



# Staff Report

## Administration

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**Report To:** Special Meeting of Council  
**Meeting Date:** September 25, 2019  
**Report Number:** FAF.19.203  
**Subject:** Authorization to Purchase 171 King Street East  
**Prepared by:** Shawn Everitt, Chief Administrative Officer

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### A. Recommendations

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THAT Council receive Staff Report FAF.19.203, entitled "Authorization to Purchase 171 King Street East";

AND THAT Council approve the purchase of 171 King Street East, the subject property being the former Foodland at a cost of \$1,600,000;

AND THAT Council authorize the Mayor and Town Clerk to execute all required documentation to complete the land purchase and acquisition transactions at the satisfaction of Legal Counsel:

AND THAT Council authorize staff to include 171 King Street East as part of The Blue Mountains Attainable Housing Corporations Request for Information (RFI) as a potential site to be considered for attainable housing.

### B. Overview

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This report requests that Council in Open Session approve the purchase of 171 King Street East and also approves the expenditure of \$1,600,00 to purchase the subject lands. Council is also being requested to authorize the Mayor and Town Clerk to execute all related documents to formally acquire the lands

### C. Background

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At the Direction of Council, Town staff have been successful in negotiating an agreement to purchase with the owners of the former Foodland being 171 King Street East.

Staff have worked to secure the lands that have been considered an excellent opportunity as a potential be a site for an attainable housing project.

## **D. Analysis**

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171 King Street East being the former Foodland provides possibilities to the Town for a potential attainable housing site, but also provides an opportunity for the town to control the use, design and streetscape opportunities along the Highway 26 corridor.

Additional reports will be brought forward to Council as details are considered through the re-development process for the site.

## **E. The Blue Mountains Strategic Plan**

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Goal #1: Create Opportunities for Sustainability

Objective #2 Attract New Business

Objective #3 Promote a Diversified Economy

Objective #5 Improved Visibility and Local Identity

Goal #2: Engage Our Communities & Partners

Objective #1 Improve External Communication with our Constituents

Objective #2 Use Technology to Advance Engagement

Objective #3 Strengthen Partnerships

Goal #3: Support Healthy Lifestyles

Objective #1 Promote the Town as a Healthy Community

Objective #2 Increase the Range of Housing Choices and Promote Housing Affordability

Objective #3 Manage Growth and Promote Smart Growth

Objective #4 Commit to Sustainability

Goal #4: Promote a Culture of Organizational & Operational Excellence

Objective #2 Improve Internal Communications Across our Organization

Objective #3 To Consistently Deliver Excellent Customer Service

Objective #4 To Be a Financially Responsible Organization

Objective #5 Constantly Identify Opportunities to Improve Efficiencies and Effectiveness

Goal #5: Ensure Our Infrastructure is Sustainable

Objective #4 Ensure that Infrastructure is Available to Support Development

## **F. Environmental Impacts**

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Acquiring these lands will provide for controls of future development opportunities on the site.

Due diligence and review of the site conditions of the property are being completed through the acquisition process.

## **G. Financial Impact**

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Expenditure of \$1,600,000 at this time will be funded through debt.

## **H. In consultation with**

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Council

Director of Finance and IT Services

## **I. Public Engagement**

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The topic of this Staff Report has not been subject to a Public Meeting and/or a Public Information Centre as neither a Public Meeting nor a Public Information Centre are required. However, any comments regarding this report should be submitted to [cao@thebluemountains.ca](mailto:cao@thebluemountains.ca).

## **J. Attached**

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None at this time

Respectfully Submitted,

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