



Georgian Cycle & Ski Trail Association  
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Mayor, Deputy Mayor and Council  
Town of The Blue Mountains  
32 Mill Street, P.O. Box 310 Thornbury, ON N0H 2P0

cc: Corrina Giles - Town Clerk

Dear Mayor, Deputy Mayor and Council,

**RE: Deputation, Shore Acres Property Owners' Association**

I am writing on behalf of the Board of the Georgian Cycle & Ski Trail Association with respect to the deputation by the Shore Acres Property Owners' Association this coming May 15th, 2017.

The GCSTA supports the Shore Acres Property Owners' Association in their objection to the addition of two new vehicle crossings through the Georgian Trail. Our Association considers the proposed crossings a significant safety issue and has adopted the following resolution which it wishes to bring to your attention:

"The Georgian Trail is a major cycling and pedestrian thoroughfare in the South Georgian Bay area. Both Simcoe and Grey Counties are actively promoting cycling tourism with the goal of making the South Georgian Bay area a destination of choice for cycling activities. Since Highway 26 is not a suitable road for safe cycling due to traffic

volume and speed, the Georgian Trail represents the only safe direct cycling link connecting Collingwood with Thornbury and Meaford. It is also a key component of the signature Georgian Bay Cycle Route, a 1000-kilometre route connecting the communities around Georgian Bay.

The explosion of cycling popularity, coupled with these local cycling initiatives and other outdoor activities, has significantly increased traffic on the Georgian Trail. This trend can only continue. In order to ensure a safe cycling and pedestrian environment, the Georgian Cycle & Ski Trail Association strongly objects to any construction work that creates additional road crossings across the Trail."

We support the SAPOA in their request that Council oppose the proposed road closures and the construction of the two new roads which would directly cross the Georgian Trail.

Sincerely,

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