

Bill Abbotts, Thornbury, re: Staff Report CSOPS.24.075 - Thornbury West Phase 1B

Good day Council and staff.

I would like to go on record as supporting the recommendations of Staff Report CSOPS.24.075 - Thornbury West Phase 1B using Design Option 3 with the higher density Replanting Plan. With the design of Louisa finalized we could finally go ahead with the completion of Thornbury West 1B including the rest of Elma, Alice, and the two lanes, one off Elma and the other off Alice. Let's get on with the project. No more kicking the can down the road. More delay only increases homeowner frustration and increases costs for everyone.

The report states this project has been on the books since at least 2016 or before. As my neighbor states in his comment attached to the report *"Many homeowners were devastated by the Council decision to delay the project for yet another year and many are frankly very angry. This has been a build up of almost 10 years of frustration."* I am one of those homeowners – frustrated and angry at the delay. We have been planning our life around a summer of construction and a fall of finally being able to have the works on our own property completed.

The estimated costs to do the work on my property have escalated from \$5,000 to maybe \$25,000. Construction cost for the town (taxpayer dollars) has also increased dramatically.

I have a "Y" sewer connection with my neighbour that is substandard and needs correcting. The storm sewer connection for my sump pump will be helpful also in keeping groundwater from our property and my neighbour's. My waterline is rusted galvanized pipe which needs replacing. The street shutoff for my waterline is also suspect and needs updating.

Many other homeowners I have talked to are in the same boat with similar issues and are anxious to have their situations corrected.

This report is a pleasant surprise but with the short turnaround from the availability of the staff report and deadline for letter submissions it is difficult for many to make their voices heard. Most I have talked to are fully in support of approving the staff recommendations and getting on with the job and have asked me to make their opinions known.

Yours respectfully

Bill & Sue Abbotts