



Town of The Blue Mountains

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To Residents of the Town of The Blue Mountains:

Re: Invitation to a Special Educational Meeting of Town Council being held at the Large Hall, Beaver Valley Community Centre, 58 Alfred Street West, Thornbury, ON.

The purpose of this letter is to invite you to a special meeting of Town Council where we will discuss the financial burdens facing our Town, particularly with respect to the County levy.

Your Town Council works constantly to ensure that your local government meets the needs of our community while delivering great value for money to our residents and taxpayers.

The Problem: One matter that gives Council concern is that under current arrangements, the Town is required to pay a disproportionate share of the costs of Grey County.

- Today, even though we are less than 7% of the permanent population of Grey County, the current formula requires us to pay 26% of the costs of operating the County.

As you may know, your Council has raised this matter at County Council, and at our request, County Council recently created a committee to study this situation.

The Meeting: To prepare for this process, your Council is holding a special educational session to gain better insight into the issues, and to solicit advice on the options available to us.

It will be a workshop session, for which we have engaged a firm with expertise in local government and finance.

Your Town Council believes that all members of our community should have the opportunity to learn about this important issue, and we encourage you to join us at this special meeting where there will be an opportunity for public participation.

This special session of Town Council will be held:

Thursday, June 29, 2017

6:00 PM.

Large Hall, Beaver Valley Community Centre

58 Alfred Street West, Thornbury, ON

We hope you can join us.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "John McKean".

Mayor John McKean

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