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Ms. Corinna Giles Clerk Town of The Blue Mountains 32 Mill Street, P.O. Box 310 Thornbury, ON N0H 2P0

By email only: townclerk@bluemountains.ca

Dear Ms. Giles:

Re: Disposition of Lands Request – Portion of Railway Street (Unopened Road Allowance)

Blue Birch Properties

We act as planners for Blue Birch Properties Inc., ("Blue Birch") owner of Part Lot 25 Concession 4 and being Part 1 Plan 16R-1936, in the Town of the Blue Mountains. Please accept this letter as a formal request on behalf of Blue Birch Properties Inc., to purchase the unopened road allowance known as Railway Street.

Figure 1 identifies the location of the Railway Street unopened road allowance which has a total lot area of approximately 1398 m² and a width of 30.6 m. **Figure 2** is a Concept Plan prepared by Akb Architects which identifies the Blue Birch Properties Inc. lands as well as the portion of the road allowance that Blue Birch is requesting to purchase. The unopened road allowance that Blue Birch requests to purchase would provide access from the municipal open and maintained portion of Railway Street and Barclay Boulevard to the Blue Birch lands. **Figure 3** is a boundary survey of the Blue Birch lands and highlighted is the unopened portion of the Railway Road allowance that Blue Birch is requesting to purchase.

The Ontario Land Tribunal provided a settlement decision on March 20, 2025, and as such the Blue Birch lands in part are zoned for residential development which are proposed to be accessed via Railway Street. It is noted that the settlement was the result of lengthy negotiations with the Town of the Blue Mountains, the Grey Sauble Conservation Authority and the Niagara Escarpment Commission and all parties including the Town endorsed the settlement.

Since the Ontario Land Tribunal decision, Blue Birch has engaged in discussions with municipal staff regarding the process of purchasing municipal lands, the requirements of the appraisal and the Town's process for the disposition of municipal lands. From these discussions, it is our understanding that Council will require the appraisal to consider the road allowance lands at the highest and best use, which is anticipated to be for residential purposes. The appraisal is currently underway and will be provided to the Town upon its completion.

Accordingly, we are formally requesting the Town to consider selling the unopened road allowance (Railway Street) to Blue Birch Properties (Figure 1)(Figure 2), on the basis that it is surplus to the Town's needs, and with knowledge that the recent Ontario Land Tribunal decision contemplated Blue Birch utilizing Railway Street road allowance for access to Railway Street and Barclay Boulevard.



Yours truly,



Kristine Loft, BES, BAA, MCIP, RPP Principal

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Blue Birch Properties, Landowner Jason Park, KSLLP, LLP

Attachments:

Figure 1 – Location Map

Figure 2 – Concept Plan (Akb Architect)

Figure 3 – Boundary Survey

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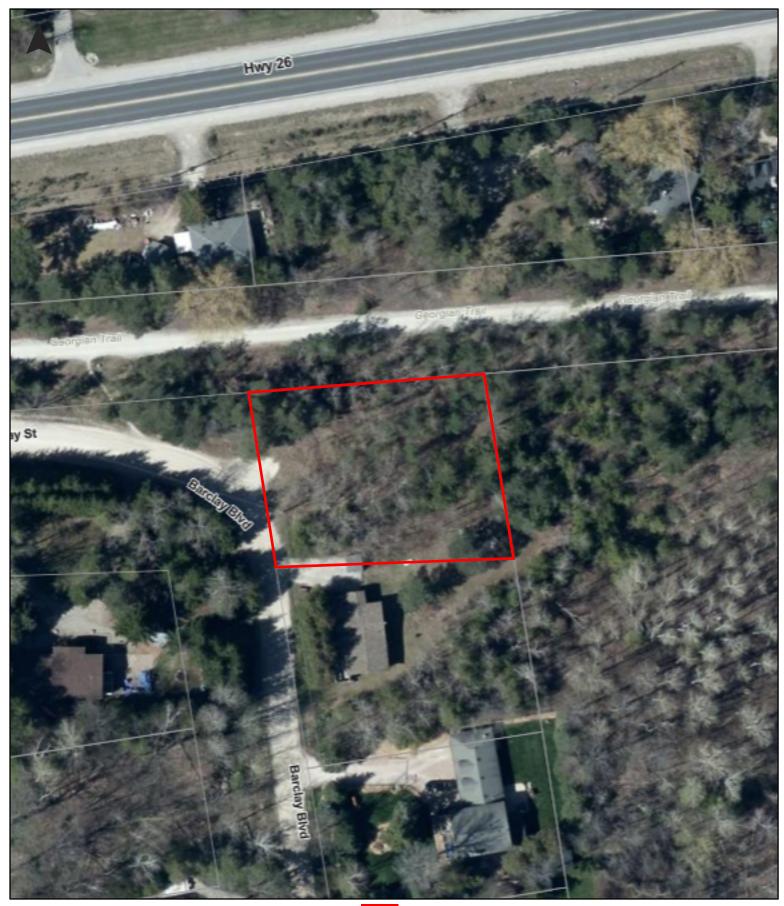


Figure 1
Railway Street - Unopened
Road Allowance
PT LT 25 CON 4
Town of The Blue Mountains

