



# Staff Report

## Community Services

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**Report To:** Committee of the Whole Meeting  
**Meeting Date:** August 9, 2022  
**Report Number:** CSOPS.22.064  
**Title:** Clarksburg Village Association Deputation Response from June 20, 2022  
**Prepared by:** Ryan Gibbons, Director Community Services

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### A. Recommendations

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THAT Council receive Staff Report CSOPS.22.064, entitled "Clarksburg Village Association Response from June 20, 2022".

AND THAT Council supports in principle the Clarksburg Village Association's request to Grey County Council for speed reduction along Marsh Street and alternative on-street parking options to increase parking capacity along Marsh Street;

AND THAT Council direct staff to request a deputation to Grey County Council in partnership with the Clarksburg Business Association and make a presentation to Grey County Council in regard to the points contained in this report;

AND THAT Council directs staff to bring forward budget considerations in the 2023 budget process to align services, fees, and subsidies between the Clarksburg Village Association and the Thornbury Business Improvement Area.

### B. Overview

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This report is a follow-up to a deputation from the Clarksburg Village Association on June 20, 2022 requesting support for specific items such as washroom facilities and flower watering as well as support in principle for requests to Grey County regarding speed reduction and parking along Marsh Street.

### C. Background

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On June 6<sup>th</sup> and June 20<sup>th</sup>, 2022, the Clarksburg Village Association (CVA) made deputations to Council identifying enhancements in the Clarksburg Commercial Area by both private business as well as the municipality and introduced requests that included:

- Reduce Speed Limit
- Enact Traffic Calming Measures

- Two (2) Hour Parking Limit from Friday to Sunday
- Increasing Parking (over the next several years)
- Public Washroom Amenities
- Increasing Directional/Wayfinding Signage
- Some Parity with Thornbury with Funds Awarded from TBM Aside from the Levy
- Support and Assistance from Town Council and Staff when we Approach Grey County with the Issues Pertaining to their Jurisdiction

The deputation on June 20<sup>th</sup> included specific requests of the municipality that included temporary public washroom facilities and for Council to waive the fees associated with flower watering in Clarksburg. Additional requests included support to find solutions for parking, both on-street as well as any alternative locations within the commercial area. On-street parking falls within the control of Grey County. The CVA also requested support in principle from Council to approach Grey County and request a reduction of speed along Marsh Street through the commercial area of Clarksburg and to consider alternative on-street parking that would increase the parking capacity primarily on weekends.

During the deputation staff identified that the Town had previously purchased property in Clarksburg for parking. The property was never developed as a parking lot due to objections from residents. Further investigation will be required to determine if this property will be suitable for a potential parking lot. The property is identified in Attachment 1 to this report.

The deputation also requested an alignment of services, fees, and subsidies with the Thornbury Business Improvement Area (BIA). Staff are recommending that this be included in the 2023 draft budget.

Many of these items have been discussed through a range of venues over the years. Previous Town of the Blue Mountains Councils have invested in the purchase of land for possible parking, construction of sidewalks on Clark Street, trails along the Beaver River, recent replacement of sidewalks on Marsh Street, and placement of a Gazebo and Interpretive Signage at Lion's Park. The stakeholders of Clarksburg have also invested heavily in Clarksburg which is evident in the very successful revitalization of the Marsh Street Centre, beautiful and intriguing artwork in the core area of Clarksburg, and most recently, Mr. Carty's redevelopment of the property on the Southwest corner of the Marsh Street/Clark Street intersection.

## **D. Analysis**

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Council approved support for the requests to waive fees associated with flower watering and created a budget of \$10,000 to provide wayfinding signage and temporary washroom facilities for the remainder of 2022. Council also supported staff reviewing preliminary options for a more permanent washroom facility in the Clarksburg Area. Staff have reached out to the Grey Sauble Conservation Authority (GSCA) for initial comments as most of the municipally owned land in this area falls within the GSCA regulated zone. Wayfinding signage in this area will also be considered through the overall Town review.

Staff have been able to provide some data regarding traffic and speed along Marsh Street to the CVA for their request to Grey County. The request for parody between the Thornbury BIA and the CVA will be brought forward by staff in the draft 2023 budget.

In 2020, at the direction of The Blue Mountains Police Services Board, the Town sent correspondence to the County of Grey requesting consideration of the reduction of speed limit and extending the existing Community Safety Zone (Attachment 4).

There are some existing viable parking opportunities in Clarksburg, however the opportunities are still very limited opportunities on Town owned land outside of the property identified in Attachment 1. If requests to Grey County do not result in additional or adequate parking and the current Town owned property is not considered suitable, additional review of potential opportunities would need to be considered.

## **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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None at this time but consideration will be given when reviewing washroom facilities, parking areas budget related requests.

## **G. Financial Impacts**

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Council has approved \$10,000 to support wayfinding signage and temporary washroom facilities for 2022. Additional financial considerations will be included in the 2023 draft budget.

## **H. In Consultation With**

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Clarksburg Village Association

Shawn Everitt, CAO

## **I. Public Engagement**

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The topic of this Staff Report has not been the subject of a Public Meeting and/or a Public Information Centre as neither a Public Meeting nor a Public Information Centre are required. However, any comments regarding this report should be submitted to Ryan Gibbons, Director Community Services [directorcs@thebluemountains.ca](mailto:directorcs@thebluemountains.ca).

## **J. Attached**

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1. Town Owned Property Purchased for Clarksburg Parking Lot
2. June 6, 2022 Deputation from Clarksburg Village Association
3. June 20, 2022 Deputation from Clarksburg Village Association
4. Letter to Grey County Re: Extension of Existing Community Safety Zone in Clarksburg and Thornbury

Respectfully submitted,

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### Report Approval Details

Document Title:	CSOPS.22.064 Clarksburg Village Association Deputation Response from June 20, 2022.docx
Attachments:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Attachment-1-Town-Owned-Property-Purchased-for-Clarksburg-Parking-Lot-.pdf</li><li>- Attachment-2-June-6-2022-Deputation-from-Clarksburg-Village-Association.pdf</li><li>- Attachment-3-June-20-2022-Deputation-from-Clarksburg-Village-Association.pdf</li><li>- Attachment-4-Letter-to-Grey-County-Re-Extension-of-Existing-Community-Safety-Zone-in-Clarksburg-and-Thornbury-.pdf</li></ul>
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This report and all of its attachments were approved and signed as outlined below:

**Ryan Gibbons - Aug 2, 2022 - 1:38 PM**