

To the Honorable Mayor and Members of the
Committee of the Whole,
Town of The Blue Mountains
32 Mill Street
Thornbury, ON, L9Y 1T3



Dear Mayor Matrosovs and Committee Members,

Subject: Request for Deferral of Allocation Policy in Staff Report PDS.24.081

We are writing on behalf of the Georgian Triangle Development Institute (GTDI) to respectfully request the deferral of the decision regarding the allocation policy as outlined in Staff Report PDS.24.081, scheduled for discussion on August 27, 2024. We propose that this matter be deferred to the next Committee of the Whole meeting to allow the development industry adequate time to review and provide meaningful input on this critical policy.

As stated in the staff report, this policy is enacted under the recent amendments to the Municipal Act through Bill 185, and therefore may be the first of its kind in the province. The significance and potential impact of being a pioneering policy under these new provisions underscore the importance of developing it with comprehensive industry consultation to reflect a fair, equitable, and practical approach for all stakeholders.

Furthermore, the draft of this significant policy was only circulated on Monday, August 19, 2024. Given the complexity and the potential implications of the proposed changes, this has not allowed sufficient time for a thorough review and to prepare a detailed response that a policy of this magnitude warrants.

The GTDI appreciates the Town's efforts in engaging with the development community and recognizes the importance of implementing policies that reflect the evolving needs of our region. We believe that by granting more time for review, the Town will benefit from more informed and constructive feedback that could enhance the policy's effectiveness and alignment with the Town's development goals.

We are committed to working collaboratively with the Town to ensure that the policy supports sustainable development while addressing the strategic needs of the community. We thank the Town for its ongoing commitment to transparency and stakeholder engagement.

Thank you for considering this request. We look forward to your favorable response and to a continued productive dialogue.

Georgian Triangle Development Institute