



## The Blue Mountains Attainable Housing Corporation

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July 13, 2022

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

Dear Mayor Soever and Members of Council

**Re: Special Meeting of Council, June 13, 2022  
Correspondence from Thornbury Business Improvement Area on Attainable Housing**

Thank you for the correspondence from the Thornbury Business Improvement Area to the Town regarding a secondary suite program to address workforce attainable housing needs.

The Blue Mountains Attainable Housing Corporation previously administered a Secondary Suite Grant Program with up to \$5,000 available to offset the costs to create an accessory apartment in the Town. However, our involvement with this program ended in June 2021 following the adoption of the Housing Within Reach Community Improvement Plan by the Town, which contains a toolkit of financial incentive programs to facilitate and encourage attainable housing including a new Accessory Dwelling Unit Program.

As an advocate, catalyst, and provider of attainable housing for economic and workforce development, The Blue Mountains Attainable Housing Corporation looks forward to learning more about the Town's plans to implement the Housing Within Reach Community Improvement Plan and exploring opportunities to work collaboratively to address the community's attainable housing needs.

Sincerely



Jennifer Bisley  
Executive Director

Enclosed: Motion, The Town of The Blue Mountains, Special Meeting of Council, June 13, 2022



The Town of The Blue Mountains, Special Meeting of Council  
Special Meeting of Council

Date: Monday, June 13, 2022

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Moved by: Councillor Hope  
Seconded by: Councillor Matrosovs

THAT Council of the Town of The Blue Mountains receives for information the May 16, 2022 correspondence from the Thornbury Business Improvement Area regarding attainable housing;  
AND THAT Council refers the correspondence to The Blue Mountains Attainable Housing Corporation, to the Finance and IT Services, and to the Official Plan Review Committee, for consideration

YES: 6

NO: 0

CONFLICT: 0

ABSENT: 1

The motion is Carried

YES: 6

Deputy Mayor Bordignon    Councillor Hope                      Councillor Matrosovs              Councillor Sampson  
Councillor Uram                      Councillor Bill Abbotts

NO: 0

CONFLICT: 0

ABSENT: 1

Mayor Soever



May 16, 2022

Mayor Alar Soever  
Town of The Blue Mountains  
32 Mill St  
Thornbury, ON N0H 2P0

Dear Mayor Soever,

As you are no doubt aware, one of the most pressing issues facing businesses in our area is finding adequate staff. One of the main contributing factors is the lack of affordable rental housing. The Gateway Attainable Housing Project will hopefully address some of that shortage, but its completion is years away. In the meantime, the creation of secondary suites could make affordable rental units available.

Will Council consider introducing grants to homeowners to help with renovations to convert part of existing homes to accommodate a secondary suite? Qualifying expenses would include such things as creating a separate entrance and converting units to meet fire code requirements. Also, if necessary, amend existing bylaws to allow the creation of secondary suites where necessary.

This issue affects many of our members and we welcome your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

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George Matamoros, Chair  
Thornbury BIA Board of Management.

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