

## **Carrie Fairley**

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**Subject:** June 23 Council Meeting - Staff Report Item CS.25.025, Options for 130 King St. W and Engagement Response

*Hello Carrie Fairley and Corrina Giles,*

*Please include this submission for inclusion in the comments and discussion at the June 23<sup>rd</sup> Meeting of Council.*

**Reference:** *Staff Report Item CS.25.025, Options for 130 King St. W and Engagement Response*

**Topic:** *Support For Staff Report*

**From:** *Ann Joyner, [REDACTED] Thornbury, ON N0H 2P0*

Dear TBM Council,

I listened to the Committee of a Whole Meeting on May 26, 2025 and was very pleased when Council voted 4 to 2 to support the *Staff Report Item CS.25.025, Options for 130 King St. W. and Engagement Response*. The COW decision reflected what was heard at the PIC on May 8 and the submissions received by COW on this topic including one from me. Here is the great decision that was Carried (4-2):

*B.14.6 Options for 130 King St. W and Engagement Response, CS.25.025*

*THAT Council receive Staff Report CS.25.025, entitled "Options for 130 King St. W and Engagement Response";*

*AND THAT Council direct staff to include an addition to the 2026 budget for the consideration of re-zoning and development of 130 King St. W;*

*AND THAT Council direct staff to include the following elements in the addition to the budget request: replacement of 2 outdoor tennis courts, formalized recreational trail, formalized parking and formalized access;*

*AND THAT Council direct staff to negotiate an agreement with the Cameron Shores Tennis Club for the use of the tennis court for 2025 only, subject to a review of the courts for safety, provision of insurance, taxes and lease fee of \$1,100.00 (one thousand one hundred dollars). CARRIED*

I listened to the Council meeting on June 2 and was waiting for Council to also strongly endorse the decision of COW the week before. What a disappointment to have this decision deferred by one Councillor without

any reasons provided or a remedy to resolve her issues so we can move ahead with the park and two public tennis courts that are so strongly supported by west Thornbury residents.

It is unfortunate that one member of Council has the power to defer a decision that is highly supported by the west Thornbury residents and the majority of Council without providing reasons, a remedy and a timeline for removing the deferral.

I would like to remind you again of the concerns most local residents have and our desires for the park on King St. W/Peel St. These concerns were shared by many in correspondence for the Committee of the Whole and at the PIC.

It is important that you endorse Staff Report B.14.6 as passed by COW on May 26 and reflect the wishes of local residents. Here are my main points of concern and desires for the site that were echoed by many others at the PIC and COW meeting:

- There is no parkland for residents in this area of west Thornbury. This parcel can easily be made into a park including low-cost activities such as a walking trail, children’s playground, picnic tables, public tennis and other hardcourt low organization sports. This is what is desired and needed by local residents like myself.
- Cameron Shores Tennis Club has stated publicly that it is defunct after this summer and any model of public play, such as at Nipissing Ridge, will be possible and supported.
- This site offers amazing natural habitat that should be preserved and even enhanced with native plantings. It is a unique area close to the Little Beaver River and offers shade and space for people to enjoy some forest habitat which is rare within our town of Thornbury. Local residents and environmental organizations like Pollinate the Blue Mountains will likely be happy to partner on an initiative to develop an eco-responsible park in the town of Blue Mountains.
- A park on Peel St. adds a destination to many residents of west Thornbury via active transportation means. The site is easily connected to the Georgian Trail and future Bay St. footbridge that will allow residents to connect via walking, bicycling and jogging. The upcoming Peel St North reconstruction which includes a bicycle/walking path is a perfect connector for a new park to the rest of town.

I sincerely hope that Council endorses the staff report and makes a decision that reflects the desires of the local residents for a park and a few public tennis courts on Peel St/130 King St. W.

Sincerely,

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