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**How can we help you?**

Please read the following communication during the appropriate public comments section of the upcoming Committee of the Whole meeting on April 7, 2025 as I am unable to attend. tks John.

To Mayor Matrosovs and the Town Council

Reference;

“Agenda

The Blue Mountains

Committee of the Whole Meeting

Date: Monday, April 07, 2025

Time: 9:30 A.m.

Staff Reports

B.14.1

Response to The Georgian Bay Racquets Initiative, CS.25.013

THAT Council receive Staff Report CS.25.013, entitled “Response to The Georgian Bay Racquets Initiative”; AND THAT Council direct staff to actively collaborate with The Georgian Bay Racquets Initiative to identify viable Town owned properties (including but not limited to 130 King St W) for an indoor racquets facility, conduct a preliminary feasibility assessment of potential locations and operating models, and provide a comprehensive staff report to Council by June 2, 2025; AND THAT Council direct staff to formally meet with The Georgian Bay Racquets Initiative every three weeks to share progress and ensure continued collaboration in the process of bringing forward a staff report to Council by June 2, 2025.”

Greetings all, I would like to address Ryan Gibbons' Staff report. Trailwoods and area residents in west Thornbury have been tirelessly trying to reach out and work with TBM Community Services (CS) for the past five years with a goal to re-develop the open-air tennis courts at 130 Peel Street and create a park like the beautiful Nipissing Tennis Park located in eastern TBM. In this report however, CS appears to be dismissing both our survey process for 130 Peel Street, and our efforts to rebuild the courts and add park amenities, yet asking

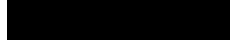
Council permission to closely engage with the Tennis Bubble group.

Despite not addressing Thornbury West community's requests regarding the tennis/park initiative for several years and not responding to our requests for meetings, Community Services has now proposed to Council in this report that they (CS) meet with the new Tennis Bubble group every three weeks and produce a report on the Bubble proposal even before the Town survey of the 130 Peel Street location is completed. Seriously? Quite a shock! Our community has patiently endured an overly prolonged bureaucratic process, yet Mr. Gibbon's Community Services seeks to expedite a separate process for a specific group for the same property. The CS report also indicates the \$365,000 is still there for their tennis bubble needs! To be clear, we support a Western Thornbury Park like Nipissing at 130 Peel Street, and a bubbled tennis facility in our region, but not at 130 Peel. The 130 Peel Street location should be removed from any Tennis Bubble consideration, and other sites further identified for such use.

Can Council please advise what is the status of the community survey for 130 Peel Street as it is now again late and has missed the original dates agreed by Council. Also, let's not allow this new on the scene initiative bypass the process for 130 Peel Street Council has already put in place.

I look forward to your response.

Sincerely,  
John Dowsley



Thornbury

**I would like a copy of my submission sent to my email address.**

Yes

Any accompanying files are attached.