



The Town of The Blue Mountains, Special Meeting of Council
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Date: Monday, June 13, 2022

Moved by: Councillor Hope
Seconded by: Councillor Matrosovs

THAT Council of the Town of The Blue Mountains receives for information the May 16, 2022 correspondence from the Thornbury Business Improvement Area regarding attainable housing;
AND THAT Council refers the correspondence to The Blue Mountains Attainable Housing Corporation, to the Finance and IT Services, and to the Official Plan Review Committee, for consideration

YES: 6

NO: 0

CONFLICT: 0

ABSENT: 1

The motion is Carried

YES: 6

Deputy Mayor Bordignon Councillor Hope Councillor Matrosovs Councillor Sampson
Councillor Uram Councillor Bill Abbotts

NO: 0

CONFLICT: 0

ABSENT: 1

Mayor Soever



May 16, 2022

Mayor Alar Soever
Town of The Blue Mountains
32 Mill St
Thornbury, ON N0H 2P0

Dear Mayor Soever,

As you are no doubt aware, one of the most pressing issues facing businesses in our area is finding adequate staff. One of the main contributing factors is the lack of affordable rental housing. The Gateway Attainable Housing Project will hopefully address some of that shortage, but its completion is years away. In the meantime, the creation of secondary suites could make affordable rental units available.

Will Council consider introducing grants to homeowners to help with renovations to convert part of existing homes to accommodate a secondary suite? Qualifying expenses would include such things as creating a separate entrance and converting units to meet fire code requirements. Also, if necessary, amend existing bylaws to allow the creation of secondary suites where necessary.

This issue affects many of our members and we welcome your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

A solid black rectangular box used to redact the signature of George Matamoros.

George Matamoros, Chair
Thornbury BIA Board of Management.

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