



February 20, 2024

Mayor Andrea Matrosovs and Council
Town of The Blue Mountains

RE: Thornbury West Phase 1B – Louisa Street - Thornbury BIA

Dear Mayor and Council,

The BIA supports the **Reconsideration of Staff Report CSOPS.20.49** with the below recommendations motioned and carried by Council (7-0) on December 18, 2023.

THAT, in response to the December 18, 2023 Notice of Motion to reconsider the direction of staff report CSOPS.20.049 entitled “Victoria Street South and Louisa Street West Reconstruction Design Options Update” and staff report CSOPS.22.050 entitled “Thornbury West Parkette PIC Follow-Up”, Council directs staff to provide a staff report to a future Committee of the Whole meeting for Council consideration that will include opportunities for the construction, including,

1. Option 3A as referenced in staff report CSOPS.20.049
2. Eliminate parkette to preserve as many mature trees as possible
3. Elimination of parking spaces in consultation with the Louisa Street residents, local businesses and the BIA
4. Include a comprehensive downtown Thornbury Parking Strategy in the 2024 Draft Budget, for Council Consideration

On Wednesday February 7, 2024 Mike Campbell, Senior Infrastructure Capital Project Coordinator brought forward this project for discussion. Based on the information provided to the BIA Board and Membership, and in consultation with business owners directly impacted we, 1) support the elimination of the parkette to preserve as many mature trees as possible, 2) we support parking spaces that are considered in consultation with Louisa Street residents, and local businesses owners that are directly impacted, 3) we support a plan for parking spaces in which the preservation of as many mature trees as possible is also considered.

Thank you for your consideration, we appreciate being consulted. The BIA has no objection to parking and understands that this is a decision to be made by Town Council and Staff of the Operations Department, through consultation with the residents and property owners directly impacted on Louisa Street.

Submitted on behalf of the board of management.

Sincerely,
Sarah Beveridge, Chair and Renee Desrochers, Co-Chair, Thornbury BIA