



Fung Loy Kok Institute of Taoism *Cultivating Balance*



September 1, 2020

Attention: Town of the Blue Mountains Council

Regarding: Request for November proclamation

The Fung Loy Kok Institute of Taoism is celebrating its 50th Anniversary this November. Taoist Tai Chi® was first introduced to North America in 1970 by Master Moy Lin-shin who studied the Taoist arts of health and longevity in China and Hong Kong. He developed a form of Tai Chi specifically aimed at cultivating health and vitality and named the discipline "Taoist Tai Chi"®. The aim of the Fung Loy Kok Institute is to carry on his teachings. It is a registered charity and is administered largely by volunteers.

The organization has many branches and locations in 26 countries. One of these locations has been in the Beaver Valley Community Centre for over 15 years. It would be greatly appreciated if the Town Council would proclaim November 7, 2020 as Taoist Tai Chi® Arts 50th Anniversary Day. More information is available at www.taoist.org.

Please find attached the official Fung Loy Kok Institute of Taoism 50th Anniversary Proclamation and Schedule C Application for Proclamation.

With thanks for your consideration,

Danuta Hill
Instructor
Fung Loy Kok Institute of Taoism
Collingwood Branch

Registered Charity #11893 4371 RR0001

Name of Branch or Centre, 123 Name of Street, City, Province, Canada, Postal Code

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www.taoist.org

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Fung Loy Kok Institute of Taoism 50th Anniversary Proclamation

Whereas, 2020 is the 50th anniversary of the **Taoist Tai Chi®** arts in Canada that promote the ancient practices of Taoism, which enrich mental, spiritual, and physical well-being. Many people who practice these arts share their experience of this practice which enhanced their social and spiritual connections, helped relieve pain, reduced stress, improved posture, circulation, and balance; and

Whereas, 50 years ago, in 1970, Master Moy Lin Shin, a Taoist monk, began teaching the **Taoist Tai Chi®** path in Toronto, Canada; and

Whereas, today, Fung Loy Kok Institute of Taoism, together with its affiliates around the world, have trained volunteer instructors offering **Taoist Tai Chi®** practice continuously for 50 years, and currently, to more than 40,000 participants in numerous locations throughout 26 countries including 11,016 participants in over 330 locations in Canada with 1200 instructors; and

Whereas, Fung Loy Kok Institute of Taoism and its affiliates practice the **Taoist Tai Chi®** arts as a path to ultimate transformation, using the guiding principles of compassion, virtue, and wisdom, in all we do. This practice works to alleviate pain and suffering to the individual, thereby reducing the financial burden on health services in the communities where **Taoist Tai Chi®** practice is offered; and

Whereas, it is altogether fitting and proper that Canada, with its diverse population and appreciation for all cultures moving together in harmony, and its commitment to improving the wellness of its workforce and all residents, should set aside a day to recognize the Fung Loy Kok Institute of Taoism in its endeavour to bring these arts which promote good health, the richness of Chinese culture, and a greater understanding and respect among all peoples.

Now, Therefore, I, _____ (*Mayor, City Official, etc*) do hereby proclaim November 7, 2020, as **Taoist Tai Chi®** arts 50th Anniversary Day in _____ (*City, Town, Province*) in recognition of Fung Loy Kok's remarkable journey of 50 years.



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SCHEDULE C



APPLICATION FOR PROCLAMATION

Please complete and submit your completed form to the Town Clerk at least 3 weeks in advance of the occasion

ORGANIZATION NAME: Fung Loy Kok Institute of Taoism

CONTACT NAME: Danuta Hill

ADDRESS: 729139 21st Sideroad, Clarksburg, ON, N0H 1J0

PHONE: 519-599-6054 **EMAIL:** 21stsideroad@gmail.com

PROCLAMATION REQUESTED (Name/Title of proclamation)

Fung Loy Kok Institute of Taoism 50th Anniversary

DATES OF PROCLAMATION (Please check and insert dates)

☒ Day(s) November 7, 2020 ☐ Week _____

☐ Month _____

PURPOSE OF PROCLAMATION (Please check all that apply)

☐ Civic Promotions ☒ Public Awareness Campaign ☐ Charitable Fundraising Campaign

☐ Arts and Cultural Celebration ☐ Special Honour for Individual or Organization

☐ Other (please explain) _____

DESCRIPTION OF YOUR ORGANIZATION (please include a brief description and any other relevant information related to your request. Additional information/documentation may be attached to this application)

Fung Loy Kok Institute of Taoism is a registered charity administered almost completely by volunteers. It is focused on helping others through the teaching of Taoist Tai Chi Arts. (R) All instructors are also volunteers.

Has the same or a similar proclamation been requested of the Town of The Blue Mountains Council in the past?

☐ Yes (insert date of previous request) _____

☒ No

Please provide the draft wording for your proclamation for Council consideration in order to receive an official signed proclamation from the Mayor.

☐ Proclamation flag (please provide photo of the proposed flag if applicable)

SIGNATURE: _____ **DATE:** Sept. 4, 2020

FOR OFFICE USE ONLY:

Date Request Received: _____

Proclamation Outcome:

☐ Approved ☐ Denied ☐ Other: _____

Approved / Denied By: _____

Approval Date: _____

Additional Comments: _____

hundred acre wood forest preschool

Kimbercote Farms, Town of the Blue Mountains
registered charity #1982823
forestpreschool.ca



Dear Council,

You may have heard about a huge yard sale happening in Thornbury last weekend! Your neighbours came out in droves on Saturday, August 29 and took home many great items donated in support of the hundred acre wood forest preschool. After a year of intense ups and downs, from a joyful opening last fall to the Covid closure none of us imagined, to our happy recent re-opening; it was wonderful to connect with the community last weekend and feel so much support for our labour of love.

Did you know the forest preschool is the only one of its kind in our community? As recognition for the value of this style of learning grows several forest schools have started in our area - but hundred acre wood is the only one serving children as young as 18 months. My own son, a newly minted three year old, had his first day this week and I know first hand the benefits our preschool is giving local children (and their parents - he slept the whole night in his own bed).

Our fundraising will help us continue to offer the youngest citizens in our community a safe place to learn, play and establish a life long love of nature. This weekend we raised more than \$1600 and saw many items go to new homes. We had so many items donated that a lot was left over at the end of the day, and not having the capacity to continue the yard sale into Sunday we encouraged our community to help themselves for free. Now we have a small trailer load left that's destined for the landfill.

We're writing to ask that you consider helping make the most of our fundraiser by waiving the dump fee for our non-profit preschool. We've done everything we can to make sure it's a very small load and would appreciate your support in maximizing our fundraising efforts.

Feel free to contact me with any questions, and we hope to have you come out and visit the preschool for yourself!

Sincerely,

Alex Allen
Vice-Chair
Hundred Acre Wood Board of Directors
alex@georgianbaycreative.com
647.5198.0534



Fathom's first day

RECEIVED VIA EMAIL

From: Phil Enright [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, September 4, 2020 10:59 AM
To: Corrina Giles <
Subject: Issue Regarding Ellis Drive Water Access - PDS.20.53

Hello Ms. Giles,

I received your contact information from some of the residents on Ellis Drive. My wife, Anne, and I are moving to Blue Mountain from Oakville, and are just about to start building our new home on Ellis Drive on Lot [REDACTED]. We're very excited about our move to this spectacular part of Ontario!

In choosing to build on Ellis Drive, we had been assured that the water access allowed on Block 29 would always be available. As we both enjoy kayaking and paddle boarding, this was very attractive to us, as it meant we could enter the water just a few steps from our new home. It's distressing to learn that someone is trying to block this water access.

Now, to be clear, as we are not yet living there, I'm not fully aware of all of the circumstances surrounding this Block of land, but I would absolutely hate to see the water access being cut off, at least to the residents of Ellis Drive, as it certainly is a wonderful benefit of living on that beautiful street.

I'm sure the Town will do the right thing and allow the residents to continue having access to Georgian Bay through this small Block of land.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions whatsoever. Thanks for your consideration of my email.

Kind regards,
Phil and Anne Enright
[REDACTED]

RECEIVED VIA EMAIL

From: S Lee [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, September 13, 2020 1:01 PM
To: Peter Bordignon; Rob Potter <Rob Sampson <>; Corrina Giles <>
Cc: 'Gerry Cronin' [REDACTED]; Terry Green <>

Subject: Designated Off Leash Dog Area

Dear Council Members and Town Clerk

I am writing to you today to represent a group of residents living in the vicinity around the base of Blue Mountain Ski Area.

Many of us own dogs and currently we have no dog parks in our area. Collingwood has 3 Dog Parks but that is not where we pay our taxes and all require driving. Thornbury has the Moreau Dog Park but again that is at the best a 20 minute highway drive.

We think it is a reasonable request for us to ask for a Designated Dog Area in our immediate area.

Currently the residents have been gathering in the evening at Heritage Park to let their dogs enjoy some social time with other dogs. This is not ideal and we are violating the off leash by law. Some evenings there are upward of 20 dogs. There is a sizable area at this Park that might be suitable for DDA. Perhaps at the far north west side of the park where there are a few trees and some rolling mounds. This is far away from the children's area at the south end. Our area does not have public parkland so Heritage is our only choice unless the town would be willing to use some other town owned land.

Given this situation and the obvious desire of dog owners to have an area for their dogs to play and socialize we have gathered a petition of 87 signatures to substantiate the desire for this facility.

I have attached the 3 pages of the petition gathered over the last month for your review.

Please note we have filled out the Leisure Activities Plan Survey and conveyed our desire for a dog park. We will also reach out to the other residents in the area to do likewise.

Thanking you for your time and looking forward to hearing back with the next steps we should be taking to ensure the success of our request.

Susan Lee
[REDACTED] Pioneer Lane
[REDACTED]

Elaine Cronin
[REDACTED] Settlers Way [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

PETITION RECEIVED WITH 87 SIGNATURES

Town of Blue Mountains Staff and Council
32 Mill Street
Thornbury, Ontario
N0H 2P0

Dear Town of Blue Mountains Staff and Council:

My name is Frank Ganci and my wife and I are residents in the Peaks Bay community. We are currently building our home on Delphi Lane. We are writing to you to report some very serious challenges we are having in our neighbourhood.

We are currently in the process of completing our home, and all summer long we have encountered challenges with the public and weekenders. We have had conflicts and disputes with non-residents while trying to get our mail from the mailboxes. Non-residents parking all around the mailboxes and loitering in the neighbourhood has created tremendous cause for concern and safety. We have also had people trespassing onto our property from the next-door townhouse development dumping their garbage into our construction bin. In addition, we have been threatened and yelled at by park goers driving by our property.

My wife Antonella and I have moved into the Peaks Bay neighbourhood hoping to raise our family in a safe and peaceful community and enjoy safe water access.

We are kindly asking that Council resolve this ongoing matter within our neighbourhood. We are hoping that the town can encourage non-Peaks Bay residents to use the Delphi Park, rather than use our street as a parking lot.

We kindly ask that the town implement safety measures to avoid further conflicts, and to reduce the non-resident flow of park goers through our Peaks Bay neighbourhood.

Thank you.

Frank and Antonella Ganci