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How can we help you?

Good day Mayor and Members of Council,

Thank you for the opportunity to voice my positive opinion for a zoning change at Grey Gold Cidery. I'm fully in support of Grey & Gold Cider's proposal to renovate their historic farmhouse into a small tasting room and restaurant. To be fully open I met Dave and his partner walking my dogs, I am not a cider drinker, that said Grey Gold very lovely. I was the realtor that sold the Kimberley Inn to Teo Paul and Tyler Wilson 5 plus years ago. Their establishment is phonemail and one of my got to for guests and family.

This project is really about three things: preserving local heritage, supporting our economy, and celebrating what makes The Blue Mountains such a special place.

The plan is to carefully renovate the farmhouse, keeping its historic features while updating the electrical, plumbing, and HVAC so the building can continue to serve the community for decades to come. The main floor would hold a 28-seat restaurant and tasting bar, offering farm-to-table cuisine made with local produce — including ingredients grown right on site. The upper floor would remain for staff and storage, keeping the operation small and sustainable.

Importantly, this is not being done in isolation. Grey & Gold is partnering with Tyler Wilson, the co-founder of Heart's Tavern in Kimberley. As many of you know, Heart's took a closed-down restaurant and farmhouse and turned it into one of Canada's top new restaurants, according to EnRoute Magazine. Tyler brings the experience and track record to make this a genuine success here in The Blue Mountains.

The benefits are clear:

It preserves and reuses a heritage building.

It supports local growers, farmers, and beverage producers.

It adds to our tourism economy while keeping the small-scale, authentic feel that residents value.

And it creates another place for our community to gather and enjoy food and drink that reflects our region.

What Grey & Gold is asking for is simple: a zoning amendment for the north lot only, from Rural to Rural with special provisions, so the cidery and proposed restaurant can operate legally.

This isn't about large-scale development or changing the character of the area. It's about enhancing what already exists — a beloved cidery — and giving it a sustainable future while strengthening our local food and beverage economy.

In closing, this is a thoughtful, responsible proposal that benefits residents, visitors, and small businesses alike. I encourage Council to support it and allow Grey & Gold Cider to bring this vision to life.

Thank you. Brendan Thomson

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

Yes

Any accompanying files are attached.