

**RECEIVED VIA EMAIL****From:** Alex Maxwell [REDACTED]**Sent:** Monday, October 4, 2021 1:03 PM**To:** Corrina Giles [REDACTED]; Krista Royal <[REDACTED]a>; Shawn Everitt <[REDACTED]>**Subject:** Resolution

Mayor Soever, Council, Clerk Corrina Giles, CAO Shawn Everitt:

The Blue Mountains Historical Society would like to donate and dedicate a plaque to recognize Mr. Bob Gamble for his 39 years of service as a member of Council in the Town of The Blue Mountains, and for his additional dedication and many years of service to the Georgian Trail. We would like to erect this plaque on the site identified by the previous Council for this purpose on October 9th, 2018, that being, 35 Bruce Street North. I am attaching Staff Report FAF.18.130 which identified the site, 35 Bruce Street North which is adjacent to the Georgian Trail and the Thornbury Trestle Bridge.

It has been three full years since the the previous Council made this decision to dedicate this site to Bob Gamble. As you know Bob Gamble passed away on March 2nd, 2020. It is unfortunate that due to Covid19 restrictions, a commemoration of his life which was to have been held at Town hall had to be postponed indefinitely. The Historical Society hopes that this recognition plaque will honour his memory and bring comfort to Bob's wife, Eileen, and to his family, and also remind citizens and visitors of the Town of The Blue Mountains of the value of dedicated service to one's community.

Sincerely yours,

Alex Maxwell on behalf of The Blue Mountains Historical Society



# Staff Report

## Administration

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**Report To:** Committee of The Whole  
**Meeting Date:** October 1, 2018  
**Report Number:** FAF.18.130  
**Subject:** Proposed Naming of 35 Bruce Street North  
**Prepared by:** Shawn Everitt, Interim CAO

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### A. Recommendations

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THAT Council receive Staff Report FAF.18.130, entitled "Proposed Naming of 35 Bruce Street North";

AND THAT Council approve naming 35 Bruce Street North property the "Gamble Park" in recognition of Robert "Bob" Gamble's long standing commitment to our Community as a member of Council of the former Town of Thornbury and Council of the Town of The Blue Mountains.

### B. Overview

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This report recommends naming the newly acquired Town land in recognition of Councillor Robert Gamble and his 39 years' of service as a member of Council and as one of the founding members of the Georgian Trail.

### C. Background

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Robert "Bob" Gamble has served the community in a number of capacities including his time as Mayor of the former Town of Thornbury. In addition, Councillor Gamble also sat on a range of Committees and Boards as a representative of Council.

Serving on	Dates	Years
Council of the former Town of Thornbury	1977 - 1998	21 years
Council of the Town of The Blue Mountains	2000 - 2018	18 years
Member of the Georgian Trail Board of Management	1986 – 2016	30 years

## **D. Analysis**

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The current Policy for naming and renaming of Town Parks, Open Space, Trails, and Facilities identifies the criteria for naming/renaming.

The Guidelines are as follows;

In adopting any name for Town parks, open space lands or facilities, Council shall consider the appropriateness of a name based on the following guidelines.

- a. The physical location (i.e. adjacent street name, community name);
- b. Historical significance of the area (i.e. Jack Acres, Wyandot Park);
- c. Unique geographic or physical characteristics of the site (i.e. Bayview Park, Nippising Ridge Park);
- d. Specific functional use or theme;
- e. Broadly acknowledged and enduring significance of name within the community;
- f. On special request, naming/renaming of Town parks, open space lands, trails and facilities in honour of individuals or groups shall be done with the intent to memorize or otherwise recognize substantial gifts and donations, and individuals designated by donors or individuals who have made exemplary or meritorious contributions to the Town.

Names of individuals or groups shall be considered on the basis of the following;

- a. Significant contribution to the quality of life in the Town.
- b. Significant historical or cultural connection to the Town.
- c. A significant contribution toward the environmental preservation, conservation or enhancement of the Town.
- d. A significant contribution to the acquisition, development or conveyance of the land or building and/or its subsequent development/renovation (beyond specific legislative requirements).
- e. A significant contribution to recreation in the Town.
- f. A significant contribution to Ontario, Canada or internationally by a Canadian.

Town Staff through the review of records suggest that Councillor Gamble is an excellent candidate and optimizes the criteria for the naming of a Park in recognition of his commitment to making our Community a great place to live and visit.

The location of the newly acquired land being adjacent to the Georgian Trail and one of its key amenities being the Thornbury Trestle Bridge makes this an excellent opportunity to bring forward.

## **E. The Blue Mountains Strategic Plan**

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Goal #2: Engage Our Communities & Partners

Objective #3 Strengthen Partnerships

Goal #3: Support Healthy Lifestyles

Objective #1 Promote the Town as a Healthy Community

Goal #4: Promote a Culture of Organizational & Operational Excellence

Objective #1 To Be an Employer of Choice

Objective #2 Improve Internal Communications Across our Organization

Objective #3 To Consistently Deliver Excellent Customer Service

Objective #4 To Be a Financially Responsible Organization

Objective #5 Constantly Identify Opportunities to Improve Efficiencies and Effectiveness

## **F. Environmental Impacts**

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None at this time

## **G. Financial Impact**

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None at this time

## **H. In consultation with**

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Mayor John McKean

Senior Management Team

## **I. Public Engagement**

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The topic of this Staff Report has not been subject to 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 Shawn Everitt, [cao@thebluemountains.ca](mailto:cao@thebluemountains.ca).

## **J. Attached**

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1. Location Map
2. Aerial Photo

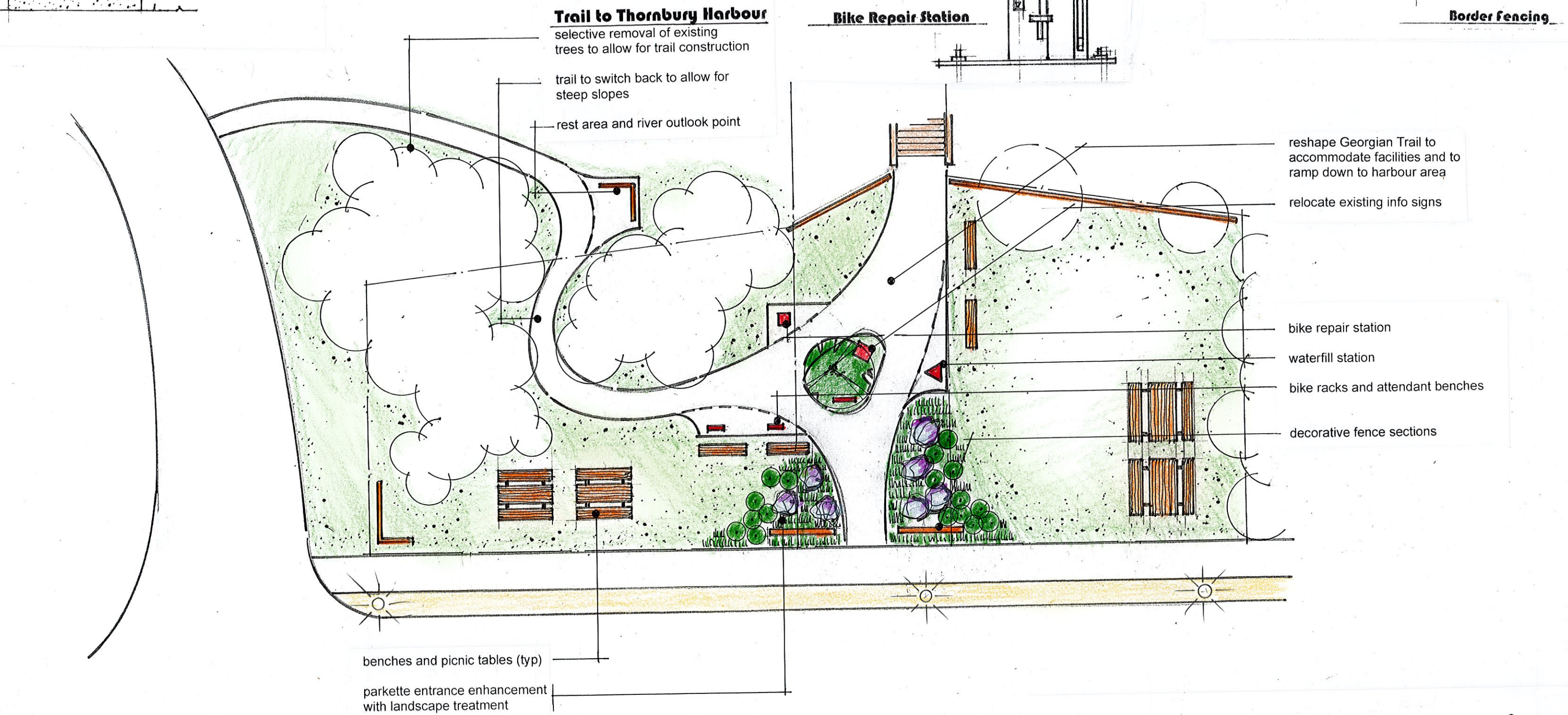
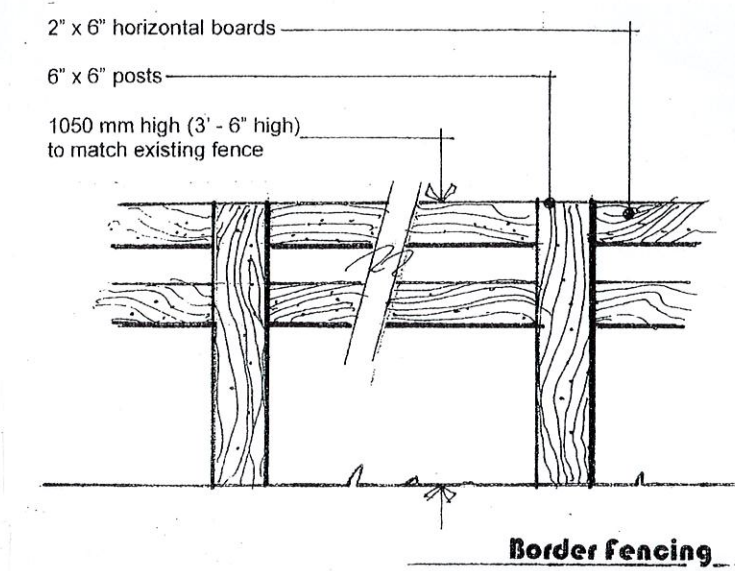
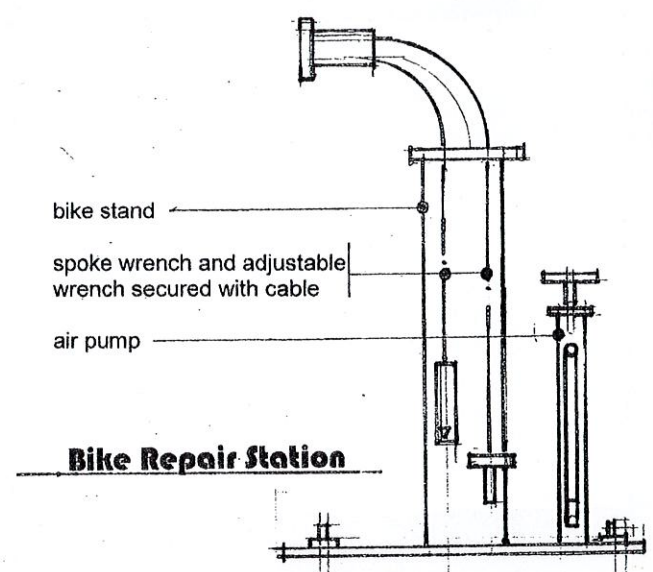
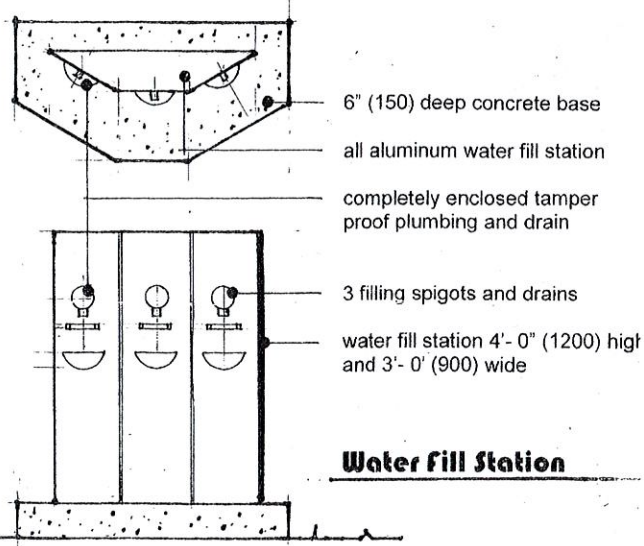
Respectfully Submitted,

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Shawn Everitt  
Interim Chief Administrative Officer

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**Bruce Street Parkette Expansion**





October 9, 2018

Moved by: Gail Ardiel

Seconded by: Rob Potter

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Krista Royal, Deputy Clerk