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**From:** Joanne Vivona [REDACTED] >  
**Sent:** Monday, March 9, 2020 4:30 PM  
**To:** Corrina Giles <[REDACTED]>  
**Cc:** Alar Soever <[REDACTED]>  
**Subject:** The Walking Club

The membership of the Walking Club is interested in having it named The Gamble Walking Club. Bob Gamble created this group and arranged for walkers to freely use the facility at Beaver Valley Community Centre. The walkers are usually seniors or some with mobility aids; walkers, canes, and such which prevent them from easily navigating the sidewalks. Others are rural and have no access to sidewalks, particularly in the icy, snow clad winter months.

I would most appreciate you letting me know who or how our request could best be championed for this official name change. Moving this forward rapidly to Bob Gamble's memorial at the Town Hall in April would be a special honour to him, his widow, their children, and all of us who have benefited from his foresight in creating this Walking Club.

Joanne Vivona

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**From:** OSUM Communications <[communicate@amo.on.ca](mailto:communicate@amo.on.ca)>

**Sent:** Monday, March 2, 2020 3:50 PM

**To:** Corrina Giles <[REDACTED]>

**Subject:** Call for OSUM Executive Committee Nominations and Information on the 67th Conference and Tradeshow



Dear Head of Council, Members of Council and Municipal Staff

RE: 2020 OSUM Conference & Trade Show and Executive Committee Nominations

The 67<sup>th</sup> Ontario Small Urban Municipalities (OSUM) Annual Conference and Trade show is being held in in the County of Brant from April 29, 2020 to May 1, 2020. Please join us to celebrate *Springtime in Paris*.

OSUM is the small urban voice of the province. It is an integral part of the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) and includes a number of Board members who serve on the AMO Board of Directors. Policy and research for OSUM is undertaken by AMO. OSUM provides an important forum for elected and appointed municipal officials to share information and examine pressing and emerging issues facing small urban communities. OSUM is the vehicle by which matters of common interest can be addressed through collective action to improve local government service across Ontario.

Nominations for the 2020-2022 term of the OSUM Executive Committee are being accepted now. A nomination form is [attached](#) and will be received by the undersigned until 4 PM on April 15, 2020.

Registration and accommodation information is for the OSUM *Springtime in Paris* Conference is available on the AMO website at: [www.osum.ca](http://www.osum.ca)

Yours truly,

[REDACTED]

Larry J. McCabe

Administrative Officer

**EMAIL RECEIVED**

**From:** Warder, Tara <[Tara.Warder@grey.ca](mailto:Tara.Warder@grey.ca)>

**Sent:** Monday, March 2, 2020 3:27 PM

**To:** Krista Royal [REDACTED] >

**Cc:** Sarah Merrifield <[REDACTED]>; Liz Saunders  
[REDACTED]

**Subject:** RE: The Blue Mountains - Grey County Task Force

Hi Krista,

Please see the below motion from the February 13, 2020 meeting which was Carried.

CW44-20

Moved by: Councillor Milne

Seconded by: Councillor Hutchinson

**That Report CAOR-CW-02-20 regarding the future of the Grey County – The Blue Mountains Task Force be received; and**

**That Council support the 2020 workplan as outlined; and**

**That the Taskforce be concluded and future issues and requests from the Town of the Blue Mountains, be brought to the Committee of the Whole for consideration.**

**Tara Warder**

*Deputy Clerk/Legislative Coordinator*

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# Stop The Great Lakes Nuclear Dump

Stop The Great Lakes Nuclear Dump  
info@stopthegreatlakesnucleardump.com

March 10, 2020

Via Email

Mayor Alar Soever  
Town of Blue Mountains  
32 Mills Street  
P.O. Box 310  
Thornbury, Ontario  
Canada N0H 2P0

Dear Mayor Soever,

Re: Proposed OPG Nuclear Waste Repository in Kincardine Ontario

I am writing to share some fantastic news ---- following years of opposition from Great Lakes communities, environmental groups, first nations and tribes and lawmakers in Canada and the US, Ontario Power Generation (OPG) has abandoned its plan to build a nuclear waste repository on the Kincardine site, 1 mile from the shore of Lake Huron. OPG's decision followed the January 31, 2020 vote by the Saugeen Ojibway Nation (SON) that overwhelmingly rejected OPG's plan to bury radioactive nuclear waste in SON territory right beside the drinking water of 40 million people.

Thank you Town of Blue Mountains for standing up for the protection of the Great Lakes and for being part of this important victory.

The Town of Blue Mountains showed great leadership in passing a resolution on September 16, 2013 opposing OPG's nuclear waste repository and in being one of 104 signatories to a joint letter to Canada's Federal Minister of Environment and Climate Change. Your community helped to raise awareness of the danger and irresponsibility of OPG's plan and was part of an international opposition effort that undoubtedly lent vital support to SON on the eve of its momentous 'NO' vote.

With OPG now committing to investigate an alternate site for its low and intermediate nuclear waste, the need for vigilance remains.

AND, there is a new threat on the horizon----the municipality of South Bruce, about 18 miles from the shore of Lake Huron, is one of 2 communities being considered by the Nuclear Waste Management Organization (NWNO) for a nuclear waste repository that would house all of Canada's high level nuclear waste.

We will continue to keep you apprised of this new threat as it unfolds.

Very best regards,

Frank Fernandez  
Stop The Great Lakes Nuclear Dump

*Stop The Great Lakes Nuclear Dump Inc. is a non-profit organization comprised of concerned Canadians who believe that the protection of the Great Lakes from buried radioactive nuclear waste is responsible stewardship, and is of national and international importance.*

*The Great Lakes were created by an ice age 12,000 years ago.*

*The Egyptian pyramids were created 4,500 years ago.*

*Some nuclear waste remains radioactive for 100,000 years.*

*The Great Lakes constitute 21% of the world's fresh water.*

*The Great Lakes are the water source supporting 40 million people in 2 countries.*

*An underground nuclear waste dump right beside the Great Lakes defies common sense.*



From: Linda Wykes  
Sent: Friday, March 27, 2020  
To: Council; Corrina Giles  
Subject: questions regarding fee structure

#### Item Description Fee or Charge

1. Parking Hourly Rate (Non-Resident only) \$10.00 per hour
- All rates are subject to the applicable HST.

How can you set a rate for parking when you have not determined where these parking areas will be and the process to monitor them? Is there another document with those details. If so, it should be referenced.

#### Food Truck Item Description Fee or Charge

1. Food Truck – Tomahawk Golf Course \$7,000 minimum
2. Food Truck – Lion's Park Clarksburg \$7,000 minimum
3. Food Truck – Thornbury Pier \$8,000 minimum
4. Food Truck – Northwinds Beach \$8,000 minimum
5. 2020 Pilot Program \$1,000 minimum

Is there another document that defines the time for these food trucks to be parked - what if a food truck comes in for 1 day - and why would the fee for Lions Park be almost the same price as the pier or Northwinds Beach where traffic would be considerably higher?

I realize it is a minimum fee but there should also be a maximum fee and a length of time for each item listed.

Thanks  
Linda Wykes

## **Town of Blue Mountains 2020 Budget**

### **Blue Mountain Ratepayers Association (“BMRA”)**

#### **Analysis for Members**

#### **The Town of Blue Mountains 2020 Budget – A Silver Cloud with a Black Lining**

Certainly, the topline numbers for the Town of Blue Mountains budget are quite positive. Given the significant level of residential development, the growth in new assessment dollars have allowed the Town to provide additional services and increase staffing while enabling a slight decrease to our 2020 property tax rate. Unfortunately, the County levy has increased – more on that later – but thankfully the tax bills for TBM residents will be slightly lower when compared to 2019. So, while that does qualify as good news, there are some serious issues that will prove very challenging in the years ahead.

These issues include:

- Inadequate capacity for the Town’s growing workforce at Town Hall. During 2018 and 2019 the town added 21 additional staff but now can’t place some of the new staff within the town’s office floor plan. Some staff will be placed in office space close to but external to the Town Hall. Remember the Town Hall was only completed 9 years ago (in 2011) and is already in an overflow staff capacity condition. With a strong likelihood the Town will have to add more resources as TBM continues to grow, we will require further investment in office facilities. This shows short sightedness on the part of prior Councils, under whose watch the Town Hall was planned and constructed. We hope our current Council will take a longer-term view in planning future facility requirements.
- Closing the “infrastructure gap” – getting shovels in the ground to modernize our roads, wastewater, drinking water and community facilities. As we have stated previously, this is an absolute necessity if our growth is to be sustainable, and our quality of life maintained. The Town has approved finances to support \$10s of millions of dollars worth of capital projects that will modernize and expand our civil works infrastructure. We recognize the Town has added new staff resources to manage, facilitate and communicate these important projects, but the \$100,000s of thousands of dollars cost overrun we are currently experiencing on our wastewater treatment plant upgrade clearly demonstrates how difficult the task will be while trying to stay within the proposed capital budgets.

Of course, the other challenge we face in building the required infrastructure is that 60% of our municipal tax dollars leave the Town – 40% go to the County, and 20% to the School Board. With such a significant drain on TBM resources, it becomes that much more difficult to fund the investment we need. For point of comparison, and to clearly illustrate the financial challenge TBM faces with our obligation to the

County, the other municipalities in Grey County keep on average almost 60% of their property taxes for their own use. We're clearly doing a lot of heavy lifting on behalf of Grey. Following the BMRA's February deputation to the County regarding their 2020 budget, we were to meet with the CAO and Directors of Finance and Planning to push for greater accountability and transparency. That meeting has understandably been delayed due to current circumstances, but we will ensure it happens when our situation allows.

- The last two Town budgets appear to lack the funding for stated political priorities of Attainable Housing and doctor recruitment. It may well be that there will be resources made available beyond the Town's core budget to support these high priority initiatives, but more detail is required so that we can get the full picture on how they will move forward.
- Limited progress with Zero Based Budgeting (ZBB) implementation, recognizing this didn't get out of the starting gate until Q4 2019. The objective of ZBB is to find more efficient ways to deliver services and allocate resources – the expectation is that the 2021 Town budget will show the benefits of this exercise.
- Community/Recreational Hub(s). We have not received any updates on the development of a community facilities strategy. In 2019 the Library proposed a substantial expansion, in part to help address our inadequate community facilities. Council turned the request down, but in its place was to be a discussion regarding development of community hub(s) that might include new library, recreation, daycare and community spaces. Communities such as Owen Sound and Hanover have outstanding facilities. Where is ours? Let's push the dialogue this year. Ever increasing construction costs may impact our ability to fund these much-needed facilities. We would anticipate the Town will be prudent in investing in our current Library and Recreation Centre facilities in the absence of the long-term strategic roadmap.

This communication will provide the substance of a submission the BMRA Budget Review Committee will make to Town Council March 30.

Respectfully,  
 Brian Harkness  
 Chairman  
 Budget Review Committee of the BMRA

Lucy J. Richmond BA, BEd, MBA

March 26, 2020

Ms. C. Giles, Clerk  
The Clerk's Office  
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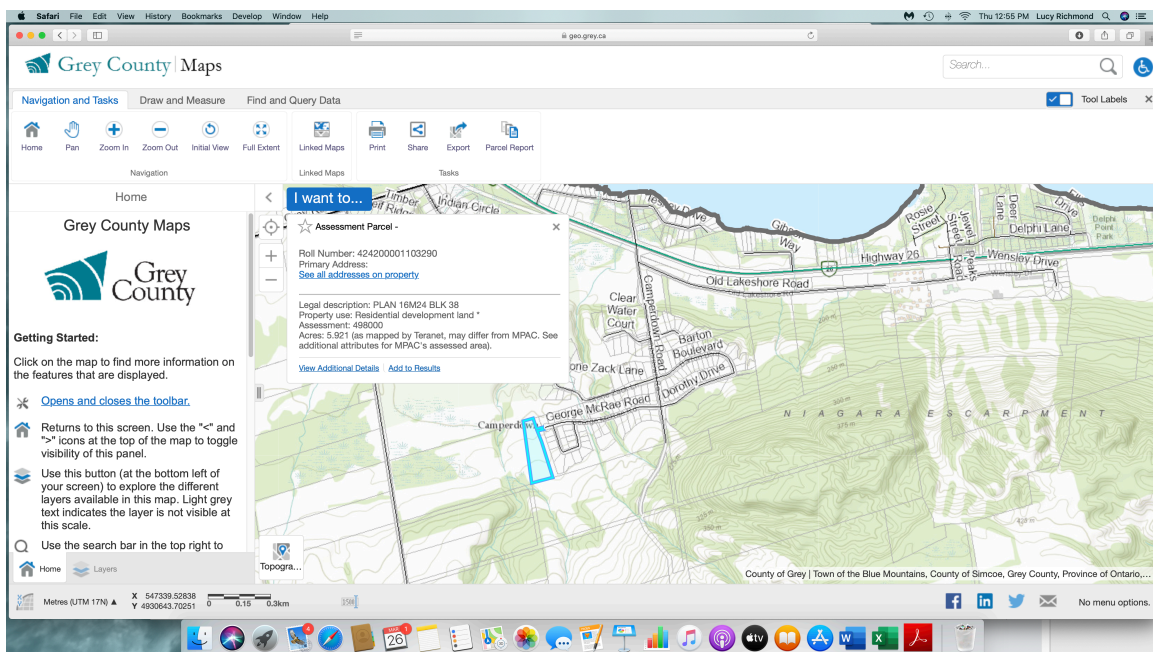
Dear Ms. Giles;

Please consider this correspondence as my Deputation to Council regarding item E.1 to come before the Special Meeting of Council, March 30, 2020.

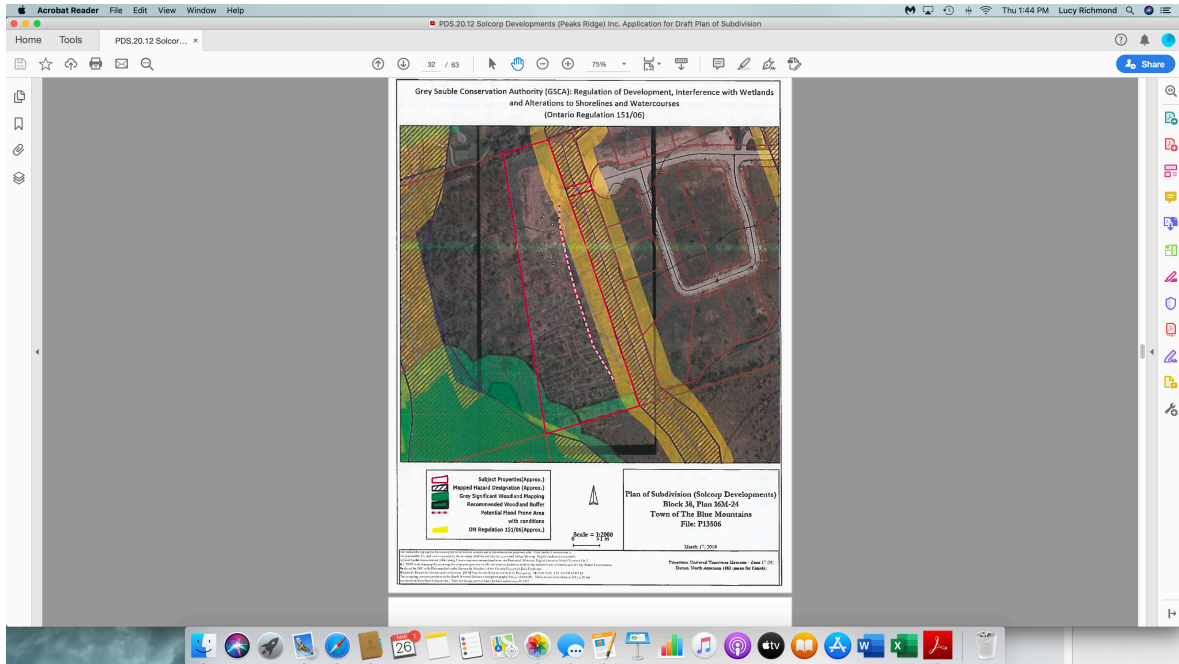
[E.1 Solcorp Dev. \(Peaks Ridge\) Inc. Applications for Draft Pln Subdivision Condo. and ZBA, PDS.20.34](#)

THIS Council has it all, the legislative authority, acknowledged responsibility, and, the Power to uphold legislation already in place that protects the Citizens of this Town, those who visit, and those who will, in the future, choose to make The Blue Mountains their home and garden/orchard/farm, their playground or their workplace. The wishes of The Town's citizens, about this place and how it is to be planned and protected in the future, are documented in the Town's Official Plan and in its By-Laws and supported by its Sustainable Path document.

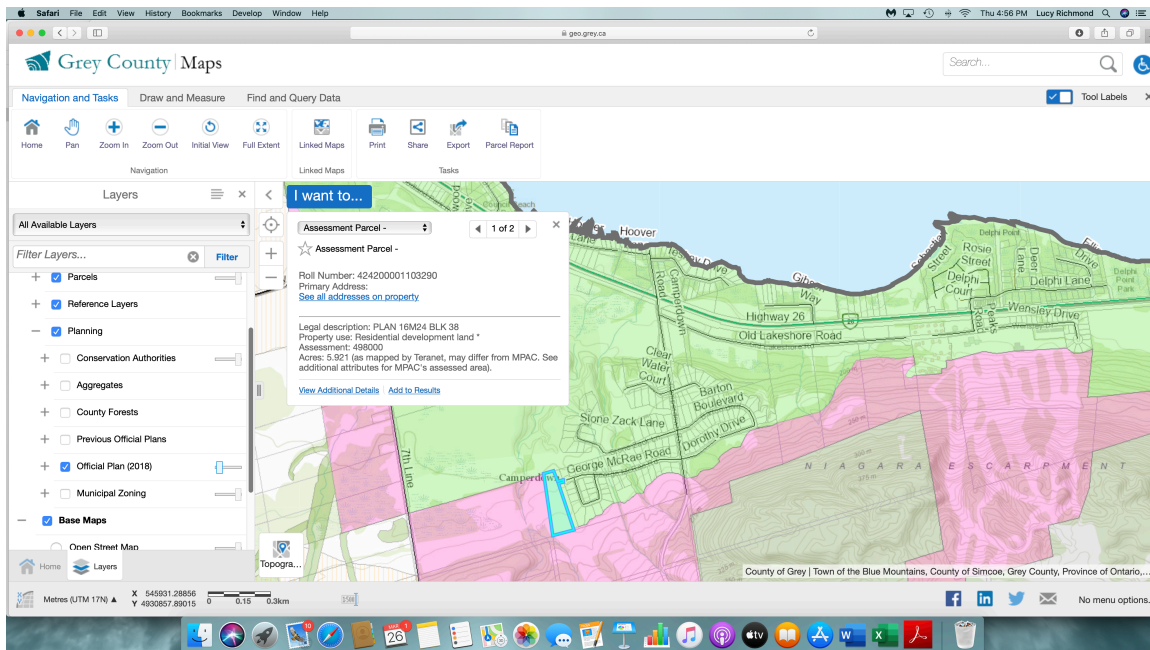
According to MPAC information, online, the area of the subject property is 5.921 Acres, or, (5.921/2.47) 2.397 Hectares. (1 Hectare = 2.47 Acres)



The Grey Sauble Conservation Authority has jurisdiction over this property. Here is the GSCA's map (included in your PDS information) clearly showing the “mapped hazard designation” and “potential flood prone” area which represents about 20% of the total area of the property.



In the Town's Official Plan, these lands are designated on page 70, by the County, as: B3.7 RESIDENTIAL/RECREATIONAL AREA in pale green.



On pages 70-71 of the Town's Official Plan, the formula for calculating "Density" in "Residential Recreational Lands" in the Town is laid out:

Table 1

		<b>Maximum Density (Units / Gross Hectare)</b>	<b>Minimum Open Space Component</b>	
	Blue Mountain Village Area	15	40%	
	All other areas	10	40%	

As this property is not "Blue Mountain Village Area", the maximum density in the Blue Mountains Residential Recreational Area is "10 units/GROSS HECTARE". Gross Hectare is further defined under definitions, page 241, E11 GLOSSARY: "Gross Hectare Means the total area of land in a development or plan of subdivision measured in hectares utilized for buildings, lots, public roads and widening, public parks, open space blocks, school sites and other public lands. **The measurement of gross density shall not include any land designated Hazard Lands, Wetlands or Escarpment.**"

**"The calculation of the open space component shall be based on the whole of the proponent's holdings included in any draft plan of subdivision.** Lands designated Wetland or Hazard Lands may be included within the required open space component, however, **such lands are not included for the purpose of calculating maximum permitted development density**, unless otherwise specifically provided under this Plan".

The Solcorp, Peaks Ridge proposal considers building about half of the Units on designated hazard lands and probable flood plains!

There is no recreational component. There is no provision in the proposal for interconnecting trails or cycle paths for humans, or, corridors for the natural migration of wild and natural flora and fauna. There is no drainage plan for the flood prone area. There will be only one entry/exit point. Where will service vehicles, snowploughs and garbage trucks, turn around?

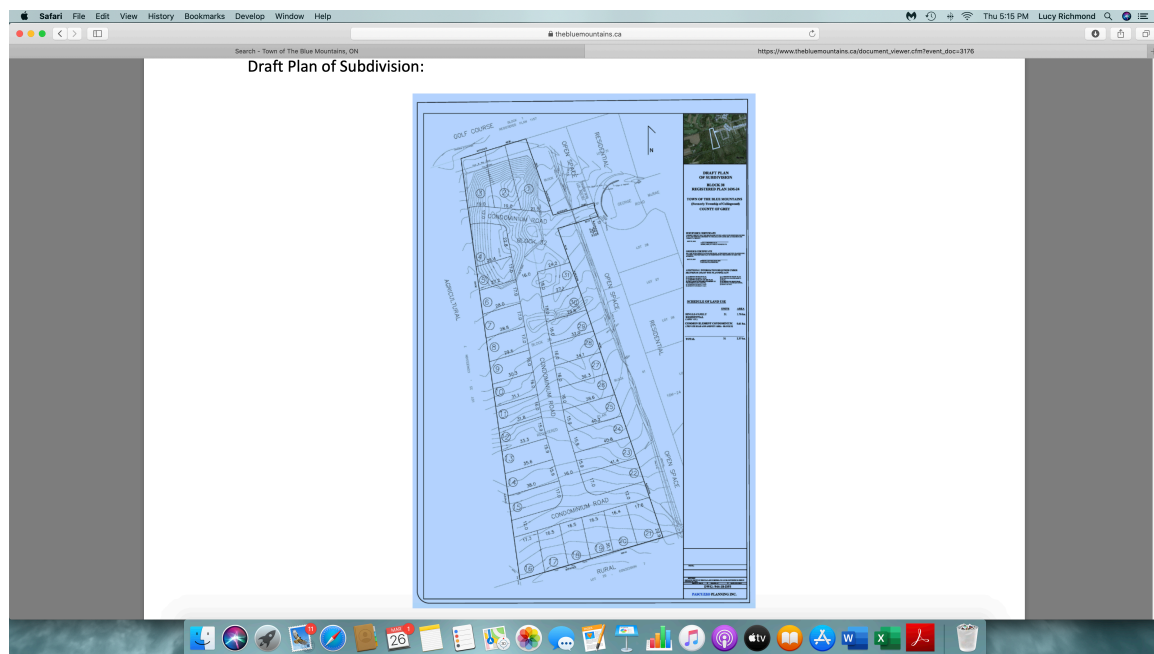
You will hear during today's meeting differing claims about what the Town's OP says about the DENSITY calculation for this property which is in the designated Residential Recreational Lands in the Town. **What the OP actually says, i.e., the evidence, is as stated, and highlighted, above.**

The Gross Hectare measure of the property is approximately 80% of the area of the property (2.397 Hectares), or, 1.798 Gross Hectares (0.80 x 2.397 Hectares). The balance of the land is designated hazard land and potentially flood plain and is to be excluded from the calculation.

Under the OP formula, the maximum conforming Density of development would be: 18.0 Units for the proposed development. (1.798 Gross Hectares x 10 Units per Gross Hectare).

18 Units per Gross Hectare. That's all.

In addition, the Developer has not provided any Open Space: a **40% Open Space minimum is required in Residential Recreational areas of the Town**. The Open Space component is very important as there are no Parks in this area of the Town. Neither is there a recreational component to the proposed Development. The Open Space provision is the only provision acknowledging the need of residents to connect to the area's natural environment without having to get into a car. Even then, new residents will find there is inadequate parking near the ski lifts, beaches, woodlands, trails and Escarpment when they drive there, especially at peak Tourist demand times. The Community, Staff and Council were wise in continuing to include the 40% Open Space requirement in the Official Plan through the revisions of 2014 and 2016. This



practice helps to assure sustainable development.

So how is it that Solcorp is proposing and expecting approval of 31 Residential Units, about half of them to be placed into a probable flood prone area? . . . With NO Open Space or recreational component?

Yes, it's a long story, but, **just because other Councils have misunderstood what is required of them that doesn't mean that THIS COUNCIL must do the same**. This Council has proven itself capable of great diligence and of acting on principle. It has the Information, the Authority, the Responsibility and the "Power in Legislation" to meet the minimum requirements of our Official Plan which is in keeping with the minimum requirements of the Provincial Policy Statement and has duly been approved by the County. Council also has the support of the Community.

It's true that Solcorp bought the land from the previous Developer with conditions attached to it. But those conditions didn't suit the needs of that developer, of the community, of the market, or of the neighbours any more than the current proposal does - as evidenced by the default next door to the proposed Solcorp proposal and comments of the Public attached to this proposal. That default leaves us, Citizens, responsible for paying, in one way or another, for the infrastructure funding shortfalls there; not the Developers, not the Council, not the County, not the Province - but Citizens!

On top of this burden, Citizens have felt compelled, recently, to appeal to the LPAT at considerable personal cost, to bring attention to the shortcomings of the current Development approval processes of the Town when there are duly legislated Official Plans in place at the Municipal and County levels, and the PPS at the Provincial level, that are meant to guide and protect everyone from such costly misfortune and waste, including Developers and Councils and their Staffs.

Solcorp still has many options: withdrawal of their proposal in favour of a fresh start which, if it were compliant with legislation, would meet with no obstacles; call for an LPAT (which can be called by Solcorp or any involved other Party); arbitration - a negotiated settlement involving all interested parties; an appeal to the Ombudsman,. . . . you are aware of these and more.

I urge Council to reference the many comments from neighbours, the Conservation Authority and the Public to determine if the proposal is acceptable or unacceptable when compared to the requirements for developments in the Residential Recreational areas of the Town as outlined in the OP. The Community would support a delay in the approval so Council can seek more clarity on the matter.

The Community would also support Council if the decision was to deny approval.

We were assured at the last COW Meeting by the proponent's agent that a denial would result in the proponent advancing an appeal to the LPAT. In my very, very limited experience as Participant or observer, these tribunals effectively and efficiently review the matters put before them in an objective manner, and, generally, increase the potential that a future outcome could/ would better suit all parties involved, in due time.

If a denial of approval means we're into another LPAT because of a delay, or, because of a denial, It would be money well spent.

Respectfully,  
Lucy Richmond

cc Mayor Soever,  
Deputy Mayor Potter,  
Councillor Bordignon  
Councillor Matrosovs  
Councillor Hope  
Councillor Sampson  
Councillor Uram