

November 7, 2017

Mayor, Deputy Mayor
& Members of Council

c/o Corrina Giles, CMO
Town Clerk
Town of The Blue Mountains
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The purpose of the deputation is to request that the Town of The Blue Mountains Council consider supporting a motion to support an Official Plan Amendment Application to be submitted prior to the end of the two year period from when the Official Plan was approved. The Town of the Blue Mountains Official Plan was approved in June of 2016. In 2017 the Provincial Policy Statement (PPS) was amended and Section 22 Subsection 2.1 was added which speaks to limiting amendments to a new official plan before the second anniversary of when the plan came into effect. Section 22 subsection 2.2 allows council the opportunity to pass a resolution that would allow a proponent to apply for an Official Plan Amendment prior to the second anniversary.

Two-year period, no request for amendment

(2.1) No person or public body shall request an amendment to a new official plan before the second anniversary of the first day any part of the plan comes into effect. 2015, c. 26, s. 21 (1).

Exception

(2.2) Subsection (2.1) does not apply in respect of a request if the council has declared by resolution that such a request is permitted, which resolution may be made in respect of a specific request, a class of requests or in respect of such requests generally. 2015, c. 26, s. 21 (2).

Our request is that council considers a motion to permit Scenic Caves to submit an Official Plan Amendment prior to the two year anniversary of the Town of The Blue Mountains Official Plan. This will allow Scenic Caves the opportunity to explore options for expansion of the facility to support the continued growth of one of the area's largest employers and tourist attractions. We are not asking for council's support of any particular proposal but just the opportunity to submit an Official Plan Amendment Application and go through the public process.

The Official Plan amendment would be site specific and would be to allow an additional use on a property owned by Scenic Caves. The intent, purpose and direction of the Official is not in question or to be challenged or amended, in fact, the policies in the Official Plan largely support the development of this business.

Scenic Caves has been exploring options for additional parking for many years, for over five years I have been exploring various options to help to support the growing business.

The request before for you today would allow an Official Plan Amendment Application to be submitted and would allow Scenic Caves the opportunity to explore a possible solution for an issue that we have spent many year trying to find a solution to.

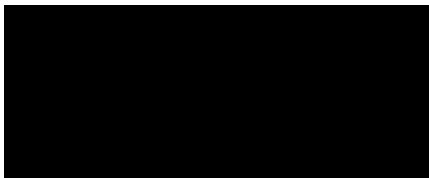
Proposed Motion

Pursuant to Section 22 Subsection 2.2 of the Planning Act Council hereby authorizes Scenic Caves to submit an Official Plan Amendment Application to the Town of The Blue Mountains.

Your support of a successful business and significant tourist attraction in the province is greatly appreciated.

Thank you for your consideration

Yours Truly,



Krystin Rennie
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