

29 April 2016

Town of Blue Mountains
Thornbury, ON.

Dear Mayor John McKean & Members of Council

We, the residents of Drake's Path in the Blue Mountains, are writing this letter to Council to request the inclusion of sanitary sewer services and road and ditch improvements on Drakes Path. We understand Council needs to provide direction for Staff to include budget for this project in the Town's 2017 Capital Plan.

The following background information shows the length of time that residents have waited for municipal sanitary sewer services to be extended to properties on Drakes Path.

- In 1984/85 sanitary sewer trunk mains and water mains were installed on Grey Rd 19. At that time a 200mm (8") stub was provided to Drakes Path for future sanitary sewer extension and a 150mm (6") stub was provided for future water extension.
- In 1986 the Craigleith Sewage Treatment Plant was commissioned and commenced treating sewage from the Craigleith collection system.
- In 1992 municipal water was extended on Drakes Path to provide services for each lot.

Over the past number of years residents have had numerous discussions with Town staff regarding the timing of the installation of sanitary sewers on Drakes Path. There have been a number of new homes constructed on Drakes Path in the past 25 years that have required septic tanks and field beds although sanitary sewers were available at Grey Rd 19 and Drakes Path.

The residents have watched the installation of sanitary sewer servicing and road upgrades in residential developments and streets in the immediate area of Drakes Path over the past 25 years without any benefit of same. The sanitary sewers on Campbell, Carmichael, Kinsey and Plater Streets were even replaced which included complete road reconstruction. Although our road is graded periodically the potholes reappear after a short duration and during storm events there is significant ponding in the ditches. The ponding is in part due to gravel from the road.

There is a majority of property owners on Drake Path that are requesting the installation of sanitary sewers and road reconstruction. The property owners understand they will be required to pay, on a cost per lot basis, for the installation of

sanitary sewers. The property owners also understand that Council can consider that repayment may be made over a number of years for the sanitary sewer costs.

Drakes Path is approximately 300m (984 ft) long which is a relatively small construction project. This project is not dissimilar to the sanitary sewer that was constructed on Arlberg Crescent in 2015 subsequent to being approved by Council in 2014.

We, the residents have waited a considerable length of time to realize full services on Drakes Path and respectfully request that Council approve this project. Please contact the undersigned if you have any questions and we look forward to your response.

Respectfully submitted on Behalf of the Drakes' Path Residents,

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Dave Holt – 122 Drake's Path

#1 – Standing water in culverts on the west side of Drake's Path excavated in 2013 with excessive ALGAE build up due to poor water flow. This was the last "improvement" on Drake's Path.



Photo #1

#2 & #3 – Condition of Drakes Path after spring road surface repairs.



Photo #2



Photo #3