

For Council Consideration

November 13th, 2024

RE: Report Number: CSOPS.24.063 – Options for use of 130 King Street West Property as prepared by: Ryan Gibbons, Director Community Services – COW Meeting on November 18th, 2024 – Agenda Item B.9.4

Dear Mayor and Members of Council:

As a long time, resident and taxpayer in this community and an adjacent neighbour to 130 King Street West property (Peel Street North – Tennis Courts), I have only ever known this property to be greenspace and the legitimate use of the lands for Cameron Shores Tennis Association.

Please accept this Staff Report and direct staff to complete a community engagement process to consider recreational uses of this land and direct staff to include \$10,000 to complete this community engagement process. I also ask that you expediate this process, as we have waited far too long for this land to become passive greenspace/tennis courts/parkland.

I cannot emphasize enough, that the residents of Cameron, Peel, Timber Lane, High Bluff, and the Condos on the hill have been denied of any Parkland/Open Greenspace in this area of the TOBM. You have just recently taken cash in lieu of parkland from Lora Green Development, which makes the issue of Parkland/Open Greenspace a greater priority to us residents. The Peel Street North (Tennis Courts) Land is perfect for a passive location for Parkland and Open Greenspace not only for the residents in this area but also for the community at large.

It makes sense that this land would be given priority for the use of tennis courts and passive greenspace and parkland. Working with Cameron Shores Tennis Association to enter into an agreement to include private and public use is imperative considering the Association has been legitimate in their paying for the lease and taxes of the land all these years. It is no fault of the Association that some would consider this to be a kept secret.

Despite the valuation of the land, the issue of no parkland and greenspace for the number of residents that now live in this section of the community cannot be ignored any longer.

I can assure you that there has been very little if any communication with the Cameron Shores Tennis Association with regards to the Peel Street North lands to date.

Once again, I implore you to do the right thing.

Catherine Sholtz, [REDACTED], Thornbury