



March 11, 2019

Town of The Blue Mountains  
32 Mill Street, P.O. Box 310  
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Attention: Mayor A. Soever and Council

Re: Support of the Collingwood General & Marine Hospital's Redevelopment Project

Dear Mayor Soever & Council,

Please consider this letter as Blue Mountain Resort's support of the Collingwood General & Marine Hospital's (CGMH) request for support of their hospital redevelopment project.

As the largest employer in The Blue Mountains and a major player in the recreation industry, Blue Mountain Resort relies heavily on the services of CGMH. As I'm sure you're aware from the CGMH presentation The Blue Mountains residents, weekenders and visitors to our area's many exceptional recreational facilities account for about 16.5% of all emergency patients, 12% of all surgeries and 10% of diagnostic imaging exams at CGMH.

Blue Mountain Resort works closely with CGMH to ensure that our guests and staff are treated promptly and appropriately. As the major trauma centre for South Georgian Bay, CGMH must be prepared to handle any emergency that comes through their doors. They have demonstrated their ability to provide exceptional care over and over again but most dramatically, last February when they successfully, responded to a mass trauma situation. With less than 10 minutes warning and with an already full emergency department, CGMH physicians and staff resuscitated, diagnosed, stabilized and arranged safe medivac for two adults and six children bringing kudos from the Hospital for Sick Children in Toronto. It is important to note that these patients were visitors to our area.

All of this care is currently delivered in an aging and cramped facility. The CGMH Emergency Department which sees over 37,000 patients annually was only built to handle about 16,000. Their 70 inpatient beds run at constant over capacity. They serve as a regional orthopaedic centre of excellence which is important not just to the recreation industry in The Blue Mountains but to the higher than average seniors population served by CGMH.

We, like the other ski clubs across the Escarpment, hope to continue to grow our business and our employment base but we must have a hospital facility that is capable of handling this continual growth.

As a major supporter of CGMH for more than 30 years, we at BMR ask you to consider carefully the CGMH request to support its redevelopment. We believe that you will find this to be an excellent investment for both the residents of The Blue Mountains and the many recreational businesses in our municipality.

Thank you for considering this important proposal.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Dan Skelton', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Dan Skelton  
President & COO

Cc. Corrina Giles, Town Clerk, Town of The Blue Mountains