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Mayor Alar Soever & Members of Council
Town of The Blue Mountains
32 Mill Street
Thornbury, ON N0H 2P0

RE: Hidden Lake Road Class Environmental Assessment, Consideration of Scope Change (Staff Report CSPW.19.053) - July 8, 2019 Committee of the Whole Meeting

I represent the owners of [REDACTED], being the lands bounded by Hidden Lake Road, Barclay Boulevard and the Georgian Trail and comprising approximately 26 acres.

We have previously met with Town staff and the Town's consultant respecting the Hidden Lake Road Class Environmental Assessment (EA) and have also communicated on several occasions with Council, Town staff and the Town's consultant respecting this matter.

Regarding our previous communications, a summary is provided below for Council's information:

- The matter of drainage was specifically identified by Town staff as an issue and a required area of review (see Staff Report CSPW.16.092);
- The lands owned by my client receives storm drainage from approximately 142 acres of land with same being facilitated by municipal infrastructure installed within the various road allowances to provide for drainage outlets for other lands and municipal highways.
- The drainage outlet located within the Georgian Trail right-of-way is inadequate to convey the storm water received by my client's lands and subsequently has created a situation whereby my client's lands have become an area storm water facility from both a quantity and quality perspective and thus effectively expropriating a large portion of my client's lands for this purpose.
- We are of the opinion that the Town's EA Process is incomplete until area drainage issues are addressed.

Respecting the Staff Report CSPW.19.053, the financial recommendations are directly related to determining the future location of a future Sewage Pumping Station (SPS) with staff reporting that the preferred option is on Ontario Parks lands (with the options

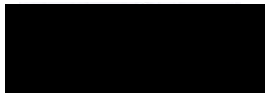
considered prior to arriving at this preferred option being the Highway 26 right-of-way, private lands and the Georgian Trail lands).

As to the private lands option, Town staff indicate that “using private lands where there is significant public lands available in the vicinity will not be well received especially from those where or near the SPS may be site...”


My client has previously communicated a willingness to convey a portion of their lands to the municipality for area storm water purposes and is willing to include in these discussions lands for the Town’s future SPS.

I would be pleased to discuss the foregoing further with Council and/or Town staff.

Yours truly,



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