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BARRISTER AND SOLICITOR



September 24, 2020

Mayor Soever, Deputy Mayor Potter
and Members of Town Council

Dear Sirs/Madams:

Re: Support for Blue Mountain Attainable Housing Corporation's Thornbury Site
and upcoming Public Consultation Process

My name is Steven Troster and my wife and I own a residence at 213 Snowbridge Way in Historic Snowbridge.

I am writing in support of the Town of the Blue Mountains Attainable Housing Corporation's (BMAHC) efforts toward building its first attainable housing site in Thornbury.

I also support Council's proposal to conduct a transparent public consultation on the project including looking at the Official Plan and Comprehensive Bylaw in order to ensure that the project can be as impactful as possible while also respecting the needs of the surrounding community.

I gather that many in the community have concerns about setting a precedent with increases in density or height, and therefore recommend strongly that any changes to the Official Plan or Bylaw relating to density of building heights be made specifically and exclusively for attainable housing, and for projects associated with the BMAHC.

During the municipal election, candidates assured local businesses and residents that attainable housing would be a priority and I am pleased to see our elected Councillors are following through on their campaign promises. It appears to me that the need for attainable housing to support our community has grown since the election.

I look forward to learning more about how this project will be supported by new local transit links, opportunities for businesses and community groups in the Town to get more involved in supporting BMAHC's work, plans for future sites across the Town, and how BMAHC will continue to consult with the public as it has been doing over the past 12 months.

As we are spending more than half of our time in the Town of The Blue Mountains, we are looking for some assurance that the Community will develop and maintain resources for all of its residents

and service providers so that we can have some assurance that there will be a solid infrastructure in place to support the future needs of a diverse community.

Please feel free to reach out to me directly in the course of the consultation process.

Yours very truly,

*Steven F. Troster**

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*Electronically signed pursuant to the Electronic Commerce Act