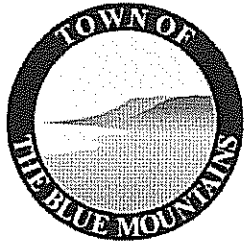


STAFF REPORT: Office of The Chief Administrative Officer



REPORT TO: Council
MEETING DATE: June 22, 2009
REPORT NO.: CAO.09.05
SUBJECT: Thornbury Horse Park – Letter of Support
PREPARED BY: Paul Graham,
Chief Administrative Officer

A. Recommendation

THAT Council authorize the Mayor or her designate to sign a letter of support addressed to the Business Development Bank of Canada for the Thornbury Horse Park.

B. Background

The proponent for the Thornbury Horse Park (Cedar Run) and Town Staff have been working together recently to finalize agreements to enable Cedar Run to carry out venues at their site.

In the past, Council has passed two resolutions supporting the Horse Park with particular emphasis on the Pan American Games.

We recently received a request from Cedar Run for a letter of support from Council to the Business Development Bank of Canada. I have prepared a proposed letter of support which is attached to this Report.

C. The Blue Mountains' Strategic Plan

"4. Supporting the development of social and recreational programs to meet the broad range of needs of the community".

D. Environmental Impact

None

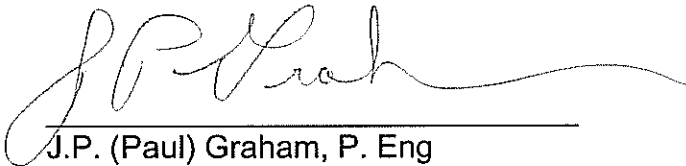
E. Budget Impact

None

F. Attached

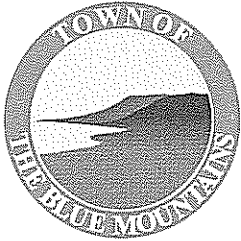
1. The Blue Mountains letter of support
2. Resolution dated February 23, 2009
3. Resolution dated March 2, 2009

Respectfully submitted,



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Chief Administrative Officer

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June 22, 2009

Ms. Laura Wilson
Senior Account Manager
Business Development Bank of Canada
151 Ferris Lane
Suite 301, P.O. Box 876
Barrie, ON L4M 4Y6

Dear Ms. Wilson

Re: Cedar Run First Mortgage Funding of \$3,500,000

Please be advised that the Council of the Town of The Blue Mountains fully support Cedar Run Corporation and its President, Peter Graydon Lush, in the development of Cedar Run – The Thornbury Horse Park.

Our Official Plan and Zoning By-laws have been amended to permit this Project. In fact, The Blue Mountains is about to execute agreements with Mr. Lush for Phase 1 of the Cedar Run Development to facilitate Horse Shows immediately at Cedar Run; all quite exciting. The two parties have a good working relationship and are actively working on future Phases of the Project. We attach a copy of our Council's resolutions supporting the Pan American Games events at Cedar Run.

The Blue Mountains is recognized as a "Four Season Recreational Designation" by the Ontario Government. Horses and equestrian activities are already prevalent in our Region. Cedar Run will take this to an entirely new level.

Cedar Run is located on 250 acres of quite beautiful parkland with views of Georgian Bay and The Blue Mountain Ridge and yet is in close proximity to Thornbury's Community Centre. It is on or near full services and is strategically located within a major road system. Cedar Run will be a unique facility in Ontario and is an important addition to the Region's expansion of its resort and recreational base. Your funding of the Park during this difficult economic period will make it possible to attract major sporting events such as the Pan American Games to the community and to directly impact the thousands of resort-based businesses in this region. We believe that the completion of Cedar Run will create 250 permanent full and part time jobs.

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Your help in building an Equestrian Centre to meet international standards will enhance the economic strength of our community. The Equestrian Village will be a significant people place to further ensure the success of Cedar Run as a park and as a recreation centre where our citizens and visitors can enjoy, live and play.

Thank you for your support.

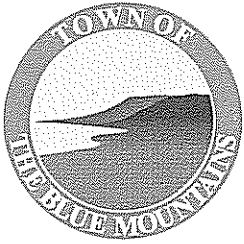
CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF THE BLUE MOUNTAINS

Mayor Ellen Anderson

cc: Peter Lush
Members of Council

Attachments (2)

The Blue Mountains will be a progressive four season community, building on its agricultural and recreational features, offering a healthy and supportive lifestyle to a diverse range of residents, businesses and visitors.



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February 23, 2009

Moved by: Michael Martin

Seconded by: Cameron Kennedy

WHEREAS "Cedar Run" has made application to "Pan Am Games Secretariat" to provide a venue for the equestrian events of the "Games to be held in the year 2015;

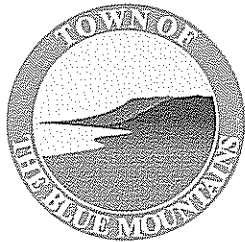
AND WHEREAS the municipality of The Town of The Blue Mountains welcomes the opportunity to be the host venue for the equestrian portion of the "Games";

NOW THEREFORE be it resolved that The Town of The Blue Mountains acting as the host venue fully supports and endorses the application of "Cedar Run" to be the equestrian site for the 2015 Pan Am "Games", Carried.

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "S. Keast", written over a horizontal dotted line.

Stephen Keast, Clerk



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March 2, 2009

Moved by: Michael Martin

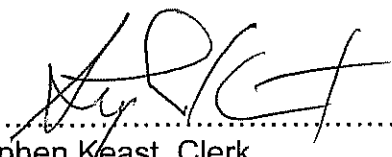
Seconded by: D.R. McKinlay

WHEREAS the municipality of The Town of The Blue Mountains resolved that The Town of The Blue Mountains acting as the host venue fully supports and endorses the application of "Cedar Run" to be the equestrian site for the 2015 Pan Am "Games".

AND WHEREAS Officials of the "Pan American Games Secretariat" have requested further confirmation that the endorsement of the "Games" by the Town of The Blue Mountains includes meeting the requirement of item "2" of the "Bid Questionnaire"

NOW THEREFORE be it resolved that The Town of The Blue Mountains confirms that its endorsement, in principle, includes compliance with item "2" of the "Bid Questionnaire which requires the Town to secure forty four percent (44%) of the capital costs for the equestrian site for the 2015 Pan Am "Games" to an upset limit of \$1,870,000.00, Carried.

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Stephen Keast, Clerk