

COOL NEWS FOR A HOT SUMMER!

The Board of Directors of The Blue Mountains Curling Centre are very excited to inform you that we have now received our approval from the Town of The Blue Mountains to move forward with the new curling centre using the Beaver Valley Arena in Thornbury. With your help, we look forward to building a great social and active venue for the entire family, both young and old to enjoy the sport of curling. What a perfect addition to our four season resort community! Alar Soever (right) acting President hands over the minute book to Lloyd Luckcock, incoming President on Saturday, July 14th. The BMCC will be offering Friday and Saturday curling on a 4 sheet conversion in the Arena. The 2018/2019 season will consist of 15 weekends. A great deal of ice time is devoted to encouraging the newcomer / novice to get out and participate. ie: Daily Open Draw Jitney Curling, Curling 101-Clinics, Student programs and Group events. For more information join us at Maiolos Restaurant, 15 Harbour St. Thornbury for a BBQ, Sunday Sept 2 from noon-3pm. \$15 donation.

Email info@bluemountainscurling.ca or call 519-599-3345



RUMOUR HAS IT THAT COUNCIL HAS MOVED ON FROM THE MICHAEL SEGUIN AFFAIR – THIS IS A MYTH!

Media Release from Michael Seguin Dear Supporters, Constituents, and Fellow Residents

I have been told by members of the community that some on Council may be spreading a rumour that my legal affair with the Town has been resolved. Nothing could be further from the truth. We are headed to Court on August 2nd. The majority of Council, led by Mayor McKean and Deputy Mayor Ardiel, have rejected my acceptance of their March 28th, 2018 offer to settle and want to continue to pursue action against me at the taxpayer's expense.

As I have stated in public, all I have ever asked for was procedural fairness and justice, with regard to the improperly carried out investigation of the alleged complaints filed by the former CAO, in May, 2016, which was followed by sanctions which were clearly designed to smear my good name and reputation. I've tried on many occasions to settle this matter in good faith and offered to settle

at substantially less than my legal costs, as well as offering to resign from Council.

Councillor Michael Martin hoping to resolve this matter in-house presented a motion to have the matter dealt with by a mediator but that was also turned down.

Council's latest legal maneuver, which is designed to drag this matter out and to continue to drive up my legal bills. They are expressing no remorse about spending your money and continuing their campaign against me. This has caused considerable emotional stress and financial strain on my wife (Catherine) and I over the past two years.

As I no longer have any funds to keep paying my lawyer, I am forced to defend myself against the Town's motion to continue the court proceedings. I have no choice but to ask the judge to dismiss the case.

I hope that the outrage and unprecedented level of citizen activism that has been unleashed in the community, as a result of my ordeal, will continue through the 2018 election, and that we will all work together as a community to elect a new Council.

Michael Seguin, Former Councillor of The Blue Mountains
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CORN ROAST

St. George's Anglican Church

Sat. August 18th

5pm until 7pm

A Free community event, Church Open House - all welcome



Corn, hot dogs, ice cream.



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VIA PERSONAL SERVICE

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WITH PREJUDICE

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To Whom It May Concern:

RE: Cease & Desist and Notice of Libel – Defamation of John F. McKean and Gail Ardiel

We are litigation counsel to John F. McKean and Gail Ardiel with respect to the reputational harm they have suffered and continue to suffer as a result of the defamatory and libelous statements published by the Blue Mountains Review in its Volume 4, Issue No. 8, published in August 2018, in the article/media release entitled “RUMOUR HAS IT THAT COUNCIL HAS MOVED ON FROM THE MICHAEL SEGUIN AFFAIR – THIS IS A MYTH”.

Specifically:

- “The majority of Council, led by Mayor McKean and Deputy Mayor Ardiel, have **rejected my acceptance of their March 28, 2018 offer to settle and want to continue to pursue action against me at the taxpayer’s expense**”;
- “...which was followed by sanctions which were **clearly designed to smear my good name and reputation**”; and
- “ Council’s latest legal maneuver which is designed to drag this matter out and to continue to drive up my legal bills. **They are expressing no remorse about spending your money and continuing their campaign against me.**”

(Emphasis added)



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The above statements are completely false and have caused and continue to cause serious and irreparable reputational and economic damage to our clients.

In their natural and ordinary meaning, the words contained in the defamatory statements meant and were understood to mean that:

- Mr. McKean and Ms. Ardiel fail to comply with the rule of law;
- Mr. McKean and Ms. Ardiel are wasteful with public funds;
- Mr. McKean and Ms. Ardiel are ignorant of their professional responsibilities;
- Mr. McKean and Ms. Ardiel are unethical; and
- Mr. McKean and Ms. Ardiel are vindictive.

We have advised our clients that the defamatory statements are not protected by the “Anti-SLAPP law” or the defences of responsible communication or fair comment as they are self-serving to Mr. Seguin, nonsensical, and motivated by Mr. Seguin’s desire to bolster his own reputation, and to maliciously prejudice Ms. Ardiel’s campaign for Mayor of the Town of the Blue Mountains.

We direct your attention to *Warman v Veck*, 2015 ONSC 4860 at para. 44 wherein Justice Corbett articulated the principle that “republishing is no basis on which a defendant may avoid liability...”

We further direct your attention to section 9 of the *Libel and Slander Act*, R.S.O. 1990, c. L.12 wherein the legislation states that “in an action for a libel in a newspaper, the defendant may plead in mitigation of damages...that before the commencement of the action, or at the earliest opportunity afterwards, **the defendant inserted in such newspaper a full apology for the libel.**” (Emphasis added)

In accordance with the Ontario *Libel and Slander Act*, we hereby demand that The Blue Mountains Review immediately cease and desist from making further false or defamatory statements about Mr. McKean and Ms. Ardiel by any means whatsoever, to anyone, including the general public.

Our clients further demand that The Blue Mountains Review publishes in its next issue an apology and a retraction indicating that the above defamatory statements should not have been



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communicated, and that The Blue Mountains Review apologizes for communicating these defamatory statements.

Should The Blue Mountains Review not respond in the manner requested above and/or not respond to this letter by September 7, 2018, we have advised our clients to commence legal proceedings against it for the purpose of seeking all court orders and financial damages necessary to ensure that its actions cease and to compensate our clients for all past, present and future damages the defamatory statements have caused them.

We look forward to receiving written confirmation that The Blue Mountains Review will cease making defamatory statements, and provide an apology, and a retraction by no later than September 7, 2018.

Yours truly,
PINTO JAMES LLP

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Andrew Pinto".

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