

# Land arranged for medical centre site

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The Blue Mountains council has approved land-transfer agreements to make room for the Community Family Health Centre in Thornbury.

At its regular meeting, Monday, July 13, the town's solicitor, John Metras, presented council with three memorandums of understanding (MOUs) between the town, Thornbury Village Cidery, the Community Family Health Centre in Thornbury and a developer.

The proposed site for the medical centre is located on King Street East (Highway 26) immediately west of the Peeler's building across from King's Court.

The concept plan and MOUs presented to council show land for the health centre coming from the developer's land and land purchased by the town from the cidery for a parking lot.

Adjustments also had to be proposed for the Georgian Trail within the Huron St. road allowance. The trail, which now occupies road allowance for Huron St. will be moved off the road but still run alongside it.

The MOU between the town and the developer stipulates that the developer will give a section of its land over to be used for the medical centre. The developer is also given the option to purchase the medical centre lands if the construction of the centre does not begin within four years.

In addition, the developer, with a \$110,000 contribution from the medical centre, will hand over a paved parking lot to be municipally owned and operated. The parking lot will be subject to site plan approval and a related agreement, according to Metras' report.

The MOU between the town and the cidery, states that the town will purchase lands west of the Peeler's building from the cidery for \$107,120. The cidery will be responsible for demolishing the westerly portion of the building on that property and the town will waive landfill fees for the disposal of demolition materials.

The agreement reached with North East Grey Health Clinics, the party responsible for the health centre, states that a separate agreement to deal with financial matters of assistance and the terms under which the town will convey the medical centre lands and part of the cidery lands.

More detailed plans for the medical centre construction, including building heights and floor areas will be worked out through sight plan agreements and formal Planning Act applications.

These memorandums were designed to address the parking areas and provide an aesthetic streetscape for Highway 26.

The town will pay \$106,120 for lands from the cidery and spend \$5,000 on legal services. Metras' report estimates that an additional \$3,000 will be spent on surveys, but the cost will be shared by the developer and the medical centre.

Construction plans for the medical centre are underway, but cannot begin until North East Grey Community Health Clinics has raised the funds required for the building.