

Mr. Dwight Burley, Chair,
Social Services Committee, Grey County
595 ninth Ave East, Owen Sound
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Dear Mr. Burley,

RE: Investment in Affordable Housing Program

We are in receipt of your recent letter detailing the IAH program and thank you for your response in this matter. It is well documented that we have a serious affordability issue within The Blue Mountains and we would like to enlist your help in addressing this situation.

We had previously supplied a letter to the Social Services Committee asking for an increase to the maximum house price and maximum income level for our municipality. The ensuing discussion, as detailed in the committee minutes, reflect your "concerns with different treatments among municipalities within the region and the limits on available funding." While we certainly understand this position, we believe that the IAH program can acknowledge the higher home prices in The Blue Mountains in the same way that the County recognizes higher land values for road allowances.

We are suggesting that the maximum house price in the IAH program increase from \$217,000 to \$261,600 for our area only. We propose that the maximum income level of \$72,400 remain as it is.

We are all here because we want to make a positive contribution to our communities. Your power to make this change would make a small but real difference to deserving residents of our community. It would further allow us to make use of this worthwhile program for the first time.

Yours truly,

Bruce Taylor

President

The Blue Mountains Attainable Housing Corporation