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**Subject:** Attainable Housing - Option 4 Heritage Park - Objection

Good day,

I want to start by stating that I've resided at [REDACTED] Kellies Way, unit [REDACTED] for 21 years, before the Village was built. Mostly part time until I finally retired 2.5 years ago. Now I'm fortunate to be enjoying living here full time. The area is unique in that it's not a traditional subdivision which is the main attraction for myself and friends who live in the neighbourhood.

Over the years I've witness more and more housing development around the mountain on every privately owned piece of land within Grey Road 19 and 21. The growth is welcomed. Unfortunately we are losing so much green space and wildlife.

Under the Site Selection Criteria for Attainable Housing the following is noted:

-Access to transportation - there is limited bus service between the Village and Collingwood and this ends at 8:30pm daily. You can forget about taking a taxi, it's \$34.00 to get into town, a 15 minute ride. Uber is not available in the Town of the Blue Mountains for whatever reason.

-Avoid parkland or open space lands - Heritage Park is the only publicly owned park/green space in the community. I'm at a loss as to how it would be considered for housing.

-Existing uses - the comment that the park is underutilized in not accurate.

There's no access to shops, services or schools in the area. This requires a trip into Collingwood. Kids would have to be bused to school.

My objection to the park being used for attainable housing is on a number of levels.

This park is the only park in the community, all communities deserve and need a public park.

There are a number of condominiums in the area and the children use the playground regularly. I was out walking the last week at 8:30pm and the were kids on the swings. Even homeowners take their children to the park, not just condo owners. We take visiting guests with kids to the park.

As you are aware, or should be, there are numerous short term chalets in the area and Tyrolean Village with continue to develop every parcel of property they own to build rental chalets that house 10-12 people. The park is regularly used on the weekends by the renters to play soccer, baseball or football or enjoy a picnic. Tourists come up from the city in large groups to enjoy a weekend at Blue Mountain and spending time outside. The park is an excellent space for them to gather.

If the plan is for Attainable Housing to be used for housing for staff that work at the resort then it will be used as rental housing. Those who required attainable/affordable housing by the mountain are usually temporary or transient workers. So basically the housing will become short term rentals. As a full time resident I am concerned about the noise and congestion.

It would be a shame to lose the only publicly owned green space/park in this community. Once it's gone you can never get it back! Some forward thinking is in order here.

Please reconsider the use of Heritage Park site for the Attainable Housing.

Regards,  
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