The final version will be released in early November.

We are now seeking your valuable feedback on the draft Charter. At this time, we invite feedback from Councillors and Town Staff, either through the survey or via any discussions you suggest. We also hope that early awareness of the Charter will prove beneficial as the Town continues its efforts in watershed security.

We plan to present the finalized Charter to Town Council on November 12th, and any advice or comments from this Committee on the Charter will be welcome and help us deliver a constructive and impactful Summit in June 2025.

Thank you for your time and consideration. We look forward to hearing your thoughts to ensure the success of the Summit and the protection of our local watersheds.

Warm regards,

Paul Reale, Chair, Watershed Summit

Andrew McCammon, Executive Director, Ontario Headwaters Institute

A Municipal Charter for Watershed Security in Ontario

As Ontario municipalities deliver core services that impact the health of our waters, including those related to land use planning, drinking water, storm water, and sanitary sewage, and as Ontario's population and development pressures grow at a time when the climate and biodiversity crises require strategic direction, it is more important than ever that municipalities integrate land use and watershed planning.

A constructive step along this path would be for municipalities to develop a Charter for Watershed Security - the protection of our aquatic resources to safeguard regional ecological integrity, social wellbeing, and economic vitality.

Indeed, such a Charter might be the best way to ensure that municipalities meet their obligations under the Provincial Planning Statement to use the watershed as the ecologically meaningful scale for planning as well as to protect, improve or restore the quality and quantity of water.

The Charter could have the following elements:

- A commitment to integrate land use and watershed planning;
- Embracing a whole watershed approach to ensure that normal flows of clean water enter the municipality from upstream communities, as well as to assure the same for communities downstream;
- Undertaking a water resource inventory as well as an ecological land classification study and using the information to create both a natural heritage system strategy and a biodiversity strategy to identify and protect key ecological features and functions for local watershed health.
- Early direction to key municipal departments, such as economic development, permitting, transportation, and works, to integrate their land use planning responsibilities with watershed planning, including consideration of the impacts of climate change on local watersheds;
- Establishing watershed and/or sub-watershed targets, including restoration targets where necessary, for areas in natural heritage, wetlands, streamside vegetation, and urban canopies and greenspace;
- Ensuring before and after terrestrial and aquatic monitoring of the immediate impacts of specific development, including infrastructure, as described by a municipal protocol;
- Performing cumulative monitoring on a regular basis and implementing adaptive management to redress unacceptable conditions, and,
- Encouraging sound stewardship practices for all land in the municipality.

Comments and suggestions on this draft Charter are welcome through the end of October.

Promoting Watershed Security in Ontario

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The Town of The Blue Mountains Council Meeting

Title: Councillor Maxwell Notice of Motion Re: Watershed Summit
Date: Monday, July 15, 2024

Moved by: Councillor Maxwell

Seconded by: Councillor Porter

WHEREAS a watershed is an area that catches rain and snow, allowing water to seep into marshes, streams, rivers, lakes, and underground aquifers, effectively making everyone a resident within a watershed;
AND WHEREAS the Town of The Blue Mountains is blessed with several watersheds, many of which contain rivers, streams, lakes, springs, and aquifers that transcend municipal boundaries, connecting us through our shared reliance on Georgian Bay as part of the Great Lakes;

AND WHEREAS our rapidly growing municipality faces increased pressure on its natural environment, which is vital for the community's well-being and is a primary reason many residents choose to live here;

AND WHEREAS there is a critical need for a municipal water management plan that emphasizes collaboration with neighboring municipalities, agencies, and citizen groups to protect our watersheds, given our shared reliance on these resources;

AND WHEREAS human actions, such as ecosystem and landscape changes, sedimentation, pollution, and climate change, significantly impact our natural water resources;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council supports, in principle, the organization of a summit focusing on the protection and management of our watersheds, bringing together community members, organizations, agencies, and other stakeholders to contribute their expertise and perspectives;

AND THAT Council is open to encouraging and supporting external organizations in taking the lead to develop and facilitate this summit, using their knowledge and resources to aid in the creation of a robust municipal water management plan.

YES: 6

NO: 0

CONFLICT: 0

ABSENT: 1

The motion is Carried

YES: 6

Mayor Matrosovs

Councillor Ardiel

Councillor Hope

Councillor Maxwell

Councillor McKinlay

Councillor Porter

NO: 0

CONFLICT: 0

From: De Bartolo, Betty <BDeBartolo@aurora.ca> on behalf of Mrakas, Tom <TMrakas@aurora.ca>
Sent: Friday, December 6, 2024 6:26:10 PM
To: Mrakas, Tom <TMrakas@aurora.ca>
Subject: Follow-Up: Join Over 50 Municipalities Supporting Sustainable Funding for Our Communities

Dear Elected Official,

I'm reaching out again regarding the motion calling on the province to redistribute part of the Land Transfer Tax and the federal government to share a portion of the GST on new home sales. This initiative is critical to securing predictable and sustainable funding for our municipalities, enabling us to address infrastructure needs without over-reliance on property taxes.

I'm pleased to share that over 50 municipalities have already passed this motion, demonstrating widespread support for this important cause. As a result, you may soon notice resolutions related to this initiative appearing on your agenda from other municipalities.

If your Council has not yet adopted this motion, I strongly encourage you to introduce it for consideration. Standing together as municipalities across the province will amplify our message to the Provincial and Federal Governments and show them the urgency and unity behind this request.

Thank you again to those who have already passed the motion. Your leadership is helping pave the way for meaningful change. For those still considering, I have attached a copy of the motion. If you have any question, I would be happy to answer any questions to assist you.

Together, we can ensure a stronger financial future for all our municipalities.

Regards,

Tom Mrakas

Mayor Town of Aurora

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Town of Aurora

Member Motion

Mayor's Office

Re: Request the Redistribution of the Provincial Land Transfer Tax and GST to Municipalities for Sustainable Infrastructure Funding

To: Members of Council

From: Mayor Tom Mrakas

Date: November 5, 2024

Whereas municipalities face growing infrastructure needs, including roads, bridges, public transit, water systems, and other critical services, which are essential to community well-being and economic development; and

Whereas the current sources of municipal revenue, including property taxes and user fees, are insufficient to meet these increasing demands for infrastructure investment; and

Whereas the Province of Ontario currently collects the Land Transfer Tax (LTT) on property transactions in municipalities across the province, generating significant revenue that is not directly shared with municipalities; and

Whereas the Federal Government collects the Goods and Services Tax (GST) on property transactions, a portion of which could be directed to municipalities to address local infrastructure needs; and

Whereas redistributing a portion of the Provincial Land Transfer Tax and GST to municipalities would provide a predictable and sustainable source of funding for local infrastructure projects without creating a new tax burden on residents or homebuyers; and

Whereas a redistribution of a portion of the existing Land Transfer Tax and GST would allow municipalities to better plan and invest in long-term infrastructure initiatives, supporting local economic growth and improving the quality of life for residents;

1. Now Therefore Be It Hereby Resolved That Aurora Town Council formally requests the Provincial Government to consider redistributing a portion of the Land Transfer Tax collected on property transactions to municipalities; and

2. Be It Further Resolved That Aurora Town Council calls on the Federal Government to allocate a percentage of the GST collected on property sales to municipalities; and
3. Be It Further Resolved That this redistribution of the Land Transfer Tax and GST should be structured to provide predictable and sustainable funding to municipalities, allowing for better long-term planning and investment in infrastructure projects that benefit local communities, thus ensuring that local governments receive a fair share of the revenue to address critical infrastructure needs; and
4. Be It Further Resolved That copies of this resolution be forwarded to Prime Minister Justin Trudeau, Premier Doug Ford, the Ontario Minister of Finance, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, local Members of Parliament (MPs) and Members of Provincial Parliament (MPPs); and
5. Be It Further Resolved That copies of this resolution be forwarded to all 444 Municipalities in Ontario, the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM), and the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) for their endorsement and advocacy.

From: Jim Oliver [REDACTED]
Sent: January 15, 2025 3:18 PM
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Cc: Kyra Dunlop <kdunlop@thebluemountains.ca>; Carrie Fairley <cfairley@thebluemountains.ca>
Subject: TBM 2025 Budget Discussions - OPP Detachment Board "Public" Member Remuneration

Madame Clerk,

The TBM Opp Detachment Board met today (Jan 15) for our regularly scheduled meeting.

The OAPSB survey of PSB/OPP Detachment Bd member remuneration was discussed as part of our agenda. This survey and its results were provided to TBM Council last Fall as an FYI item.

Following discussion, our board passed the following motion:

*“THAT the TBM OPP detachment board receive for information the OAPSB Remuneration Survey;
AND THAT the Board requests Town Council to give consideration for an appropriate level of remuneration for the public and provincial appointee board members for 2025 and beyond, as part of Council’s budget discussions.”*

Our board realizes that it is Council’s decision as to what level of remuneration should be provided to recognize the time and effort required by the volunteer community board members under the new Community Safety and policing Act.

I have been advised by staff that the next scheduled 2025 budget consideration meeting will take place this Friday, and I would ask that this letter be provided to Council members and appropriate staff at your upcoming budget meeting.

Sincerely,

Jim Oliver,

Chair, TBMOPPDB

OAPSB OPP Detachment Board Remuneration Survey Report

The Ontario Association of Police Service Boards (OAPSB) conducted a survey among its members who are forming the new OPP Detachment Boards under the new Community Safety and Policing Act. The objective was to gather insights and details regarding the past and current practices of board member remuneration. This survey aimed to assist the new boards in determining appropriate remuneration practices by reflecting on historical data and current perspectives from various communities.

Findings Summary

The survey results showed the following trends. For the detailed information, please scroll down to the Survey Results section.

Remuneration for board members in the overall survey revealed that most communities in the past did remunerate all board members regardless of their position. Some boards chose to pay more for a board secretary and chair because of their expanded responsibilities.

The survey also shows that a majority of boards had paid more than \$1000 per board member per year. The majority of respondents showed that remuneration was a combination of a rate and expense reimbursement and the criteria for remuneration was a flat rate per board meeting regardless of the amount of time required for preparation or duration of the meeting and that committee work was not always covered as a “meeting”.

Survey Results

The below information is a summary of the raw data and feedback directly from the survey.

Participation

There were 37 participants all from different communities who responded. Those 37 participating communities represented 29 new OPP Detachment Boards.

Current Size of Board

The responses ranged indicating that all of the participants did not understand the question the same way. Some of the responses may have indicated the number of seats their current community has sitting on a new OPP Detachment Board, while others may have indicated how many seats on the OPP Detachment Board were already filled and still others may have just counted the number of seats required on the OPP Detachment Board per O. Reg. 135/24.

The responses included the following

Current Size	Number of Responses
1	2
3	1
4	2
5	12
6	3

Current Size	Number of Responses
1	2
3	1
4	2
5	12
6	3

7	6
9	5
10	3
15	3

Remuneration

The OAPSB did want to gather as much detail as possible when it came to previous and current activities with respect to remuneration. There was a lot of thought put into the questions in this section to produce some detail with respect to the topic of *total remuneration*.

In the following parts of this section of the survey, we will summarize not only the total number of responses but the detail inside of those responses to provide some clarity.

The first section had to do with any past practices that allowed different levels of remuneration depending on the responsibilities of elected, committee work or administrative functions for board members.

1. Did your board have different remuneration amounts depending on your position on the board (chair, vice chair, secretary/treasurer, etc.)?

The total responses split into three areas:

Yes = 14 No = 22 Unanswered = 1

Of the Yes responses, participants were asked what the difference in amounts for different positions on the board was. The interpretation in the summary included a lot of variation that the OAPSB may decide to further explore at another time. In some cases the feedback was a per meeting /per position amount and at others it was the total budget amount.

The answers varied in their responses and are summarized below.

Remuneration per position on the Board
Secretary 300\$ per meeting
Board members are paid a monthly honorarium plus authorized per diem plus expenses for approved special projects in accordance with the Board's remuneration and expense policy. Board Exec. Asst. is paid a salary, plus per diem and expenses per the policy and an hourly rate for approved special projects.
Chair -\$100/year
Chair \$112.50 per meeting and vice chair \$93.75 Secretary hourly rate
Chair - \$2,000
Chair's salary higher than two other members
Annual wage plus expense reimbursement plus per diem for professional development events

Community & provincial members receive an annual stipend of \$4000; Chair receives an additional \$1200
Chair was \$2000
Chair \$5300/year Secretary \$4200 Vice same as members
150/per meeting for members and 300/ per meeting for secretary
Remuneration for Chair (\$150/mtg) and Provincial Appointee (\$100/mtg)
chair \$1060. Member \$765. Sec-Treas \$1060.

2. Similarly, the summary of those who answered that in the past their board members did receive remuneration, were asked to split it into a financial category for the ease of understanding the total board member remuneration. Of those boards who participated in the survey (37) only 32 boards answered the question. The table below shows the results.

\$0 per year	\$100 or less per year	\$101 - \$300 per year	\$301 - \$500 per year	\$501 - \$1000 per year	\$1000 + per year
5	2	3	3	7	13

Provincial Appointees

3. Knowing that the CSPA has been somewhat prescriptive by legislation, stating the Provincial Appointees will be remunerated, the OAPSB thought it important to ask about specific remuneration for Provincial Appointees in the past, and whether there was any difference based on the remuneration for existing Board members. The following table shows the results, and it is important to note that of the 37 boards participating, 6 boards did not answer this question

\$0 per year	\$100 or less per year	\$101 - \$300 per year	\$301 - \$500 per year	\$501 - \$1000 per year	\$1000 + per year
8	4	1	1	7	11

Type of Remuneration

Again, with the aim to understand the nuances in how board members may be remunerated, the OAPSB felt it important to understand the complexity in situations that may determine how Board Members are remunerated. The following number of questions identifies the different situations that may determine the remuneration for board members.

4. Types of Remuneration:

Remuneration plus expenses	24
Remuneration only	9
Expenses only	1

5. Criteria for Remuneration

Flat rate per hour regardless of task (prep time, meetings, committee work, training, conferences) no cap	Flat rate per hour for specific tasks only	Flat rate per meeting only	Flat rate per hour per meeting only	Flat rate per month regardless of task or time committed	Different rates for meeting prep, meeting attendance, training and conferences	Expense reimbursement only	No payment or reimbursement	Assumed as part of compensation for municipal council work
3	0	15	0	8	3	5	2	1

6. How much do they receive?

\$0
\$3,000 per year paid quarterly less deductions
300\$ per annum
Members - \$1,500
In 2024, Chair - \$3,560/year, Members & Secretary - \$2,946/year. Expenses reimbursed, and \$200/day per diem for conference/seminar attendance.
1850
Community & provincial members receive an annual stipend of \$4000; Chair receives an additional \$1200. No additional remuneration for Council appointments.
Chair salary - \$3,144 + reimbursement of expenses. Other members salary - \$2,350 + reimbursement of expenses.
Council appointee & community appointee meeting under 3 hours 88.09, meeting over 3 hours 146.85, meeting over 5 hours 278.36
2060
\$150 per meeting
765
\$50 per meeting

Board members receive an honorarium of approximately \$5,220.00 per annum plus \$100.00 per diem plus expenses for approved work and the Board Exec. Asst. is paid an annual salary of \$15,000, plus per diem of \$100.00 and expenses per the policy and an hourly rate of \$70.00 for approved special projects.
member \$150/mtg, chair \$175/mtg
\$4000.00 annually
0
\$75.40 per meeting to a maximum of \$754.00 per year.
Payment was based on a per diem (\$83.23 in 2023).
\$100.00 per year was paid to the provincial appointee only
All PSB members could claim mileage for meetings. Only the provincial rep received \$100.00 per year as per the PSA. Council rep was assumed as part of duties and community rep was volunteer.
\$3,333/ yr
\$1800 Annually
\$100 per year remuneration for all members, plus travel expenses plus an out of town meeting per diem for travel outside of our municipality
Travel expenses + \$150/day for per diem.
\$4200 per year
2000.00
150\$ per meeting + expenses when going to a conference
meeting remuneration and any travel expense for conferences or out of town meeting

New OPP Detachment Boards

The OAPSB suspected that some boards may already have moved ahead with determining remuneration so felt it was important to include any remuneration decisions that have already been made by new boards in the survey.

7. Will your board have different remuneration amounts depending on your position on the board (chair, vice chair, secretary/treasurer, etc.)?

Yes	12
No	14
No resp	11

8. If so, what will new Detachment Board position amounts be?

Not sure if there will be different amounts since we have not been reconstituted as a board. This needs to be discussed because the Chair does WAY more than anyone else on the board.
has not been determined
Chair - \$2,000

Wage plus expense reimbursement plus daily per diem for professional development attendance (conference, etc.)
The Chair receives an additional \$1200.
Chair's salary higher than two other members
\$50/mtg and \$75/mtg for Chair
Chair \$1060. Member \$765. Sec-Treas \$1060.=
See question 10 above for specific remuneration amounts
TBD
Paid by municipality
We are only paying the Provincial rep. as it is mandated by the Province that we do so. We will not be paying remuneration to the Council and community member for meetings attended, however, we will pay them a meeting per diem along with travel expenses for any time attending meetings out of town.
same as before but tied to cost of living
Same as above
Secretary et maybe the chair
undecided we would like guidance

9. Has remuneration been decided for current OPP Detachment Board?

Yes	15
No	22
No Answer	0

10. If so, what type of remuneration will be covered?

Remuneration plus expenses	20
Remuneration only	3
Expenses only	0

11. For your new board, what will be the criteria for remuneration?

Flat rate per hour regardless of task (prep time, meetings, committee work, training, conferences) no cap	Flat rate per hour for specific tasks only	Flat rate per meeting only	Flat rate per hour per meeting only	Flat rate per month regardless of task or time committed	Different rates for meeting prep, meeting attendance, training and conferences	Expense reimbursement only	No payment or reimbursement	Assumed as part of compensation for municipal council work
2	0	14	0	7	3	4	0	3

12. What is the expected amount of remuneration?

Not determined at this point. it will be a combination of expense reimbursement and an annual amount.
Members - \$1,000
Chair - \$3,651/year. Members, Admin Support and Municipal Liaisons (CAOs) - \$2,947/year. Expenses are reimbursed, and \$220/day per diem for professional development such as conferences, etc.
not sure
Haldimand County community & provincial members receive an annual stipend of \$4000; Chair receives an additional \$1200. No additional remuneration for Haldimand County Council appointments.
Regular and special meetings: Chair - \$400 per meeting, all other members - \$250 per meeting. Zone meeting - 2 members allowed at \$250 per meeting, Conference attendance \$100 per day. Expenses reimbursed according to travel expenses policy adopted by detachment board.
nothing decided yet, as meetings changing towns
above - \$50/mtg and \$75/mtg for Chair
\$150 per meeting plus mileage
765
To be determined see question 13
\$2000.00 annually
\$3,333/ yr
3,500.00
\$75 per meeting for the Provincial rep only
The Provincial Appointee and the Community Appointees will receive \$2,000 per annum for attendance at meetings, online training (as required), meeting preparation and follow-up. Out of pocket expenses, previously approved by the Board, will be eligible for reimbursement.
has not changed from previous Board
75.00 per meetings for members, chair 112.50, vicechair 93.75
2000.00
150\$ per meeting
unsure

Summary of final thoughts of the participants are included below.

- Do not know what, if any remuneration was/is paid to provincial appointee member of the board

- With a flat remuneration it does not provide adequate compensation to those members who are doing more- whether additional meetings, attending OAPSB conference or zone meetings- there is no incentive to do any more than the person getting the same as you- and while none of us are doing this for the money there should be some recognition of those who do go above and beyond- attend all the meetings, get engaged and advocate. Also- the expense reimbursement policies seem to follow those of the municipality in that something very small has to be approved by the board first- there needs to be some policies around what is eligible for board members to submit (eg mileage, meal expenses for meetings, etc). The municipality is the one that decides what the remuneration will be with zero input from the board itself. This culture has to change!
- We currently receive an annual amount (300\$) plus reimbursement for expenses. There is no difference in remuneration per board member type. I suspect that we will consider average number of hours per year at a fair rate.
- In CSPA regulation, the two boards for the Essex County OPP do not have different names. We are using "North" for the board covering Tecumseh, Lakeshore and Town of Essex but it is not 'official' in the regulation.
- This is based on past practice and relates to Haldimand County appointments. We understand that it may need to be adjusted. It is our understanding that Mississauga's of the Credit First Nation will be responsible for the remuneration of their members.
- Question 16 - information provided is as per budget approved by detachment board but not yet approved by all municipality in catchment area.
- Not sure how you can ask the questions regarding the new board as boards are unable to meet and make decisions due to no insurance.
- Remuneration has not been set for this Board. Initial talks include Flat rate for meetings. (Time dependent ie. half day or full day) Expense reimbursement for mileage, meals, accommodations. Training and conference attendance. (Time dependent i.e. half day or full day)
- New Board make up not finalized yet and will be in Cochrane instead of Smooth Rock Falls with new board
- Members of Municipal councils should be paid by the local council.
- If answer is blank, I do not know at the moment of this survey Thank you
- The Executive Assistant of the Board will forward our special remuneration policy to Lisa Darling to provide more detail.
- The compensation is a flat rate annually as decided by City Council. Any conferences attended are reimbursed.
- The Chair was our Mayor, so remuneration was covered under Mayor remuneration. Secretary is staff, so no additional remuneration. Expenses for conferences was paid per member.
- Remuneration for the current Board is still to be determined therefore previous questions could not be answered.
- Remuneration, once decided, ought to be consistent across the participating municipalities and first nation communities
- Unsure at this time for remuneration for the Board, TBD when board can meet.
- My first month on the Board, so not certain of exact remuneration... haven't asked for details.
- The new detachment board has not yet met so we not able to give proper details for this survey.

- We are paying the Provincial rep. only as it is mandated by the Province. All other members of the OPP Detachment Board are only receiving a meeting per diem and reimbursement for travel expenses for meetings that take place outside of each member's municipality. Our Council members already receive annual remuneration from their respective municipalities for their time and work spent on various boards and committees.
- Council Appointees will not receive any remuneration for serving on the Detachment Board, as it's assumed to be covered by their Council remuneration.
- The Superior East Detachment Board has not met at this time and no decision has been made on any remuneration. This will be discussed at its first meeting.
- We are fortunate that our Board has not changed except in name only. Compensation will remain the same.
- Members don't get paid for attending zone 4 meetings or conferences only expenses for mileage, meals, parking. No remuneration paid only for open public meetings
- When appointed to Police Services Board Pembroke by Province we were paid \$4000. Per year. I considered it my duty to attend quarterly Neighborhood Watch meetings, special BIA meetings, Kids & Cops Fishing Derby and meeting with Detachment Commander as required. I maintain my connections and work with our Service Clubs e.g. Rotary, Kiwanis & Royal Canadian Legion.
- We would like guidance on other board rates.

Conclusion

In summary, the survey conducted by the Ontario Association of Police Service Boards provides a comprehensive overview of the remuneration practices for OPP Detachment Board members, both past and present. The insights gathered will serve as valuable guidance for new boards as they establish fair and effective remuneration policies. By reflecting on the diverse practices and opinions shared by the participating communities, the new OPP Detachment Boards can make informed decisions that uphold the principles of transparency, fairness, and accountability in their governance.

Ministry of Infrastructure

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December 16, 2024

Her Worship Andrea Matrosovs
Mayor
The Town of Blue Mountains
amatrosovs@thebluemountains.ca

Dear Mayor Andrea Matrosovs:

On behalf of the Ministry of Infrastructure, I would like to thank you for attending the 2024 Association of Municipalities of Ontario Conference. It was a pleasure to meet with you and your delegation.

I understand the pressure the town is facing. That is why, through the 2023 Fall Economic Statement (FES), the province introduced the Housing-Enabling Water Systems Fund (HEWSF) to assist municipalities in developing, repairing, rehabilitating, and expanding drinking water, wastewater, and stormwater infrastructure to support new housing development. It has been informed by data, consultations and complements other housing-related initiatives like the Building Faster Fund. Since the announcement of the program, Ontario has significantly increased its investment, bringing the fund total to \$1.2 billion.

On behalf of the ministry, I would like to congratulate the Town of Blue Mountains on their successful HEWSF application for upgrades and rehabilitation of your wastewater system. I look forward to working with you on this project in the coming months.

In addition, the 2024 Ontario Budget introduced the Municipal Housing Infrastructure Program (MHIP), a \$1 billion initiative aimed at supporting core municipal infrastructure projects to help unlock more homes and promote growth in communities. This program focuses on the construction, repair, rehabilitation, and expansion of essential infrastructure such as roads, bridges, and water systems to sustain housing needs. Increases to HEWSF was the first step in delivering on this investment. Under this program, Ontario is investing \$400 million to launch the Housing-Enabling Core Servicing (HECS) Stream that aims to build, maintain, and repair core assets such as municipal roads, bridges and culverts that will enable new housing opportunities and ensure communities have reliable roads and bridge assets. For any additional questions or concerns, you may contact the ministry by emailing MHIP@ontario.ca.

The remaining funding under MHIP will help municipalities target other key infrastructure priorities, including maintaining the health and safety of local water and wastewater systems. More information about this funding, including eligibility and application intake details, will be announced next year.

Together the MHIP and the HEWSF will provide municipalities with over \$1.9 billion in provincial funding for housing and community-enabling infrastructure. We understand the importance of investing in critical core infrastructure to support growth, as well as the

importance of supporting all municipalities, especially small, rural and northern municipalities.

Thank you again for meeting with the Ministry of Infrastructure.

Sincerely,



The Honourable Kinga Surma
Minister of Infrastructure



December 20, 2024

The Town of the Blue Mountains
Corrina Giles, Clerk
32 Mill Street P.O. Box 310
Thornbury, Ontario
N0H 2P0

Dear Ms. Giles:

RE: NVCA BOARD MEMBER'S PER DIEM AND EXPENSES

I have been asked to supply municipalities with remuneration expenses paid to our NVCA Board members over the 2024 year in accordance with the Municipal Act, Section 284(3).

Your council's appointee for the 2024 term to the Nottawasaga Valley Conservation Authority was June Porter.

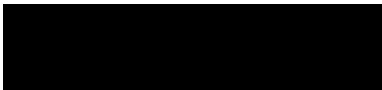
The Authority held 9 Board of Directors meetings from January 1 to December 31, 2024.

The total number attended by your member was 9, plus 1 other business Authority meetings.

The total mileage expense paid was \$507.50 and the total per diem paid was \$820.30.

If you have any questions relating to the above, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned at 705-424-1479 ext.228.

Sincerely,



Sheryl Flannagan
Interim Chief Administrative Officer &
Director, Corporate Services

Cc: Monica Quinlan



Notice of Decision and Right to Appeal

This is a notice about the decisions from the December 18, 2024, Committee of Adjustment Meeting.

A certified copy of the Committee of Adjustment's decision is attached to this notice.

If you disagree with this decision, you may file an appeal with the Ontario Land Tribunal (OLT). An appeal must include the required Appellant Form and the required Fees made out to the Minister of Finance. The Appellant Form must also set out the objection to the decision and the reasons in support of the objection. Please note, only the applicant, public bodies with an interest in the matter, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, and 'specified persons', as defined by the Planning Act, are permitted to appeal decisions related to minor variance applications. These are recent changes that have been made to the Planning Act by the province.

The Appellant Form and fees must be delivered in person or by registered mail to the Secretary-Treasurer of the Committee of Adjustment:

Secretary-Treasurer
Committee of Adjustment
Town of The Blue Mountains
32 Mill Street, P.O. Box 310
Thornbury, ON, N0H 2P0

The last date for filing an appeal for a minor variance decision is January 7, 2025, by 4:30 pm.

More information about how to file an appeal, including the forms and fees, is available on the Ontario Land Tribunal website at <https://olt.gov.on.ca/>.

If there is an appeal to the Ontario Land Tribunal, except where all appeals are withdrawn, a hearing will be held and notice will be given to the Applicant, the Appellant, the Secretary-Treasurer of the Committee, and to anyone else as determined by the Ontario Land Tribunal.

If no appeal on this decision is received within twenty days of the decision, the decision of the Committee is final and binding. The Secretary-Treasurer will notify the Applicant and file a certified copy of the decision with the Clerk of the Town of The Blue Mountains.



Town of The Blue Mountains
Committee of Adjustment
Decision

In the matter of application for File No. **A40-2024** to consider a variance to the Town of The Blue Mountains Comprehensive Zoning By-law 2018-65, as amended.

Date of Hearing: December 18, 2024
Property Location: 140 Venture Boulevard
Owner/ Applicant: Clerici

Purpose of Application:

The purpose of this application is to request a minor variance from Table 6.2.1

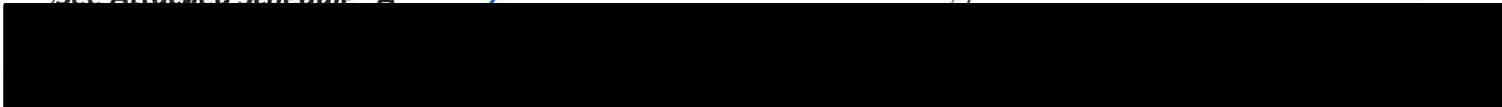
- 1. To increase the maximum lot coverage from 30% to 33.9%

DECISION:

THAT the Committee of Adjustment GRANT Application **A40-2024** to permit the construction of 14.9 square metre accessory structure.

Conditions and Reasons For Decision:

See Attached Schedule "A"



Robert B. Walnd ✓ Chairman Jim Oliver Vice Chairman Michael Martin Jan Pratt Duncan McKinlay

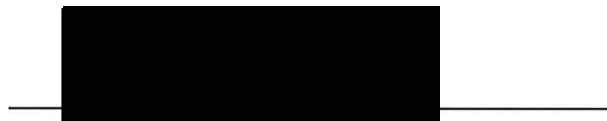
Date of Decision: December 18, 2024

The last date for filing an appeal to the decision is January 7, 2025

CERTIFICATION

Planning Act, R.S.O. 1990, c.P13, Sec 45(10)

I, Carrie Fairley, Secretary-Treasurer of the Town of The Blue Mountains Committee of Adjustment, certify that the above is a true copy of the decision of the committee with respect to the application recorded therein.



Carrie Fairley, Secretary-Treasurer

Town of The Blue Mountains Committee of Adjustment
32 Mill Street, Thornbury, Ont., N0H 2P0

Dated: December 18, 2024



Notice of Decision and Right to Appeal

This is a notice about the decisions from the January 15, 2025, Committee of Adjustment Meeting.

A certified copy of the Committee of Adjustment's decision is attached to this notice.

If you disagree with this decision, you may file an appeal with the Ontario Land Tribunal (OLT). An appeal must include the required Appellant Form and the required Fees made out to the Minister of Finance. The Appellant Form must also set out the objection to the decision and the reasons in support of the objection. Please note, only the applicant, public bodies with an interest in the matter, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, and 'specified persons', as defined by the Planning Act, are permitted to appeal decisions related to minor variance applications. These are recent changes that have been made to the Planning Act by the province.

The Appellant Form and fees must be delivered in person or by registered mail to the Secretary-Treasurer of the Committee of Adjustment:

Secretary-Treasurer
Committee of Adjustment
Town of The Blue Mountains
32 Mill Street, P.O. Box 310
Thornbury, ON, N0H 2P0

The last date for filing an appeal for a consent decision is

February 4, 2025, by 4:30 pm.

More information about how to file an appeal, including the forms and fees, is available on the Ontario Land Tribunal website at <https://olt.gov.on.ca/>.

If there is an appeal to the Ontario Land Tribunal, except where all appeals are withdrawn, a hearing will be held and notice will be given to the Applicant, the Appellant, the Secretary-Treasurer of the Committee, and to anyone else as determined by the Ontario Land Tribunal.

If no appeal on this decision is received within twenty days of the decision, the decision of the Committee is final and binding. The Secretary-Treasurer will notify the Applicant and file a certified copy of the decision with the Clerk of the Town of The Blue Mountains.



The Corporation of the Town of The Blue Mountains

Decision on Consent Application File No. B09-2024

Owners/Applicants: Elmes

Purpose / Effect: The purpose and effect of this application is to sever a portion of the lands in order to create a new residential lot.

Legal Description: Town Plot Lot 10 SW Louisa St NE Alice St RP 16R8525 Part 1

Severed Parcel: Frontage: 19.0 metres Depth: 52 metres (Irreg.) Area: 1726.5 sq metres

Retained Parcel: Frontage: 50.5 metres Depth: 152.9 metres Area: 7672.7 sq metres

Road Access: To be provided by way of condition to this consent

Servicing: Future extension of Municipal Sanitary and Water

Decision: Refused

Date of Decision: January 15, 2025

In making the decision upon this application for Consent, the Committee of Adjustment of The Corporation of the Town of The Blue Mountains is not satisfied that the proposed Consent Application is appropriate for the subject lands



Robert B. Waing

Jim Oliver
Chairman

Michael Martin

Jan Pratt

Duncan McKinlay
Vice Chairman

Dated: January 15, 2025


Severance Sketch



Certification

Planning Act, R.S.O 1990, c. P.13, Sec 53(17) and 53(24), as amended

I, Carrie Fairley, Secretary-Treasurer to the Committee of Adjustment of the Town of The Blue Mountains, certify that the above is a true copy of the decision with respect to the application recorded therein.


Carrie Fairley, Secretary-Treasurer to the Committee of Adjustment
Town of The Blue Mountains

Dated: January 15, 2025

This document may be made available in other accessible formats as soon as practicable and upon request.



Notice of Decision and Right to Appeal

This is a notice regarding the decision made on December 20, 2024, by the Director of Planning & Development Services for an application for Consent.

A certified copy of the decision is attached to this notice.

You will be entitled to receive notice of any changes to the conditions of the provisional consent if you have made a written request to be notified of changes to the conditions of the provisional consent.

If you disagree with this decision, you may file an appeal to the Ontario Land Tribunal. An appeal must include the required **Appellant Form** and **Applicable Fees** in a Certified Cheque or Money order, made out to the Minister of Finance. The Appellant Form must state the reasons for the appeal.

The Appellant Form and fees must be delivered in person or by registered mail to the Clerk of the Town of The Blue Mountains:

Town Clerk, Town of The Blue Mountains
PO Box 310, 32 Mill Street
Thornbury, Ontario N0H 2P0

The last date for filing an appeal is **Sunday, January 12, 2025, by 4:30 pm.**

More information about how to file an appeal, including the forms and fees, is available on the Ontario Land Tribunal website at <https://olt.gov.on.ca/>.



The Corporation of the Town of The Blue Mountains


Decision on Consent Application File B18-2024

Owner/Applicant:	McCullam and Bruce Trail Conservancy		
Purpose / Effect:	The purpose and effect of this application is to create a new lot for conservation purposes.		
Legal Description:	Concession 6 With Part Lot 22 RP 16R8902 Part 1		
Severed Parcel:	Frontage: 224 m	Depth: 417.9 m	Area: 121,000 sq.m
Retained Parcel:	Frontage: 629.2 m	Depth: 597.7 m	Area: 395,000 sq.m
Road Access:	21st Sideroad (Municipal road)		
Municipal Water:	No	Municipal Sewer:	No
Decision:	<u>Grant Provisional Consent</u>		
Date of Decision:	December 20, 2024		

In making the decision upon this application for Consent, the Director of Planning & Development Services of the Town of The Blue Mountains is satisfied that the proposed Consent Application is consistent with the Provincial Policy Statement, complies with the County of Grey Official Plan and the Town of The Blue Mountains Official Plan and represents good planning.

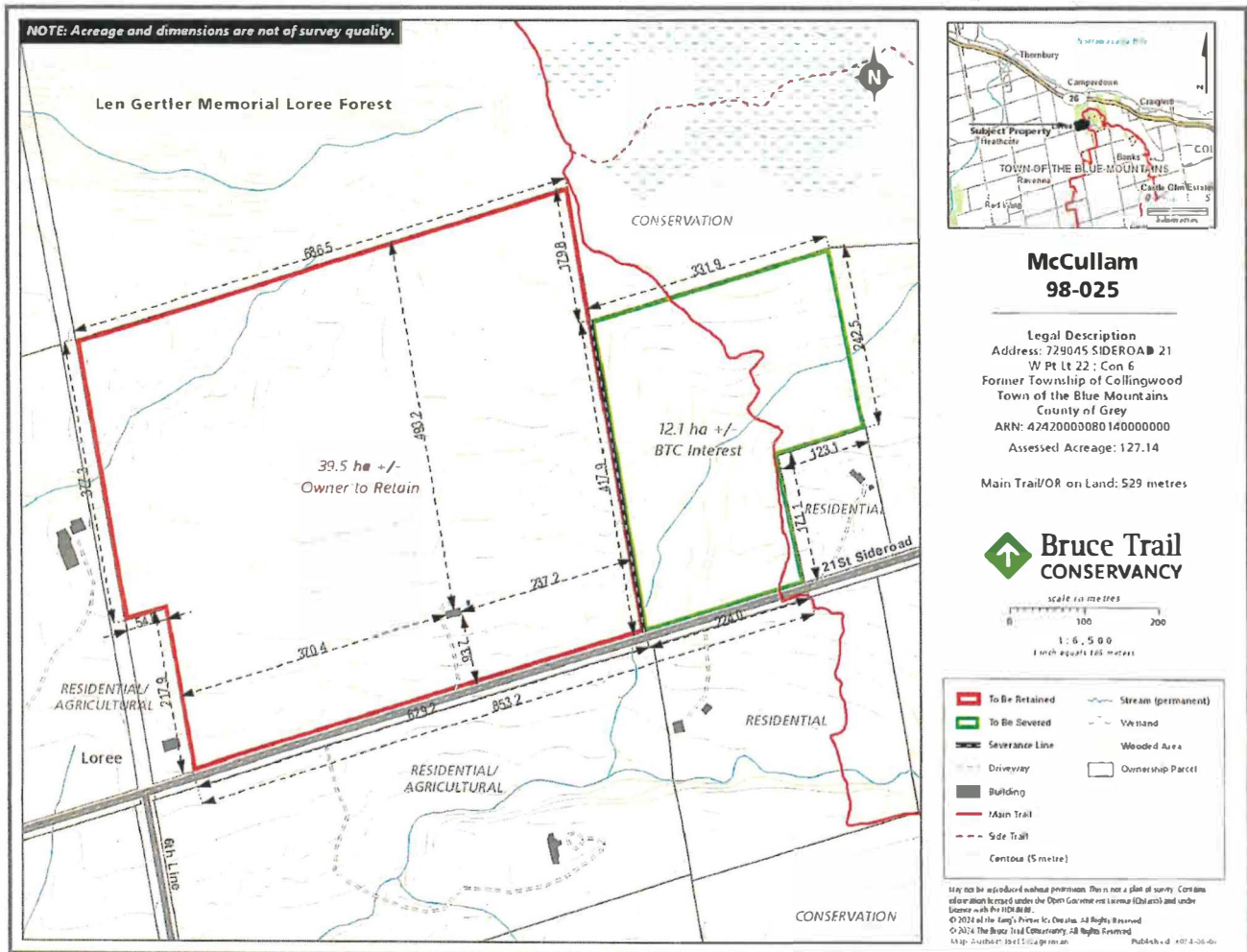
If provisional consent is given, then the following conditions must be met prior to the issuance of a Certificate of Official:

1. That the Owner meets all the requirements of the Town, financial or otherwise, for the Certificate of Consent to be issued;
2. That the Owner provides a description of the land which can be registered in the Land Registry Office;
3. That the severed parcel be deeded as a new lot to the Bruce Trail Conservancy;
4. That the owner provides proof of mortgage details for both the severed and retained lands;
5. That all above conditions be fulfilled within two years of the Notice of Decision so that the Town Clerk is authorized to issue the Certificate of Consent pursuant to Section 53(42) of the Planning Act.


Adam Smith, Director of Planning & Development Services
Town of The Blue Mountains
32 Mill Street, Box 310, Thornbury, ON N0H 2P0

Dated: December 20, 2024

Consent Sketch



Certification

Planning Act, R.S.O 1990, c. P.13, Sec 53(17) and 53(24), as amended

I, Adam Smith, Director of Planning and Development Services of The Corporation of the Town of The Blue Mountains, certify that the above is a true copy of the decision of with respect to the application recorded therein.

[Redacted Signature]

Adam Smith, Director of Planning & Development Services
 Town of The Blue Mountains
 32 Mill Street, Box 310, Thornbury, ON N0H 2P0

Dated: December 20, 2024