

To whom it may concern,

My name is David Hodds, and I have had the Beavertails franchise at Blue Mountain for 22 years now. A lot has changed over the years at Blue and surrounding area, not least of which is the enormous growth in population and as a result the affordability of housing.

The housing affordability has had a large impact on finding staff that are within a half hour drive of work.

I currently don't have any staff living in Collingwood. Most are coming from the countryside on the way to Shelburne, a 45 minute drive.

Affordable housing is vital to being able to secure reliable staff now and in the future. It will look terrible on all nearby townships, if you have a lot of wealthy people coming up here and having no services or entertainment due to everything closing up due to lack of staff. My wages to staff go up every year as I compete with other retail shops to keep my existing employees.

I am in full support of the committees and townships working collaboratively toward achieving affordable and clean housing for those in the population, which is significant, who can't afford a reasonable place to live and work. Housing must be located in an area with easy access to reliable transportation and services.

Thank you for listening, and I am available to help in any way if needed,

David Hodds
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