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Ms. Holly King,
Section Head,
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DND,
[REDACTED]

RE: TC Energy energy storage facility on the Canadian Army's 4th Canadian Division Training Centre.

Dear Ms. King,

Please accept these as the Town of The Blue Mountains initial comments on TC Energy's proposed energy storage facility on the Canadian Army's 4th Canadian Division Training Centre, Meaford.

The Town of The Blue Mountains is a neighbouring municipality and supports the concept of this facility.

We have met with representatives of TC Energy, and have been briefed on their plans, and considered the potential impacts on our community.

Our only concern at this time, is that the project would generate 800 construction jobs during the construction period. While this would be a boon to the local economy, there is already a labour shortage in our area, due largely to a lack of attainable housing, which is an impediment to young workers moving here.

Construction workers are already in short supply, and with the average price of a home in the Town of The Blue Mountains in excess of \$700,000 and virtually no rental accommodation available the added pressure of 800 positions will only add to the local labour shortage, negatively affecting our local businesses.

The Town of The Blue Mountains is being proactive in addressing the housing issue and has established an Attainable Housing Corporation, which is looking for private sector partners to partner with, in order build a supply of attainable housing in our community. We see the TC Energy project as one such potential partnership opportunity.

What we would envisage is the Attainable Housing Corporation partnering with TC Energy to build attainable housing units for its work force, allowing recruitment of workers from outside the local area, so that impacts on the local labour shortage are minimized. Once the construction phase is over, and the units are no longer required by TC Energy, the Attainable Housing Corporation would then purchase the units on terms to be decided.

This could be a win for both TC Energy and our Attainable Housing Corporation.

I urge TC Energy to contact our Attainable Housing Corporation through its Chairman, Councillor Rob Sampson ([REDACTED])

Yours Truly,

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Mayor Alar Soever
Town of The Blue Mountains

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