



Staff Report

Community Services

Report To: Accountability and Transparency Committee
Meeting Date: January 16, 2025
Report Number: CS.25.001
Title: Tennis Court Survey for 130 King Street West
Prepared by: Ryan Gibbons, Director Community Services

A. Recommendations

THAT Council receive Staff Report CS.25.001, entitled "Tennis Court Survey for 130 King Street West";

AND THAT Council approve the survey to be released to the public;

AND THAT Council directs staff to bring the final report to Council April 22, 2025.

B. Overview

This report is being provided to the Accountability and Transparency Committee in alignment with the terms of reference, section 2, Mandate:

"Collaborating with Communications staff to ensure all elements of accountability and transparency are engrained into every Town communication vehicle including surveys."

The report also includes the timeline changes that are required to complete the process which does not align with the direction provided by Council December 16, 2024.

C. Background

At the November 18, 2024 Committee of the Whole meeting, staff presented report [CSOPS.24.063](#), Options for use of 130 King St. West Property. At the December 2, Council meeting the following direction was provided to staff:

B.9.4 Options for use of 130 King St. West Property, CSOPS.24.063

Moved by: Councillor Hope

Seconded by: Councillor Porter

THAT Council receive Staff Report CSOPS.24.063, entitled "Options for use of 130 King St. West Property";

AND THAT Council directs staff to complete a community engagement process to consider recreational uses of 130 King St. West;

AND THAT Council directs staff to provide up to \$10,000 from the Working Capital Reserve to complete a community engagement process

Yay (5): Deputy Mayor Bordignon, Councillor Hope, Councillor Maxwell, Councillor McKinlay, and Councillor Porter

Absent (2): Mayor Matrosovs, and Councillor Ardiel

The motion is Carried (5 to 0)

At the December 9, 2024 Committee of the Whole meeting, Kev Rostami presented a deputation requesting support for a racquet facility at 130 King St. W, Thornbury. The following direction was provided to staff at the December 16, 2024 Council meeting:

Moved by Councillor Hope

Seconded by Councillor Porter

THAT Council of the Town of The Blue Mountains receive for information the deputation of Kevin Rostami and Tom Kern, Georgian Bay Community Racquet Centre Re: Four-Court Tennis Development Leveraging Existing Town Assets at 130 King Street West;

AND THAT Council direct staff to provide a staff report in response to the requests contained in the deputation of the Georgian Bay Racquet Centre, by the end of March, 2025.

The motion is Carried (4 to 0)

D. Analysis

At the December 16 meeting, Council directed staff to bring a report back to Council by the end of March, 2025. After working through the meeting schedules and time required to administer the survey, staff will not be able to meet the timeline. The earliest Council meeting that a report could be presented to is April 22, 2025, if all timelines are met through the process and no delays occur. The following schedule has been included to show key dates:

December 16 – Council consideration / direction to staff confirmed

January 8 – Reports due for Accountability & Transparency Committee

January 16 – Accountability & Transparency Committee

February 3 – Accountability & Transparency recommendations considered by Committee of the Whole

February 18 – Council provide direction on Accountability & Transparency Committee recommendations

February 24 - Release survey

March 7 – Survey closes

March 28 – Reports due for Committee of the Whole

April 7 – Report / survey results to Committee of the Whole

April 22 – Council consideration / direction to staff confirmed

Staff are recommending that this survey be completed to understand how the entire community would like the property to be developed for recreational purposes. Council has received a wide range of feedback about this property and how it should be used. This will allow staff to provide Council with information from the entire community and ultimately provide staff with direction on the development of the property.

E. Strategic Priorities

1. Communication and Engagement

We will enhance communications and engagement between Town Staff, Town residents and stakeholders

2. Organizational Excellence

We will continually seek out ways to improve the internal organization of Town Staff and the management of Town assets.

3. Community

We will protect and enhance the community feel and the character of the Town, while ensuring the responsible use of resources and restoration of nature.

4. Quality of Life

We will foster a high quality of life for full-time and part-time residents of all ages and stages, while welcoming visitors.

F. Environmental Impacts

None at this time

G. Financial Impacts

Up to \$10,000

H. In Consultation With

Kent Waugh, Managing Partner – The W Group

I. Public Engagement

This process will include a public survey to help inform a recommendation for the use of a property known as 130 King St. W. The survey will be available online and will be communicated in partnership with the Strategic Initiatives Department through signs on Town property, the Town website, social media and email to subscribers.

The topic of this Staff Report has not been the subject of a Public Meeting and/or a Public Information Centre as neither a Public Meeting nor a Public Information Centre are required. However, any comments regarding this report should be submitted to Ryan Gibbons, Director Community Services directorcs@thebluemountains.ca.

J. Attached

1. W Group – Proposed Survey

Respectfully submitted,

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