

April 19, 2016



To: The Mayor and Council  
Town of The Blue Mountains

Subject: Camperdown Road

Dear Mayor McKean and Council Members:

We would like to follow up on our latest correspondence to you dated February 29 and our subsequent meeting with Mr. Russwurm and Mr. Benner.

We are asking Council to please make a decision on this issue to remove our liability off title.

Our property fronts on a fully maintained municipal road, which we constructed and was approved by Town Council and Staff. We have been assessed and are paying taxes that reflects that. It does not seem fair that we are paying the same taxes as others in the Town but are not receiving similar services. The road is not maintained in winter, as other municipal roads are and should be. We have to drive our garbage down the road to have it picked up, and, we do not have any municipal services such as water, or sewer. It should be noted that we have never been granted a discount on our taxes for lack of these services.

Quite honestly, for these and the other reasons that we have detailed several times in previous submissions to staff and Council, regarding the fundamental changes that have taken place regarding the development that has occurred all around us placing us in a situation that we can no longer control. It would seem eminently fair to ask that our responsibility be removed and the Town take up the small cost of ploughing this road. It was suggested during our meeting with staff several weeks ago, that the road was not up to seasonal Town specs: As a point of clarification, this road was constructed to "assumed municipal highway" standards and was capable of handling two way traffic when originally constructed. If this road platform is not capable of handling vehicular traffic, it would be as a result of the Town staff not keeping this roadway up to the original specification.

As noted in our earlier submission, this is a relatively simple "fix", which the Town should step up to, and is consistent with other recent similar decisions being made in other areas of the Town jurisdiction.

We trust that Council will do the right thing and assume the winter maintenance and remove the current agreement from our title.

We look forward to being advised of your decision.

Submitted with respect:  
Barbara and Alan Jones