

## Tracy Nowak

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**From:** Corrina Giles  
**Sent:** Monday, March 11, 2024 8:56 AM  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Cc:** council; SMT; Tracy Nowak; Kyra Dunlop; Carrie Fairley  
**Subject:** FW: Webform submission from: Town Clerk  
**Attachments:** BlueMountainsBudgeSubmissions2024DMurphy.pdf

Good morning,

I acknowledge receipt of your attached comments regarding the March 12 Public Meeting, and confirm I have forwarded the same to Council for their information and consideration. As your comments were received after the deadline, they may not be included in the summary of comments received, but will be attached to the followup staff report regarding this matter.

Kind regards,



**Corrina Giles, CMO**

Town Clerk

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**From:** Web Committee <[webcommittee@thebluemountains.ca](mailto:webcommittee@thebluemountains.ca)>

**Sent:** Sunday, March 10, 2024 1:17 PM

**To:** Town Clerk <[townclerk@thebluemountains.ca](mailto:townclerk@thebluemountains.ca)>

**Subject:** Webform submission from: Town Clerk

Submitted on Sun, 03/10/2024 - 13:16

Submitted by: Anonymous

Submitted values are:

**Name:**

Daniel Murphy

**Email:**

[REDACTED]

**Phone:**

[REDACTED]

**How can we help you?**

Dear Town of Blue Mountains, please find attached my submissions to be submitted to council for the March 12th, 2024 Budge Meeting. I may not be able to attend in person, however I would ask that all council and the Mayor be given the attached copy of my Submissions and it be read into the record, if I am not able to attend in person. Thanks so much

**I would like a copy of my submission sent to my email address.**

Yes

Any accompanying files are attached.

March 10, 2024

The Town of Blue Mountains Council

32 Mill St.

Thornbury, Ontario

NOH 2PO

**RE: 2024 Draft Budget Meeting on March 12, 2024 Submissions to Council**

Dear Council, please accept this word document in relation to the Draft Budget for 2024. As per the Draft Budget Summary, you directed staff to bring in a Tax increase of no more than **2.5 %**. Yet staff have indicated the Tax increase must be closer to **10 % at 9.58 %**. You also refer to **“significant”** growth in the Town and that **“Growth”** seems to be growing with no end in sight. With all the additional property assessments the town should be able to come in at a Tax increase of no more than **2.5 %** in my opinion and should make every concerted effort to do so. The Town of Blue Mountains is constantly referring to the term **“Affordable Housing”** and if you undertake to go beyond the **2.5 %** increase, you are contradicting your efforts respectfully, to make housing affordable in Blue Mountains. I moved here, for quality of life and good services and in just one year, I have noticed a massive increase in the development around me.

I currently reside on Beckwith Lane in the 230 Condo Townhome Development at Mountain House at Windfall. We all pay exorbitant Property Taxes, **yet all out properties on Beckwith Lane and Beausoleil Lane are not provided with Snow Removal or Salting on our roads, nor are we afforded Municipal Garbage and Recycling collection, which begs the question what are out property taxes going towards ?** That if you are going to have any increase above 0% for 2024, the least you can respectfully do, is to please provide us with the Municipal Services that other people in Blue Mountains enjoy.

I realize that there are **“Inflationary Pressures”** everywhere and the township is not immune to these pressures, however I would argue those pressures are far more acute for home owners, including many on Beckwith Lane and Beausoleil Lane, who are now being confronted with massive increases in their monthly finances, due to Mortgage renewals on homes, where in 2019 one might have had a mortgage rate,

of **1.75 %** and are now going to **5.75 %** resulting in the homeowner in many instances having to find an **extra \$700.00** or more, to be able to keep the property the reside in and any property Tax increase, the Town of Blue Mountains places on homeowners will only further exacerbate a dire situation for some individuals.

You do make reference to MPAC and the assessments and respectfully those assessments are going to come much further down. The resale prices, in my complex have dropped by as much as between **\$200,000 and \$250,000**. You forecasted a year end 2023 Revenue Target that is ***"Well over budget for revenues"*** this alone, means the township should have more than enough to get to a **0% or 2.5 % increase**.

Lastly, I realize that the Town of Blue Mountains is a quasi Tourist / Residential destination, however I would respectfully say, the Residential growth is far outgrowing the Tourist component and Tax levies and services should be applied accordingly.

Thank you for taking my submissions under consideration

Daniel Murphy

[REDACTED]

Blue Mountains, Ontario

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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**From:** Corrina Giles  
**Sent:** Monday, March 11, 2024 10:23 PM  
**To:** Randall Bier  
**Cc:** council; SMT; Tracy Nowak; Kyra Dunlop; Carrie Fairley  
**Subject:** RE: Resident Parking Pass

Hello Mr. Bier,

I acknowledge receipt of your email below regarding the Town's parking pass program. By way of copy, I have provided the same to Council for their information and consideration. As your comments were received after the deadline regarding the March 12 Public Meeting Re: 2024 Budget, your comments will be not be included in the summary of comments received, but will be attached to a followup staff report regarding this matter.

Kind regards,



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**From:** Randall Bier [REDACTED]

**Sent:** Friday, March 8, 2024 5:34 PM

**To:** Town Clerk <[townclerk@thebluemountains.ca](mailto:townclerk@thebluemountains.ca)>

**Subject:** Fwd: Resident Parking Pass

Hi, I recently applied for parking passes and an exception which was initially forwarded to the By-law office. They suggested I reach out to you. Below is my request and the response from the By-law office. I appreciate your consideration of an exception for our situation.

Randall

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** Corey Ellis <[cellis@thebluemountains.ca](mailto:cellis@thebluemountains.ca)>

**Date:** March 8, 2024 at 4:12:28 PM EST

**To:** [REDACTED]

**Subject:** Resident Parking Pass

How can we help you?

Hello, I recently sent in parking pass information on behalf of my father, Glenn Bier, who lives at [REDACTED] on Clarksburg. My father is 92 years old, lives alone and no longer drives. He still owns a vehicle which is registered to him in Clarksburg and that vehicle has been accepted into the parking pass program. However, my family drives this vehicle. We live in Caledon and on weekends someone from my family drives up to see and spend time with my father. I submitted license plates for two of the vehicles I own as we often drive one of these vehicles to spend time with my father and drive him around, rather than the vehicle he owns. Unfortunately these vehicles have not been accepted into the

program. I hope with this explanation, you might consider an exception for our situation and accept these vehicles into the program.

Thanks, Randall

Response:

Hi Randall,

Thanks for your email.

I understand and appreciate the situation. However, you would be required to reach out to the town clerk to have this 'rule' or 'requirement' changed or the exception accepted. Unfortunately, we as a department must abide by the requirements imposed by council. If you reach out to the clerk's department, they would bring the inquiry/request to council.

[townclerk@thebluemountains.ca](mailto:townclerk@thebluemountains.ca)

Thank you,



**Corey Ellis**

By-law Services Administrative Assistant

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As part of providing accessible customer service, please let me know if you have any accommodation needs or require communication supports or alternate formats.



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**From:** Corrina Giles  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 12, 2024 12:57 PM  
**To:** Stu Frith  
**Cc:** Dan Simpson; council; SMT; Tracy Nowak; Kyra Dunlop; Carrie Fairley  
**Subject:** RE: Letter for Council | Wastewater Servicing of Tyrolean Lane  
**Attachments:** Dan Simpson Letter \_ Re\_ Wastewater Servicing of Tyrolean Lane \_ March 11th, 2024.pdf

Good afternoon Stu,

I acknowledge receipt of your comments in response to today's public meeting regarding the 2024 draft budget. By way of copy, I have forwarded your comments to Council for their information and consideration. As your comments were received after the deadline, your comments will not be included in the summary of comments read at today's meeting, but will be attached to the followup staff report regarding this matter.

Kind regards,



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**From:** Stu Frith <[REDACTED]>

**Sent:** Tuesday, March 12, 2024 9:21 AM

**To:** Corrina Giles <[cgiles@thebluemountains.ca](mailto:cgiles@thebluemountains.ca)>

**Cc:** Dan Simpson <[REDACTED]>; Shawn Everitt <[severitt@thebluemountains.ca](mailto:severitt@thebluemountains.ca)>

**Subject:** Letter for Council | Wastewater Servicing of Tyrolean Lane

Good morning Corrina,

How are you doing ?

Attached you will find a letter for Council from a valued client of mine. Thanks in advance for passing over to Council for consideration.

Have a great week ahead.

Sincerely,



Stu Frith | Business Development Manager | Blue Mountain, ON

[www.vacasa.com](http://www.vacasa.com)

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March 11th 2024

By email to; cgiles@thebluemountains.ca

Mayor Matrosovs and Members of Council c/o Corrina Giles

Town of the Blue Mountains

PO Box 310, 32 Mill Street,

Thornbury, Ontario NOH 2PO

**RE: Wastewater Servicing of Tyrolean Lane**

I am the registered owner of both [REDACTED] Tyrolean Lane and [REDACTED] Tyrolean Lane each of which contains a 50+ year old six bedroom chalet. . The property is currently being serviced with municipal water and the original septic system and both dwellings are currently Municipally licensed as STA's.

I was extremely disappointed by the announcement early in 2023 that the construction of Phase 2 of the Tyrolean Watermain Replacement and Wastewater Servicing project had been postponed indefinitely.



In the Blue Mountains, there are several market demands or pressures for housing, only one of which I can provide at this time on my two properties, that being STA. With the public messaging from the Municipality, for a long time now, being focused on affordable and workforce housing and knowing that each is in extremely high demand it is somewhat unexplainable why Phase 2 was postponed, when it was. Completing Phase 2 would have opened up many opportunities along Tyrolean Lane for options under all three housing types, not only for me, but for a significant number of other property owners along the impacted stretch of Tyrolean Lane. **It would seem to me that this is an easy win for all stakeholders, for obvious reasons, as noted throughout my letter.**

1. By re-initiating the Phase 2 project, the timing would be good as TBM's would be taking advantage of current costs and economic conditions
2. By completing Phase 2 TBM's would absolutely be able to pride in increasing community options by addressing the market's housing needs, through the provision of actual brick and mortar options for workforce (ie. BMR) and affordable housing
3. The septic systems in questions are multiple decades old and, as such, by completing Phase 2, the TBM'S would facilitate the actual environmental benefits of replacing these old, inefficient, and perhaps leaky septic systems
4. It seems like a predictable outcome, over time, that portions of the existing water systems fail within the TV zone, at much time and cost to repair, so by completing Phase 2, TBM's would be saving the cost of servicing the undeniably old and extremely brittle watermains.

**As a long time property owner I am respectfully requesting the reinitiation and completion of Phase 2 of the Tyrolean Watermain Replacement and Wastewater Servicing project.**

Thanks for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Dan Simpson

