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April 6, 2016

TOWN OF THE BLUE MOUNTAINS
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Mayor McKean and Council
32 Mill Street
P.O. Box 310
Thornbury, ON
N0H 2P0

Dear Mayor McKean and Council,

I am writing on behalf of Georgian Bay Youth Roots (GBYR). GBYR is committed to supporting all youth to become healthy, safe, hopeful, engaged, educated and contributing members of our community.

We have become aware of an upcoming opportunity for youth called the IMPACT! Youth Summit. The three-day event will be held at the P & H Centre in Hanover from Friday May 27 to Sunday May 29, and will bring together five-hundred youth from across Ontario (including two-hundred youth from Grey/Bruce) for three days of interactive learning. The Summit is designed to instill leadership skills while creating an awareness of mental health and well-being concerns that impact youth. Participants will develop social media etiquette, public speaking and fundraising skills, and will become aware of how youth can play a vital role in both small and large communities.

Unfortunately, we did not receive information about this event until February, after our Town grant application process was finished. It would be wonderful to be able to send 30 youth from our communities to this valuable event.

We are happy to report that GBYR has received funds from the Meaford Hall & Culture Foundation which will cover the cost for 10 youth and 1 adult to attend. We have also submitted an application to the Meaford Community Grant requesting funds for transportation and the registration cost for 10 youth and 1 adult.

We are requesting financial support from Council that would allow youth from the Town of The Blue Mountains to attend this event. The cost for 10 youth and 1 adult is \$593.23. Thank you for considering this request. Your support is appreciated.

Sincerely

Melri Wright
Georgian Bay Youth Roots Representative

1383188 Ontario Inc.
Dr. Margaret McGillis
21 Bruce Street N, Box 741
Thornbury, ON N0H 2P0
519-599-1146

January 5, 2016.

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Dear Mayor and Counsel Members,

My name is Margaret McGillis and I have had an Orthodontic office on Bruce Street for the last 18 years. My numbered company purchased 21 Bruce Street 3 years ago and I have been practicing from there for the last 3 years.

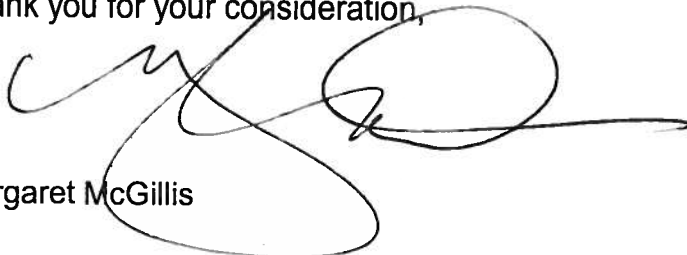
I am delighted with the new location but would like to make a minor change with respect to my handicapped parking space.

As with all of the few remaining cottages parking is of a premium. I have complied with all of the requirements for handicapped parking and fully endorse them as I have one or two patients that use the spot. What I propose is that the handicapped parking spot be used during any and all office hours but that when the office is closed we can use it for personal (or renters?) parking as it is on our property and there is no streetside parking allowed over night. The spot will never be used after hours as it is not public property.

I would be happy to pay for any signage that the township would require and post where instructed. You can designate timing for use for example 6 pm - 9 am and Saturday/Sunday use.

I have noted 4 streetside handicap parking spots on Bruce Street and understand that there is no other space to put them, but feel this request is a fair and reasonable solution for evening parking on our property.

Thank you for your consideration,



Margaret McGillis

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March 2016

Dear Friends,

It is my pleasure to invite you to submit a nomination for the Lincoln M. Alexander Award.

Each year, the program recognizes up to three (3) youth who have demonstrated exemplary leadership in contributing to the elimination of racial discrimination in Ontario. Recipients will receive a cash prize of \$5,000 and a framed certificate.

To make a nomination:

1. Visit ontario.ca/honoursandawards and click on the Lincoln M. Alexander Award link.
2. Download the appropriate PDF nomination form.
3. Read the eligibility criteria and instructions carefully.
4. Fill out the form and submit it with your supporting material. Instructions for submitting your package can be found on the website.

The deadline for nominations is May 31, 2016

Please take this opportunity to acknowledge a young person from your school or community who has made an important contribution to eliminating racial discrimination in Ontario.

If you have questions or require a copy of the nomination form to be mailed to you, please send an email to ontariohonoursandawards@ontario.ca or call 416 314-7526, toll free 1 877 832-8622 or TTY 416 327-2391.

Thank you for taking the time to consider a deserving young Ontarian for the Lincoln M. Alexander Award.

Yours truly,

Michael Chan
Minister



Township of Georgian Bay

April 7, 2016

Honourable Marc Garneau
Minister of Transport
House of Commons
OTTAWA ON
K1A 0A6

Mr. Minister:

Re: Enforcement of "No Wake" Zones

Please be advised that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Georgian Bay, on March 14, 2016, adopted the attached resolution requesting the implementation of legislation that would provide authorities with the ability to enforce a "No Wake" restriction in Ontario's navigable waters.

Yours truly,

Jessica Gunby, Dipl.M.A, ACST
Acting Clerk
jgunby@gbtownship.ca
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- cc: - Tony Clement, M.P.
Parry Sound – Muskoka
44A King William Street (Main Office)
Huntsville, Ontario
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- All municipalities in Ontario

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CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF GEORGIAN BAY
MOTION C-83-2016

Adopted by Council on Monday, March 14, 2016

WHEREAS the Office of Boating Safety, which administers the Vessel Operation Restriction Regulations (VORRS) pursuant to the Canada Shipping Act, 2001, has advised that the issue of "No Wake" is currently addressed by limiting the speed or power of a vessel;

AND WHEREAS the Office of Boating Safety has advised that "No Wake" is not a restriction found in the Canada Shipping Act, 2001, or its regulations, and therefore is not an enforceable restriction;

AND WHEREAS a boat's wake can do a great deal of damage, including

- the erosion of shorelines*
- the swamping of nests of loons and other waterfowls*
- the damaging of docks and vessels moored at docks and at marina gas pumps*
- the danger to swimmers*
- the interference with safe navigation*
- the disruption of wetland habitat*
- the upsetting of canoes and small boats, especially in narrow channels*

BE IT RESOLVED that the Township of Georgian Bay requests the Honourable Marc Garneau, Minister of Transport, to address this dangerous and harmful situation, by implementing legislation that would provide authorities with the ability to enforce a "No Wake" restriction in Ontario's navigable waters;

AND THAT a copy of this resolution be forwarded to all municipalities in Ontario with a request for endorsement;

AND THAT a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Honourable Tony Clement, M.P., Parry Sound – Muskoka.

**Ministry of
Transportation**

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Transports**

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His Worship John McKean
Mayor
Town of The Blue Mountains
PO Box 310, 32 Mill Street
Thornbury ON N0H 2P0

Dear Mayor McKean:

Thank you for your letter regarding the findings of the Highway 26 Transportation Study – Needs Assessment Report. I appreciate the opportunity to respond.

I understand that the town is concerned with the negative impact that a widening of Highway 26 between Thornbury and Collingwood may have on tourism and the local community.

I wish to thank you for the town's active participation in the Highway 26 Transportation study and for your comments on the report. I trust the revisions made to the report will allow for a full and open assessment of the various alternatives during subsequent MTO or municipal Class EA studies for Highway 26.

With respect to your request for the ministry to coordinate efforts to sign Grey Road 19 and 2 as an alternative to Highway 26, please be advised that the ministry does not erect signs along municipal roads outside of our jurisdiction. We have no objection to signage for an alternative route being posted within the connecting link sections of Highway 26 and along municipal roads.

As the majority of coordination needed to implement this signing initiative would come from Collingwood and Grey County, this effort would be best led by the town. To assist with the ministry's directional signage for an alternative or scenic route, please contact Roger Ward, Head, Traffic Section, MTO West Region, at (519) 873-4356 to discuss.

Thank you again for bringing your concerns to my attention.

Sincerely,



Steven Del Duca
Minister

- c. Kevin Eccles, Warden, Grey County
- Martin Favell, Head, Planning and Design, West Region, MTO
- Heather Glass, Senior Project Engineer, Central Region, MTO
- Jennifer Graham Harkness, Regional Director, West Region, MTO
- Michael Kelly, Director of Transportation Services, Grey County
- Charles Organ, Senior Project Manager, West Region, MTO
- Reg Russwurm, Director of Infrastructure and Public Works, Town of The Blue Mountains
- Troy Speck, Chief Administrative Officer, Town of The Blue Mountains
- Roger Ward, Head, Traffic Section, West Region, MTO
- Jason White, Manager, Engineering Office, Central Region, MTO
- Jim Wilson, MPP, Simcoe-Grey



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March 31, 2016

THE BLUE MOUNTAINS, TOWN OF
32 Mill Street
Thornbury, ON ON

Dear Mayor and Members of Council:

RE: Industry funding for Municipal Blue Box Recycling for the fourth quarter of the 2015 Program Year

Packaging and printed paper companies, represented by Stewardship Ontario, fulfill their responsibilities to fund 50% of the net cost of the Blue Box Program by making cash payments to municipalities on a quarterly basis.

On June 17, 2015, the Waste Diversion Ontario (WDO) Board determined that payments to municipalities will be based on a 2015 funding obligation of \$114,600,548. WDO's CEO, Michael Scott, provided further details with respect to the WDO Board's determination of the 2015 funding obligation in his June 24, 2015 CEO Update Report. The report can be read at: http://www.wdo.ca/files/8914/3516/0446/CEO_Report_June_24_2015.pdf.

Stewardship Ontario is providing payments to municipalities in accordance with the WDO Board's decision. On behalf of Stewardship Ontario, I want to thank you for your continued efforts to increase waste diversion in this province.

Sincerely,

David Pearce
Supply Chain Officer
Stewardship Ontario

Beaver Valley Curling Club
 Box 975
 NOH 2P0 Thornbury
 Ontario

April 12, 2016

To:

Council, Town of the Blue Mountains
 32 Mill Street, P.O. Box 310
 Thornbury, ON N0H 2P0

Mr. Mayor and Councillors;

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This letter is written in order to express the continued optimism the Beaver Valley Curling Club ("BVCC") has in finding a mutually acceptable solution to ongoing efforts by the BVCC to establish an active curling club within the Town of the Blue Mountains ("TBM").

As you may know, there have been multiple efforts over recent years to initiate curling in the TBM. These efforts have included the proposal of a stand-alone curling facility as well as the investigation of a facility which would have been integrated with the existing arena infrastructure. All of these efforts, which have consumed significant amounts of money and volunteer time on the part of the BVCC, have been unsuccessful in achieving the goal of establishing a curling club within the TBM.

The most recent disappointment came earlier this year as a result of the BVCC proposal to utilize idle time on the current arena ice by establishing a number of curling sheets for use during periods of low arena activity. This recent effort was initiated by arena staff, who were working under a previous motion of Council which facilitated and encouraged exploring greater utilization of the arena. The BVCC was energized by this possibility and spent considerable time in crafting such a proposal which, we believed, would successfully provide a foundation from which to cooperatively develop a long-awaited curling club. Again, the efforts of the BVCC were not successful as the proposal was considered by the TBM to require too much in the way of subsidized ice time. Subsequent discussions were initiated with TBM staff; however the alternatives and attending costs proposed by TBM staff were, in the opinion of the BVCC, not realistic for a fledgling club whose initial efforts will be to encourage the largest paid membership possible. This inaugural membership drive must be supported by an annual fee commensurate with the facilities and availability of such facilities expected to be developed initially.

The BVCC continues to seek an opportunity to establish a grass roots club with the full support and participation of the TBM. To do this we require a financial structure that, initially, allows us to attract a base membership from which we can grow the club activities. The BVCC is not simply promoting the establishment of curling activities for the benefit of a limited number of residents who choose to enroll in such a club. Rather, the BVCC looks forward to being a leader in community engagement in the TBM through the establishment of club activities that will create interactive and participative programs for groups such as area seniors, youth, and special needs residents, as well as offering opportunities for local businesses to participate in a community-based activity, particularly during special events such as competitive or invitational bonspiels. The BVCC believes that curling is an activity that can attract players

from across generations, as it offers low cost, low impact, family-oriented fun, exercise and competitive dimensions.

The BVCC also looks forward to partnering with local service clubs, which in the past have expressed great support over the idea of a local curling club. When teamed together, associations between entities such as the BVCC and service clubs can effectively deliver social benefits to the community. A very recent example of the strength such an association can bring to a community can be seen in Meaford, where the local curling club raised \$15,000 for the Meaford hospital through an invitational bonspiel. There are numerous examples across small communities where similar benefits are being generated.

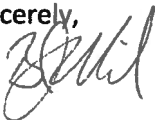
The BVCC is not asking a lot from the TBM. The BVCC has always maintained that it will fund the acquisition of the bulk of the curling equipment such as rocks, etc. The BVCC asks that the TBM prepare the ice and establish the curling sheets at the start of the designated curling period and return the ice to skating condition at the end of such period, as well as place the basic equipment (e.g. stones) on the ice in advance of the commencement of curling in order to bring the stones to proper temperature. These activities are, in the opinion of the BVCC, well within the normal paid time of arena staff and can be accomplished with minimum effort. The BVCC acknowledges that initial ice preparation may be a skill set not currently possessed by arena staff and therefore is assessed by such staff to be a complex task. To this end the BVCC has offered to provide training by an accredited ice maker to raise staff confidence and efficiency. The BVCC believes that the conversion process will quickly become a routine task and will produce a wholly adequate curling surface.

The BVCC also requests ice time at the end of the normal ice schedule (i.e. 1 week in late March) in order to hold events designed to encourage membership and foster community-related support activities.

Council is, of course, concerned with the optics of subsidization of any particular group which comes at the expense of the general taxpayer. The BVCC respects and shares this concern. In order to pay non-subsidized ice time rates and still be able to offer an attractive cost for annual membership, the BVCC asks Council for a curling schedule that can meet this objective. The BVCC has offered and continues to offer an "open book" approach to the relationship between membership revenue and ice time costs, including the effect of non-subsidized rental costs. In this way the BVCC and the TBM can work cooperatively in successfully building the curling club.

The BVCC understands that Council and staff are currently exploring alternative opportunities for utilizing the community centre. As taxpayers, the current members of the BVCC support these efforts which may result in a facility that is less reliant on support from the tax base and supported more by independent revenue streams. The BVCC wishes to make Council aware that it continues to stand by and watch developments at the community centre and, if such developments do not deliver the desired utility, remains ready to discuss further the opportunities presented in its Proposal to Council of January 6, 2016, and the subsequent goals and objectives outlined in this letter.

Sincerely,



Brian Wilson

Thornbury ON N0H 2P0

For the Beaver Valley Curling Club