October 25, 2023

The Town of Blue Mountains Council 32 Mill Street, Box 310 Thornbury, ON NOH 2P0

Dear Mayor Matrosovs and Members of Council:

Re: Council Meeting - October 30, 2023 Agenda Items: G 2-1 and G 2-2 Tree Clear Cutting

We are writing to express our concern regarding the clear cutting that has taken place on the Blue Vista development lands beside our home

In March, 2023 we received notification that tree cutting would be taking place on the Blue Vista development lands between March 13- 31, 2023. Before starting the cut, several trees were marked with a pink ribbon. When the clear cutting was completed, a silt fence was put up around the area and the trees with the pink ribbons were still standing. It was our understanding that these trees and the fence marked the perimeter of the land to be developed and Park Block 119 was to be used by the Town of Blue Mountains as park land.

In the afternoon of October 10, 2023, to our shock, a feller/buncher arrived and started to clear cut the trees on Park Block 119. By the end of day, October 11 the land was completely stripped of all trees. There was no notice provided that this would be happening. As you can imagine, we, and our neighbours were astonished and questioned why this was happening. We reached out to the Town of Blue Mountains as NO information has been provided about this future "park" that Block 119 has been designated as. We were advised by Evan Hancock that "As of now it will just be open space and there are currently no plans for the park block".

We find it very interesting that there are no plans for the park block, yet all the trees were removed. At a minimum, a buffer of trees could have been left to provide a barrier between the new subdivision and the proposed path between the Blumont and Blue Vista developments.

Although it is too late for the trees in this park block, as well as the habitant it provided for the wildlife that lived there, we ask that in the future, designated park blocks are not stripped of all trees, particularly when there is no plan to create park land.

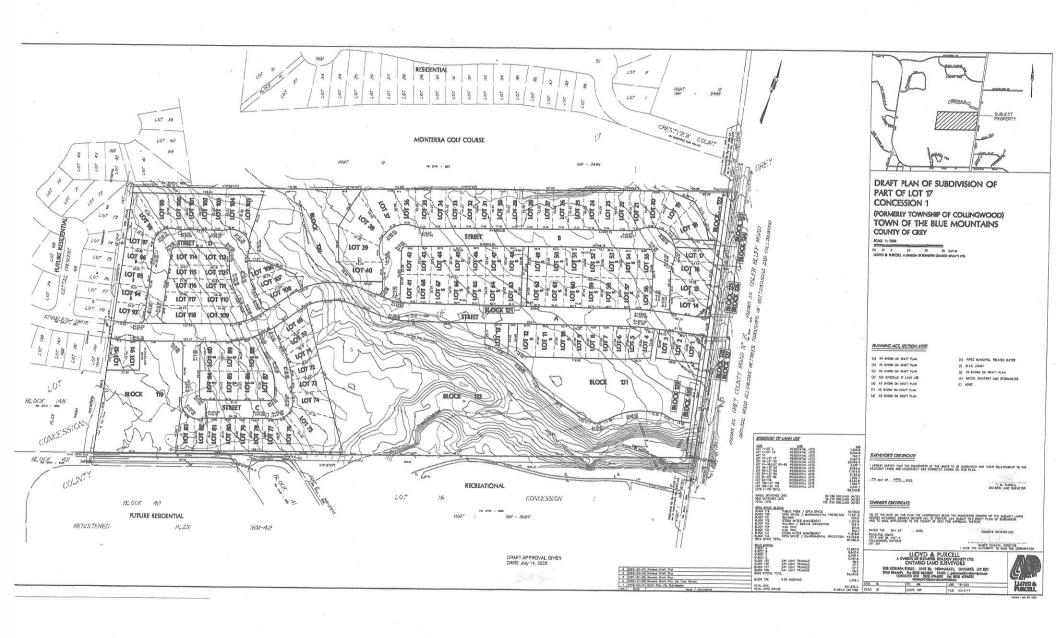
We also ask that some trees be planted to create a barrier between the existing and planned trails and that the park block be maintained so that it is not just another field of unruly weeds.

Our third ask is that during the planning stage of the park land, that a consultative approach be taken involving the residents of the surrounding area.

We trust that serious consideration will be give to these requests.

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Attachment-Draft Plan of Subdivision Part of Lot 17 Concession 1 Town of Blue mountains



Blue Vista: Park Block 119 - Park Land

October 10, 2023

October 11, 2023

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