

September 8, 2009

112 Indian Circle, Box G 21 RR 2  
Clarksburg, ON  
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Subject: Georgian View Estates Sewers  
August 29, 2009 meeting

Dear Mayor Anderson and Council,

First, our thanks to the staff present at the meeting (Liz, John and Mike) and to Deputy Mayor Duncan McKinlay and Councillor Bob Gamble for taking the time to attend this important meeting.

The purpose of this letter is to provide feedback and raise issues and concerns arising from the meeting. We left a list of a number of points and questions we raised at the meeting with staff and these are also attached to this letter for reference and your response.

We were advised that a revised report showing the split between Road and Sanitary would be provided. Please make this available for more clarity in the presentation of costs and revenues.

We were pleased to note that Duncan spoke, towards the end of the meeting, and instructed staff to “review all costs with a view to finding further reductions and also to investigate what additional reserves might be available to apply against the project costs”.

One suggestion is that you take the \$150,000 Town contribution to road reconstruction, shown in the handout and apply it to our sanitary project costs instead of the road reconstruction. We know the town is already responsible for road reconstruction. In any event, find the money somewhere – for example, take it from “Plan 915” where you are using the \$1,363,850 you just received for Wastewater Infrastructure, per Helena Guergis recent newsletter.

It was with dismay and disbelief that we learned that the planned payment of \$181,000 from the golf course developer was not going to happen. It was stated in the July 23 letter to residents that “an agreement has been reached with the adjacent developer to fund a share of the works”. What happened to the agreement? Staff advised us that he has refused to help pay for the road reconstruction on the basis that his septic trucks numerous trips (likely over 400) over the past three years and the construction vehicles using Indian Circle to build the golf course had no effect on the current deteriorated state of the road. It seems he can refuse to pay and the town can do nothing about it, while if we say the same thing the costs are added to our taxes by By Law.

We suggest staff engineers should re-examine the road condition at the golf course end of Indian Circle and note that there is almost as much deterioration at that end as there is at the Grey 40 end. We feel you should reopen the discussion with the developer and deal with this more forcefully. We accommodated his request for the holding tank in good faith and are now paying the price. He really should be made to contribute.

We take exception to the statement in the handout at the meeting – middle of page three – regarding the “affordability . . . and the \$566,800 stimulus grant to help pay for the road works and that the residents therefore need only pay an appropriate share of the sanitary system installation” This is nonsense and implies that we were, or are in some minds, considered responsible for the road reconstruction – this is wrong as the Town indicated on numerous occasions and at meetings that the Town is responsible for the reconstruction of the roads assumed by the Town. The Town gets the benefit of this grant, not us, so you should correct the thinking of the staff preparing this report and ensure such misinformation is corrected. This erroneous thinking is also in evidence in the July 23 letter to Residents where Reg Russwurm states that “the Town is now able to bring \$562,806 to help offset your costs”.

We have already written to you (see Boyd Marshall’s letter of August 18 and my email of August 19) and are waiting for a response to our comments and questions regarding capital sewer charges for sewage collection of \$6546 and sewage plant of \$5996. As noted these costs have increased dramatically – nearly 50% - over the past 4 years this project has been delayed and we should not be charged these amounts as **the delay was caused by the Town and the developers**, not residents of Georgian View Estates.

We request that you recognize these unusual circumstances and go back to the earlier costs in our case and **reduce these capital charges by \$4500** as outlined in my attachment to this letter.

Town staff advised that there would be a connection between the Georgian Trail and Indian Circle via the easement. Many residents would like to have a safe access to the Trail and we suggest you leave the access in place when the project is completed – and this will also reduce costs. We would be pleased to work with the Town on this item.

Finally, another meeting was promised - when can we expect this?

Sincerely,

Terry Thompson  
President, GVERA  
Copy to GVERA Executive and residents via email



Honorary Patron:

The Hon. David C. Onley  
Lieutenant Governor of Ontario

**Lupus Foundation  
of Ontario**

September 9, 2009

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Re: **"October is Lupus Awareness Month"**

Dear Mayor & Council Members:

*Lupus Foundation of Ontario* has been serving the citizens of Ontario for the past 33 years. During this time, we have noticed an alarming increase in the numbers of those seeking information for their health concerns. Many requests are from parents of young children and adolescents who have been positively diagnosed with systemic lupus.

We would like to request that you read our Proclamation during a Council meeting to inform everyone in your community that lupus is a serious illness that, unfortunately, many are still unaware. We receive no funding from governmental sources and our public awareness campaigns are most efficient through our grass roots initiatives.

There are many Ontarians who have been diagnosed with lupus throughout our province. By reading our Proclamation during your meeting and by declaring **October as Lupus Awareness Month**, you will greatly assist our Foundation in educating all citizens that our Foundation exists and that help is just a telephone call away.

Each month, over 250,000 hits are recorded on our website. Through personal and corporate donations, Memoriam contributions and membership fees, we have donated in excess of \$1,400,000 over the years for much-needed and valued research.

Your assistance with this awareness initiative will allow us to help others to help themselves. Thank you.

Very truly yours,

Kathy Crowhurst

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Town of the Blue Mountains Clerks Office  
Attn: Stephen Keast & Town of the Blue Mountains Town Council  
c/o Town of the Blue Mountains, Town Hall

Dear Town of the Blue Mountains Clerks Office,

Re. Road Closure of Bruce St. North in Thornbury for the Apple Harvest Festival 2009

On behalf of the Thornbury B.I.A. this letter serves as a request to close Bruce Street North in Thornbury from Highway 26 in the South to King Street in the north for the Apple Harvest Festival 2009. This event will be held from Saturday October 10 to Monday October 13th 2009 and we are requesting that the road be closed on Saturday October 10<sup>th</sup> from 9am to 6pm.

The Apple Harvest Festival is an annual family based community event that also includes Blue Mountain, Clarksburg and Collingwood. It is covered under the Town of The Blue Mountains insurance policy. No alcohol will be served.

The road closure will be in compliance with the Town's, the County's and the Fire Department's requirements, including a 6 meter wide emergency laneway to be kept clear throughout the event. Please see enclosed site plan for further details.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me at 705-606-2225 or by e-mail at [Maggie@georgian.net](mailto:Maggie@georgian.net).

Thanking you in advance for your support,

*Maggie Kennedy*

Event Coordinator, Thornbury B.I.A.

cc.

Town of the Blue Mountains Works Department  
Grey County Highways Department  
Ontario Provincial Police, Collingwood Detachment  
Town of the Blue Mountains Fire Department  
Grey County EMS

Alice St. W.

Apple Harvest  
Festival 2009  
Sat. October 10/09  
9:00am - 6:00pm

Legend



North

road closure  
requested

Louisa St. E.

Louisa St. W.

Hester St.

Parking

Parkette

Bruce St. S.

Parking Lane



Highway 26

Contact:

Maggie Kennedy  
519-599-5220

King St. W.



The Corporation of the Town of  
New Tecumseth

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August 12, 2009

**TO:** The Honourable Dalton McGuinty, Premier  
The Honourable Dwight Duncan, Minister of Finance  
The Honourable Jim Watson, Minister of Municipal Affairs & Housing  
All Ontario Municipalities

**SUBJECT:** HARMONIZATION OF TAXES

Please be advised that Council for the Town of New Tecumseth passed the following resolution on July 13, 2009 and is seeking support from all Ontario Municipalities:

**WHEREAS the Province of Ontario has proposed to harmonize the Goods and Services Tax with the Provincial Sales Tax effective July 1, 2010;**

**AND WHEREAS considerable concern has been raised by residents and businesses over the negative financial impacts that will occur as a result;**

**AND WHEREAS the Province of Ontario has considered amendments to the proposal and has further made changes to the original proposal;**

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the Town of New Tecumseth advise the provincial government of its concern that efforts be made to minimize the financial impact and additional tax on taxpayers and businesses;**

**AND FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED that the provincial government be requested to consider that the GST and PST harmonization not include any items, goods or services that are currently subject to only one of the taxes not be subject to the other, so that no new taxation is created;**

**AND FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED that this resolution be forwarded to all Ontario Municipalities for their consideration and support.**

Thank you for your consideration.

Yours truly,

Clerk/Manager of Administration & Economic Development

cc: Mayor and Members of Council



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Dear Friends,

Once again it is time for Hospice Georgian Triangle's annual Fundraising dinner. Your support in the past has been very much appreciated. Our 15<sup>th</sup> annual dinner, promises to be a wonderful evening of great food, entertainment, and door prizes. Please see the attached flyer & join me in supporting the services that HGT provides "free of charge" to our community. Make up your own table of 8 friends or come on your own & I will be sure you will be seated at a fun table. In the past this event has been "sold out" early so get your reservation in. I look forward to seeing you on Wednesday October 14<sup>th</sup> 2009 at The Georgian Manor Resort. If you are unable to attend your donation to HGT would be greatly appreciated. Please call Barbara Hockley at 705-444-2555.

Did you know that HGT:

Trains volunteers who visit & assist clients in their homes.  
Has a Bereavement programme led by qualified volunteers.  
Has a Rainbows programme for children & teens in crisis  
Have two respite suites at Sunset Manor where qualified staff and volunteers care for clients with a life threatening illness "free of charge" for up to two weeks.  
Because we care, we can help.

Sincerely,

Merle Gottlieb,  
Fundraising Chair.

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Encl.



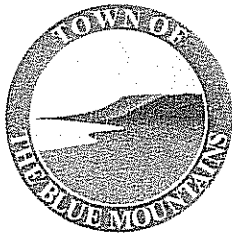
**Hospice Georgian Triangle**  
**15th Annual Fundraising Dinner**

**Wednesday October 14<sup>th</sup> 2009**  
**Georgian Manor Resort**  
**Main Ballroom, Hwy 26, Collingwood**

**Social 6:00-6:45pm**  
**Plated Dinner 7:00pm**  
**Entertainer: Tricia Kelly, singing sensation**  
**Direct from Los Angeles**

**Exciting Donated Door Prizes**  
**Relaxation Day for 2 at Le Scandinave**  
**Dog Sledding for 2 at Windrift Kennel**  
**Overnight at Edencrest Farms B&B in Minesing**

**Tickets \$125.00**  
**\$65.00 tax receipt**  
**Call (705) 444-2555 for tickets**  
**& to reserve a table**



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September 22, 2009

Mayor Howard Greig,  
Township of Chatsworth  
RR # 1,  
Chatsworth, Ontario  
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Dear Mayor Greig;

On behalf of the residents of The Blue Mountains whose properties were damaged by the August 20 tornado, I want to extend sincere thanks to you and council, staff and citizens for your municipal contribution to the Ontario Disaster Relief Assistance Program.

As far as I am aware, Chatsworth is the first municipality to contribute to this fund and we admire the leadership role you and your Council have taken. It's no surprise, really, because we know that the people of Chatsworth have always been great neighbours.

Having your support gives us hope that there are better days ahead for all of the residents of Grey County who are affected by the tornado.

Your generosity will, I'm sure, encourage others to contribute to this fund and to support the many fund raising projects that will be getting under way soon.

Yours truly,

Ellen Anderson  
Mayor

cc: Council

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and Housing**

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Her Worship  
Mayor Ellen Anderson  
Town of The Blue Mountains  
PO Box 310  
26 Bridge Street East  
Thornbury ON, N0H 2P0

Dear Mayor Anderson:

This will acknowledge receipt of Council's resolution regarding the tornado event of August 20, 2009 and your request that lands affected by the tornado be declared a disaster area for the purposes of the Ontario Disaster Relief Assistance Program (ODRAP). I sympathize with the residents, businesses and members of the agricultural community who suffered damage to their properties following this unfortunate event.

With respect to Council's request for ODRAP funding assistance, I have reviewed the information provided by municipal staff, and I am prepared to declare the affected lands a disaster area for the purposes of the ODRAP program to assist with the losses sustained by your municipality, local residents, businesses and farmers.

Under the ODRAP program, your municipality plays an important role in the delivery of private claims – including collection and submission of data, as well as administration and support of the Disaster Relief Committee (DRC) created under the program.

Because of the nature of the damages and the similarity of the experiences among your municipality, the Municipality of West Grey, and the Municipality of Grey Highlands, I am directing that one Disaster Relief Committee – composed of three nominees from each of the affected municipalities – be established to raise funds and settle claims. The Province will match locally raised funds by a ratio of up to 2:1. This coordinated effort will avoid confusion for claimants as well as donors, and will ensure efficient administration of the program across the County.

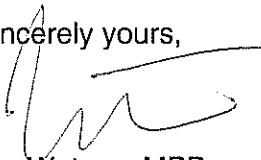
Her Worship Mayor Ellen Anderson

In this regard, it is critical that all three municipalities become actively engaged in community fundraising events and give support to the DRC.

Staff of my ministry will be in contact with staff from each municipality to provide information about the ODRAP program and the establishment of the Disaster Relief Committee.

If you require any further information, please contact Mr. Roger Moyer, Manager of Local Government in the ministry's Western Municipal Services Office. He can be reached by telephone at 1-800-265-4736 toll-free.

Sincerely yours,



Jim Watson, MPP  
Minister

c: Mr. Jim Wilson, MPP  
Simcoe-Grey

Mayor Kevin Eccles  
Municipality of West Grey

Mayor Brian Mullin  
Municipality of Grey Highlands

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Mayor Ellen Anderson & Council  
The Blue Mountains  
26 Bridge Street, P.O. Box 310  
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Dear Mayor Anderson & Council:

**Re: Grant for Educational Workshop Partnership - \$1,000**

The Board of Directors of the Blue Mountain Watershed Trust Foundation thanks The Town of The Blue Mountains for the generous grant of \$1,000.00 for the Educational Workshop Partnership. We will indicate in "The Watershed Series" workbook and on the Elephant Thoughts web site that support has been provided by The Blue Mountains.

Educational workshops provided by the partnership between the BMWTF and Elephant Thoughts Global Development Initiatives Inc., (Elephant Thoughts), have been delivered to Grade 7 and 8 students at area schools, including Beaver Valley Community School and MacPhail Elementary. Feedback forms from students and teachers indicate that the workshops are well-received.

Yours sincerely,

Blue Mountain Watershed Trust Foundation  
Robert B. Waind, President

Cc: Lisa Kidd, Communications and Economic Development Coordinator  
BMWTF Board of Directors  
BMWTF Education Committee  
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**Simcoe County Chapter  
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**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

All are welcome to attend

The AGM of the Simcoe County Chapter has been convened by the Chair of the Board to receive the reports of the officers and committees of the Chapter, to elect the Board of Directors and transact such business as may properly come before it.

**Where: St. Mary's Church**

**65 Amelia Street**

**Barrie, Ontario**

**When: Tuesday, October 20, 2009**

**Time: 6:30pm—8:30pm**

There will be a BRAIN GYM presentation by Daphne Duckworth from 6:30pm—7:30pm

**AGM 7:30pm-8:30pm**

**IT'S THAT TIME OF YEAR AGAIN. WE ARE  
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**Study Adds Evidence that Smoking Worsens MS, and Quitting May Help**

Harvard researchers report results of a new study comparing 1465 smokers, ex-smokers and never-smokers, all of whom had multiple sclerosis. After tracking the group for an average of over three years, the investigators found that MS disability progressed more quickly in smokers, and this difference was also noted in MRI measures of disease activity. For several measures, ex-smokers did not differ substantially from never-smokers, suggesting that quitting may delay MS progression.

**“Benign” Course of MS Evaluated with MRI and Other Imaging Methods by European Collaborators**

A group of experts in MS imaging have published new information on imaging and clinical findings that might help explain why some people experience a mild course of multiple sclerosis, also known as “benign” MS. They recommend that cognitive functions, not just physical functions, be taken into account when labelling a person’s MS as benign.

**Dirucotide Does Not Meet Primary Endpoint in Phase III MAESTRO-01 Trial In Secondary Progressive Multiple Sclerosis**

INDIANAPOLIS, Indiana and EDMONTON, Alberta, July 27, 2009—Eli Lilly and Company (NYSE: LLY) and BioMS Medical Corp. (TSX:MS) today announced that dirucotide did not meet the primary endpoint of delaying disease progression, as measured by the Expanded Disability Status Scale (EDSS), during the two-year MAESTRO-01 Phase III trial in patients with secondary progressive multiple sclerosis (SPMS). In addition, there were no statistically significant differences between dirucotide and placebo on the secondary endpoints of the study.

**The impact of physical activity on fatigue, depression and quality of life in persons with multiple sclerosis**

In people with MS, the presence of fatigue and depression may significantly reduce the quality of life. The authors of this study used a questionnaire to investigate the impact of regular physical activity on fatigue and depression scores in a large population with MS. They found that people who did regular