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Subject: GM-DVP-2023.2

To Ian Cox, Planner 2.

Re: the development variance permit for BLOCK 62 DISTRICT LOT 1297 PLAN 2848 (PID: 013-387-031)
No. GM-DVP-2023.3

Dear Mr. Cox,

We are the neighbours occupying lot 55 kitty corner from lot 62 in question.

We welcome Stephen and Sarah to the community and hope they have as good an experience on Gambier as we have over the last 18 years.

Our primary concern regarding the proposed lot use plans has to do with the location and type of septic system used and its proximity to the water system which is upstream of our own drinking water supply. We have a surface (dug) well located near the corner of our property closest to lot 62. During the wetter months, the water level on all of the neighbouring lots (including lot 62) is such that the whole area becomes bog-like, meaning that creek water effectively becomes a near source for our well supply. Our neighbor owning lot 63 has spent a lot of time and money trying to create ditches and channels to direct the water, but even with that, there is just too much water that extends past any marked creek lines.

Given this, we're concerned that the current plans which situate the septic system very close to the waterway indicated in blue could easily result in E. Coli and other contamination of our drinking water supply. We have tested our water supply and it has been healthy since we dug the well.

Our recommendation is to at the very least move the septic system as far from the watercourse as possible, and to use a sophisticated septic system (e.g. type 3) with built in disinfection capabilities.

— David Ascher and Emily Pickett
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