

AQUAVIL

HEALT IMPACT ASSESSMENT

(S. D.8.8, TBM Official Plan)

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This Plan recognizes that there is a relationship between land use, infrastructure and public health that affects the vitality and resilience of the community. Elements such as built form, community design, road and trail networks, open spaces, the public realm, the natural heritage system and infrastructure shape citizens' physical and psychological well-being.

Development of the subject lands for commercial and residential purposes is an established development principle in the Official Plan (see PJR). Acknowledging a link between health, well-being and the built environment, the following is presented as relevant and supportive of the Official Plan direction.

1. Physical activity is enabled and encouraged through the combination of design, facilities and proximity to open space recreational elements. In terms of design, the subject proposal includes provisions of trail and sidewalk linkages to and through adjacent open space areas, the onsite recreational amenity building and nearby broader community trail systems.
2. Multiple modes of travel are enabled with the subject proposal. A key and significant feature of the subject proposal is provision of trails and sidewalks. In addition, the subject lands have frontage along Highway 26 which acts as they major inter and intra community transportation spine in the region.
3. Health risks have not been identified through the subject proposal. The proposed land use is relatively benign compared to certain commercial and industrial operations.
4. Maximal access to the surrounding natural heritage system is enabled through provisions of trails and related pedestrian facilities.

5. Design of buildings will take into account contemporary standards for accessibility. There will be unit designs and forms that are serviced by elevators.
6. The location of the subject lands within an existing community having ready access to social service delivery systems (Blue Mountains, Grey County, Collingwood, Simcoe County) is consistent with PPS directions encouraging infill, intensification and development on full municipal services.

In summary, it is submitted that the subject applications will result in a residential neighbourhood exhibiting substantial characteristics that encourage, enable and support healthy living. Location of the subject lands provides proximity to major transportation routes with relative ease of access to major social and health support systems. Specific design provides a network of trails, sidewalks and pathways encouraging walking and cycling. Recognition of and access to and through major open space areas ensures access to natural heritage systems.