

Honourable Mayor Matrosovs  
Shawn Everitt, CAO, Town of Blue Mountains  
Town of Blue Mountains Council

June 19, 2024

RE: Staff Report FAF.24.079 - Surplus Land Public Meeting Follow Up Report  
Property #5 - Cameron Street

Honourable Mayor, Mr. Everitt and Council:

I would like to again express disagreement with the TBM staff report regarding the recommendation to sell the surplus land on Cameron Street as a residential building lot. I submitted a similar letter last week to the Committee of the Whole meeting, but Council still is not understanding and listening to the residents they represent in this area.

Residents here are requesting Option #2 - *sale to the two adjacent landowners*.  
Staff, without any documented research or criteria, are recommending Option #1 - *sale as a residential building lot*.

**Anyone who has visited Property #5 would see:**

- Cameron is a unique cottage street that is not conducive to an in-fill project
- this vacant land in Thornbury has been in existence for over 60 years as an empty lot that all residents in this area are accustomed to
- this lot is extremely narrow. All other lots are much wider than the 66 foot road allowance and it would totally disrupt the character of Cameron Street
- the installation of a septic bed would be difficult and require removal of all the trees
- the need for extra time and fees for a survey, mitigation measures, legal fees
- this would be a totally inappropriate and disruptive change

**Council needs to consider conscientiously for Property #5:**

- their mandate to support existing official plan priorities of preserving existing natural and community features
- their mandate to listen to and work with local residents to support their needs
- their mandate to responsibly balance the established community with new development
- their purpose is not to generate maximum revenue

I encourage Council to reject the staff option for the Cameron Street parcel and support what your constituents are requesting - **sale to owners of 214 and 216 Cameron.**

Sincerely, Arnis Pukitis (Resident at [REDACTED].)