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How can we help you?

Good Day Council

Thank you for including my submission on the April 3 Council meeting.

I am a TMB resident, living full-time on Cameron Street, Thornbury.

I am writing in support of my neighbours and community, working hard to keep the 130 King Street West / Peel Street N Park for parkland and other public recreational activities consistent with its current usage (for example, to include two refurbished outdoor tennis courts available for public use).

I oppose the private, non-residential group, Georgian Bay Racquets Centre, who are being courted by council, getting access to our illusive green space. It's been suggested Town Staff are giving away \$375,000 of money earmarked for tennis facilities to this out of town group. I have no idea how this private group, GBRC, has gained so much traction and in such a back door manner. Zero transparency. Totally shameful.

As it has been repeatedly pointed out to Council, our neighborhood has spent years, as your neighbor, reaching out to Ryan Gibbons with our concerns & ideas, with no meaningful engagement .

We, as your residents need to have council answer a question:

How have years of attempts been ignored, and suddenly, there is such interaction with a group that until 6 months ago was unheard of, has no presence or residency in Thornbury, to advocate so strongly for them?

Perhaps this group is taking all the “heavy lifting” away, and crafting answers?

As a member of Cameron Shores Tennis Club we have worked for years to get a multi-year lease from the town, long enough for CSTC to resurface our 2 courts and adopt a public/ private model similar to Nippising Ridge Tennis. We consistently get ignored and worse, lied to, about how this land is being set up for development that has nothing to do with our requests and community.

Now I understand there is a separate request from two previous councilors/proponents to use the property for affordable housing. ENOUGH!

This is not just about tennis courts. It's about trust. I am demanding better — a fair survey that asks the right questions, a process that values transparency and decisions that reflect the choices of the people, like me, who call this town home.

We have been quiet long enough.

If Council allows this manipulation of your employee and council to continue, you will answer for this behind doors sham.

Our words are strong, because our years of decorum have failed.

We need this land, not wealthy residence of Collingwood / Osler / Craigleith.

Thank you for including my words. I am hopeful the town can respect me and my neighbours and keep our green space available for our neighbourhood.

James Giffen

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

Yes

Any accompanying files are attached.