To the Town of Blue Mountains:

Mayor Alar Soever, All Members of Council, Corrina Giles, Town Clerk, Shawn Everitt, Chief Administrative Officer, Ryan Gibbons, Director of Community Services

Proposal to the Town related to Camperdown Road property, Roll #4242

My family has owned a property at the top of Camperdown Road since 2005 (please see attached map) where we intended to construct our retirement home. We understand that in the recent Official Plan adopted by the Town of Blue Mountains, the relevant part of our property was re-zoned from RERc, allowing construction of our residence, to OS (Open Space), which does not. We were not specifically informed of this proposed change, and are rather concerned about the internal process that could have led to such a change, as from our perspective it is morally (though apparently not legally) an expropriation of our property with no compensation. We hope the rezoning was an unfortunate oversight in the process. Before we initiate an effort to recover the original zoning through prescribed mechanisms, it occurred to us there might be an opportunity for a simple win-win resolution that minimizes the effort involved for everyone.

Our property is rather unique in having a wonderful view of the valley and blessed with an intermittent stream through a forested ravine, and two inclined meadows with a municipal road allowance reaching the southern meadow that is used by hikers, bicyclers and other foot traffic that links from Camperdown Road to the Bruce Trail, and municipal, provincial, Grey County and private trails. The original RERc zoning where we intended to build a house was on the north meadow.

What we propose is to donate the south meadow area to the municipality for recreational uses in exchange for reverting the zoning of the north meadow to its previous designation (or current equivalent) and that we will be supported in obtaining a residential building permit subject to the normal zoning rules of the revised designation.

If you are interested in pursuing this proposition and fleshing out the details, please let me know whom to contact to help advance it formally to council. In either case I would appreciate hearing back at your earliest convenience.

Sincerely,

Rayan Zachariassen

E-mail: Phone:

Encl.: Overview map of Camperdown Rd with property marked, and Aerial map of property with meadows marked



