



# Staff Report

## Community Services

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**Report To:** COW- Admin, Corp and Finance, SI, Comm. Services  
**Meeting Date:** February 3, 2025  
**Report Number:** CS.25.010  
**Title:** Options for use of 130 King St. W - Survey  
**Prepared by:** Ryan Gibbons, Director of Community Services

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### A. Recommendations

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THAT Council receive Staff Report CS.25.010, entitled "Options for use of 130 King St. W - Survey";

AND THAT Council directs staff to conduct a survey regarding the options for use of 130 King St. W.

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

### B. Overview

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This report is being provided to Council in response to direction provided on December 2<sup>nd</sup>, and December 16<sup>th</sup>.

This report outlines the background and direction leading to the request to release a survey to determine the use of 130 King St. W.

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 as well as the timeline that would be required to meet the recommendation by the Accountability and Transparency Committee January 16, 2025.

### C. Background

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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)

Staff report [CS.25.001](#), "Tennis Court Survey for 130 King Street West" was 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 following recommendations were provided by the committee for Council consideration:

THAT Council of the Town of The Blue Mountains receives for information and consideration, the following recommendation from the Accountability and Transparency Committee dated January 16, 2025:

THAT the Accountability and Transparency Committee receives for information Staff Report CS.25.001, Tennis Court Survey for 130 King Street West.

AND that the Accountability and Transparency Committee requests that Council consider the collective comments, including the meeting recording from this Committee, and all of the Town's residents received regarding the Tennis Court Survey for 130 King Street West as part of the decision-making process.

CARRIED

THAT Council of the Town of The Blue Mountains receives for information and consideration, the following recommendation from the Accountability and Transparency Committee dated January 16, 2025:

THAT the Accountability and Transparency Committee requests Council to direct staff to hold a Public Information Session regarding the options for the use of the property at 130 King Street West.

## **D. Analysis**

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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 community and ultimately provide staff with direction on the development of the property.

If Council directs staff to proceed with a public information session as recommended by the Accountability and Transparency Committee, 21 days' notice will be required to be given in accordance with the policy POL.COR.24.04 "Provision of Notice and Manner of Giving Notice to the Public policy" and a follow-up report will have to be provided to Council.

If this direction is provided, the following timeline will be required:

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 19 – Release notice for Public Information Centre

March 13 – Public Information Centre

March 28 – Reports due to Clerks for Committee of the Whole

April 7 – Committee of the Whole

April 22 – Council consideration / direction to staff confirmed

April 25 – Release survey

May 9 – Survey Closes

May 16 – Reports due to Clerks for Committee of the Whole

May 26 – Committee of the Whole

June 2 – Council consideration / direction to staff confirmed

Based on feedback from the Accountability and Transparency Committee, and members of the public that provided comments, the consultant has revised the survey.

## **E. Strategic Priorities**

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### **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**

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None at this time

## **G. Financial Impacts**

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Up to \$10,000

## **H. In Consultation With**

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None

## **I. Public Engagement**

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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 of Community Services [directorcs@thebluemountains.ca](mailto:directorcs@thebluemountains.ca).

If direction is provided to use the property for a use that requires a zoning bylaw amendment, a public meeting will be required.

## **J. Attached**

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None

Respectfully submitted,

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Director of Community Services

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**Report Approval Details**

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This report and all of its attachments were approved and signed as outlined below:

**Ryan Gibbons - Jan 24, 2025 - 4:28 PM**