A. Recommendations

THAT Council receive Staff Report CSOPS.19.085, entitled “Victoria Street North landscaping update”; for their information

B. Overview

Council requested details of an existing Municipal Land Use Permit issued to the resident at 80 Lakeshore Drive in Thornbury. This permit was issued to acknowledge the landscaping on the unopened portion of Victoria street that provides access to Georgian Bay.

This resident has recently made a request to Council to purchase part of the unopened road allowance.

C. Background

Permit PRMWP 2017-848 was issued to the resident at 80 Lakeshore Drive to acknowledge the existing landscaping that was installed on the Town lands. The permit allows for the landscaping to remain until such time as the Town requires use of the lands and requires the landscaping to be removed. The unopened portion of Victoria street will be considered for a drainage outlet when Lakeshore Drive is reconstructed. The Town will need this access to the shoreline in order to provide road side drainage. The Town will not know if a ditch or storm sewer will be constructed until the final design for the road is completed. Currently the servicing and reconstruction of Lakeshore Drive is not in the Town’s 5-year plan.

A copy of the landscape sketch (Attachment #1) and survey (Attachment #2) that forms part of the permit is seen in with this report. The balance of the permit has not been included to respect the land owner’s information.

D. Analysis

The landscaping did not cause problems for the Town; therefore the permit was considered by Staff. The trees and shrubs (Attachment #3 photo) could be removed to facilitate the Town’s
future needs. The request to allow the landscaping buffer was considered against the future cost of removal and determined to be insignificant. Within the permit there are conditions that require the permit holder to remove the landscaping or will allow the Town to remove the landscaping with notice.

**E. The Blue Mountains Strategic Plan**

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**F. Environmental Impacts**

none

**G. Financial Impact**

none

**H. In Consultation With**

none

**I. Public Engagement**

The topic of this Staff Report has not been subject to a Public Meeting and/or a Public Information Centre as neither a Public Meeting nor a Public Information Centre are required. Comments regarding this report should be submitted to Shawn Carey Director of Operations.

**J. Attached**

1. Attachment#1 Landscaping sketch authorized by permit
2. Attachment#2 Survey showing area
3. Attachment#3 Photo of area taken August 30, 2017

Respectfully submitted,
Jim McCannell
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Flagstone Walkway

3 - 4' wide steps (stone)

3 - 8' cedars

Misc. shrubs

Clump of old cedars

Flagstone Walkway

New Lot Line

23' West of Original Lot Line

Original Lot Line