

**RECEIVED VIA EMAIL – July 26, 2019**

Dear Council

I regret that I am unable to attend the meetings of Council on July 29th and August 1st. Therefore, I am writing this letter as a member of the public for inclusion in the Agenda Package and for public information.

Regarding the five properties proposed to advance to the BMAHC Request for Interest process and for further due diligence by staff, it is my request, based on the input of members of the public to the former inclusion of Moreau Park (FAF.18.150), that parkland not be considered at this time. The response from a great number of members of the public in attendance at the meeting where Moreau Park was included on a list resulted in criteria being set for staff which included the removal of parkland from further consideration.

Therefore Property Option 4 Heritage Park should also be removed from the list going forward on August 1st.

While this site may be “underutilized” at the present time, the demands for protected parkland, sports playing fields and open space, such as Heritage Park, will likely grow significantly with population growth attributable to the over 4000 units currently in various phases of the development process in the Town of The Blue Mountains. While Attainable Housing is certainly a significant issue, there are several viable alternative options. Therefore it seems unnecessary and shortsighted to prejudice the future sustainability of parkland even a portion of the existing Heritage Park, while other viable options exist, pursuant of course to further due diligence by staff. I therefore request that Option 4 not be considered further at this time. I also do not support any option that negatively impacts public access to waterfront.

I trust that further due diligence by staff will provide increased clarity regarding viable options for Attainable Housing that will not negatively impact either public space parkland or public waterfront access.

Respectfully

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