



Odette Bartnicki
for Deputy Mayor

Proven Leadership
for a
Sustainable Future
in the
Town of The Blue Mountains



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ENVIRONMENT (#2)

Environmental sustainability is the primary concern of many people who have spoken with me through this campaign, so I have chosen to do a second newsletter focused on the environment. Some of the issues of concern that can be addressed by Town Council are: single-use plastics, buffers between agricultural lands and development (described in *Red, Hot & Blue* (2010)), protection of watersheds, and water and sewer safety, to name but a few. All of these have the potential to impact upon the sustainability of our physical environment, as well as health and safety of our residents and visitors. In fact, the well-being of all species, ourselves included, depends greatly on our ability to protect access to clean air, drinking water and a healthy environment for everybody. A growing number of studies illustrate that our health is closely related to the quality of our environment. In addition, our environment is the basis of our economic sustainability. Many people live in and visit the Town of The Blue Mountains to enjoy the active four-season lifestyle afforded by our natural environment. Did you know that, unlike 100 other countries, *Canada’s Charter of Rights and Freedoms* does not include the right to a healthy environment? Over 500 scientists as well as environmental law professors, and more than 80 health and human rights groups have rallied for this for years. At the same time, our Provincial Government has removed the following words from the titles of new ministries: “climate change”, “science” and “innovation” and has cancelled the greenhouse gas reduction program, including taking 2.3 million dollars from TBM. So, what should we do in the Town of The Blue Mountains?

As Your Deputy Mayor,

My vision for the Town of The Blue Mountains includes an environmental declaration. Over 150 municipalities already have environmental rights declarations and given the importance of our environment in the TBM, we should too. I would move to prohibit the use of single-use plastics, promote the green economy and improvements in our sewage and water infrastructure, consider the environment before making development decisions, and work with the many organizations and community members who have voiced similar concerns. If you share my concerns for the environmental sustainability or to learn more about possibilities, go to <http://bluedot.ca>. Watch the video and considering joining too.

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