

# Mystic Cove Gate Survey Results

June 19, 2023

## Background information

The Mystic Cove Subdivision was built in 2007 and includes a gated entrance. It's common practice during subdivision construction to post signs or block entry until a municipality assumes care for the roads.

For this location, installation of an emergency access gate was part of a 2007 agreement allowing Bruce Power employees access during severe weather. Other than during this type of emergency, the gate prevents through traffic moving north or south. The Municipality assumed responsibility for road maintenance of Upper Lorne Beach in 2008.

## Why is this coming forward now?

Staff completed a debrief with stakeholders of the gate policy following the winter storm in December of 2022. Following that review there were concerns raised by the Municipal insurer related to the existing policy and the use of public roads that were declared closed by the OPP. Staff presented Council with staff report [Mystic Cove Gate, Operations-2023-09](#) in which concerns were summarized. Council directed staff to undertake community engagement to enable Council to make an informed decision on the future of the gate.

## What is the issue?

The Municipality needs to amend the current policy to address issues raised by stakeholders. The main issue is that we have been directing a specific group to use public highways that are otherwise declared closed to all other road users during winter events. After completing a review staff are of the opinion the road can no longer be opened for a specific group and, therefore the gate no longer serves a purpose related to the policy framework.

## Rationale for the removal of the gate

Given the gate no longer serves a purpose related to the policy and further that the section of road can be signed based on the existing design for vehicular travel, staff feel it provides a safer means of egress for residents on either side of the gate as it provides a secondary option should there ever be an issue. It is staff's opinion that the additional traffic volume through much of the year will be limited to local users as others will maintain travel on the County corridor which is traveled at a higher rate of speed. Further, there are no other gated communities in the Municipality and many of which are along the lakeshore that prove to provide a safe experience along the windy shorelines of the Municipality. By eliminating the gate we will eliminate a political topic that each term of Council faces that requires administrative support. By eliminating the policy and gate we are no longer maintaining a non-municipally registered highway that is a higher class and requires a higher standard of care than what our team is accustomed to maintaining along with no longer putting our staff in harms way to manage the opening and closing of the gate in treacherous weather conditions.

## How did we come up with the area that the letter was distributed to?

A boundary was identified in order to hear from the residents most impacted by the Mystic Cove gate decision; either open or closed. Working with GIS technology the boundaries for feedback were those that reside south of BR15 and north of Lorne Beach that have no other means of egress should BR23 at Lorne Beach or BR15 at Victoria be closed to traffic for any period of time.

Additionally, staff also sought out feedback from EMS (Fire, OPP, Ambulance) and Bruce Power on a corporate level as main stakeholders to our existing policy.

### **Why 4 options?**

The variables were provided to ensure we were gaining a full understanding on the residents impacted. While staff have provided an opinion, feedback is important related to all possible options and solutions to address challenges.

### **About the survey**

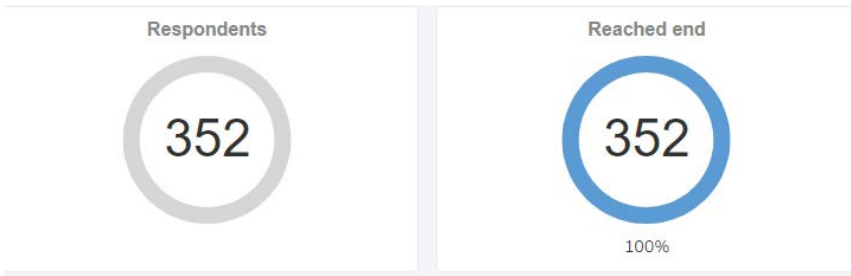
410 households were invited to complete an online or paper survey to provide input on preferences for the future status of the Mystic Cove gate. The survey also solicited suggestions to mitigate challenges presented by the gate. Respondents could skip questions.

6 surveys were completed on paper and 346 were completed online.

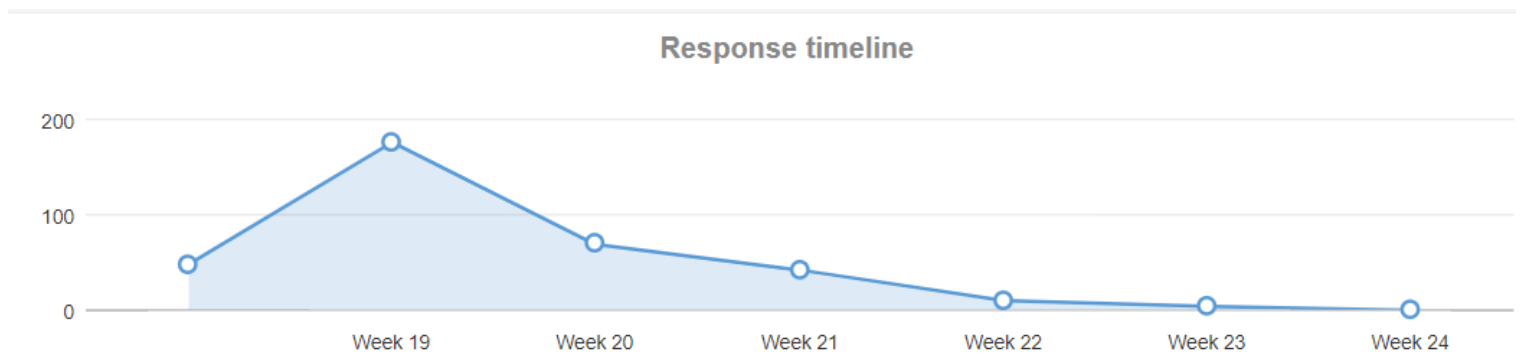
A public information session is also planned for June 30, 2023 to provide another opportunity to ask questions of clarification and provide input to staff before the report goes to Council.

## Survey results

- 352 people responded to the survey.

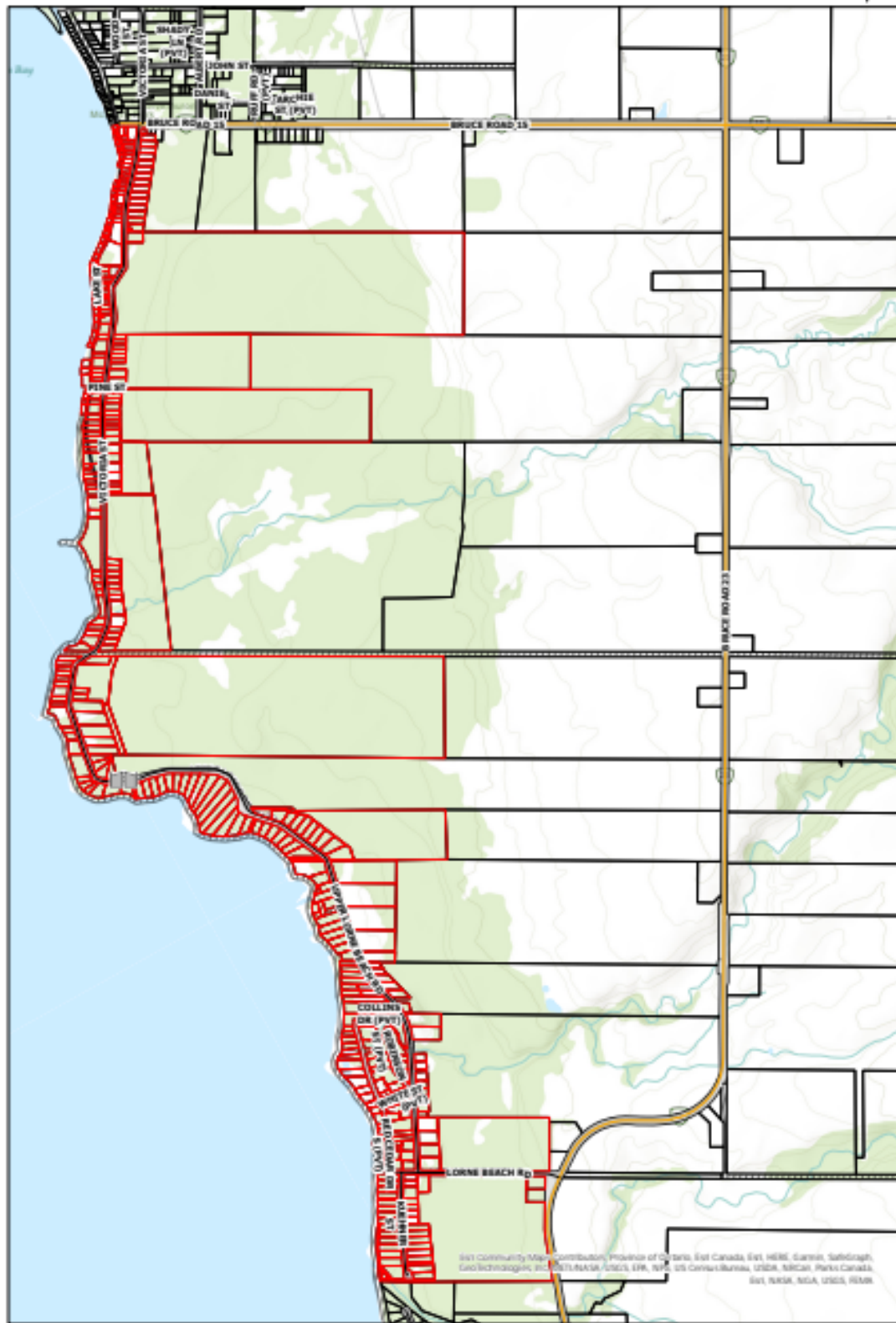


## Response timeline



## Where were survey participants from?

Survey was sent to the roads outlined in red on the map below.



Survey respondents were from the following streets:

- Albert St. (2%)
- Alma St (.04%)
- Archie Street (.04%)
- Birchwood (.04%)
- Bruce road 20 (.04%)
- Bruce road 15 (.04%)
- Bruce road 23 (.04%)
- Cayley St. (.04%)
- Collins Drive (.04%)
- Coombe (.04%)
- John Street (4%)
- Kruehner (6%)
- Lake street (19%)
- Main street (.04%)
- Pine street (.04%)
- Red Cedar drive (%5)
- Robinson St., (1%)
- Scollard Drive (.04%)
- Shady lane (.07%)
- Sprucewood (.07%)
- Tie road (.04%)
- Upper Lorne Beach Road (13%)
- Victoria Street (37%)
- Whispering woods (.07%)
- Wood street (1%)
- No address specified (%5)

### What is your preference for the gate?

Preference	Count	% of responses
Keep it closed permanently	79	23%
Remove the gate	72	20%
Open during Bruce Road 23 Closures	143	43%
Open from november through April	54	16%
	<b>N =348</b>	

### What do you think of the gate being removed?

Response	Count	% of responses
I am in support of the removal	78	22%
I am neutral – it doesn't really matter	11	3%
I don't want the gate removed	257	74%
	<b>N = 346</b>	

**If you are in support of the gate's removal tell us why. Be as specific as possible.**

- I'd support the gate removal once all the major projects at Bruce Power is complete.
- I'd support the gate removal once Bruce Powers major projects are complete
- It serves no purpose. I question why it was built in the first place. Access to emergency services is greatly improved with its removal.
- No idea why a gate was ever put there. It was much safer to use it in the winter.
- I'm torn between it being a good thing and it being a very bad thing.
- It is a public road, paid for and maintained with our tax dollars.It would save money on garbage collection, snow removal, and school bussing. It is slower and more protected if driving home in bad weather.
- Second exit from Inverhuron
- My first choice is to remove the gate for traffic flow. Most people will not use the road for getting to work as it is no quicker. But it will help reduce turn around traffic.
- If the gate is to remain open year round the gate may as well be removed.
- It would alleviate traffic down Lorne Beach road and Upper Lorne Beach road and give other options for access
- It seems ridiculous to block this road. All the extra driving is bad for the environment.
- Given the reduction of speed through that area I don't think many Bruce power workers will use that road unless they live down here or the weather is bad.
- Easier access to family
- It is a tax payer maintained road and should be allowed to be used by all.
- 138 Upper Lorne Beach Rd
- Allowing others during emergencies is very prudent.
- More convenient. These gates don't exist elsewhere.
- As a senior citizen whos husband had many trips to kincardine hospital...and the extra stress about getting there in good weather.....i cant imagine the stress of driving the top end of the b-line in a snow squall for emergency vehicles or myself.
- Provided the ability to get to kincardine and other places more efficiently as well as coming from kincardine to our residence.
- In case of an accident. Quicker to get to Kincardine. The road is wide enough to accommodate bikes, cars & pedestrians.
- It was put in based on unjustified fears about traffic.
- It provides an alternate route for employees in the event of any road closure allowing shift turnover to occur.
- Restricted entry may cause logistical challenges to area residents-emergency vehicles, redirected traffic, pedestrians walking the area
- With the expansion of the Great Lakes Trail from Inverhuron Provincial Park to Kincardine, it makes sense to open the gates (despite the fact bikes can pass around the gate currently) this

will cut down on car traffic for those travelling from downtown Kincardine to the Inverhuron Beach community, i.e less vehicle emissions than the current route.

- It was open in the fall and I wasn't aware of any problems to the residents.
- It had marginal benefits for a small number of residents who prefer quiet traffic over everyone else who wants to pass through or visit friends or family. Roads should be presumptively open.
- safety of local residents, Inverhuron in particular, 2- Autumn 2022 was uneventful and while used the road a lot did not see speeders 3 -much shorter distance to Kincardine, 4- cost savings, 5- convenience to town employees
- It will allow for easy passage for bicycles and pedestrians.
- Convenience accessing Inverhuron by avoiding traffic on 23.
- Would provide an easier access route when there is construction or other events blocking Victoria road.
- The access afforded by a removed or open gate allows for a shorter, less time-consuming route to the Kincardine Hospital for the Inverhuron home and cottage owners and their families residing west of the Tiverton road. Inverhuron tax payers should be treated with the same respect and equity as those residing in Mystic Cove. .
- Our permanent residence is \_\_\_\_\_. We have a cottage at \_\_\_\_\_. Much easier to drive over to cottage that going up to County Road 23.
- The gate serves as no use .Remove it.
- Safety issue for emergency
- Save gas/driving time. Much safer during the winter months, especially if needing to reach kincardine in an emergency/needing emergency services.
- Easier and safer travel to kincardine during the winter months for inverhuron/Tiverton residents. Overall much quicker access to town for said residents. I don't believe there will be an influx of
- Bruce power traffic as it will still be quicker for them to travel at higher speeds on the highways to work.
- Will considerably shorten our route to Kincardine making it a more preferred location to shop over Port Elgin
- This is a public road, paid for by public money so access to it should be available to everyone.
- More efficient use of the road. It makes no sense we have to drive around to go to Kincardine - wastes time and mileage. Don't understand why it was closed in the first place.
- I live on \_\_\_\_\_ Street and every time I go to Kincardine, I have to drive over 5km each way (extra). I wish for the gate to be removed.
- It is nice access for bad weather for many employees. Being away from your family for several days is quite upsetting. Also it would be nice access to inverhuron.
- Convenience of getting to inverhuron. No longer need to separate the rich from others.
- It should have been removed when the municipality assumed the road. Removing it now would put an end to the debate once and for all.
- I drive into Kincardine very often and I would like to not take the long way around because it takes an extra 10 or so minutes
- I live on \_\_\_\_\_ street and having the gate restricts access to town
- It makes it impossible for Emergency services to reach our end during road closures , it also provides faster response times for emergency services . I would like to see a speed bump located at the gate and also one spot on most iv cove and one spot on victoria. This would deter people

from making this a travel route that don't not live in the area , much like approaching Albert and victoria streets on Bruce road 15 .

- Inverhuron residents should be able to get home from town on stress of going long way I. Bad weather
- It's restricts access
- We live just on the otherside in \_\_\_\_\_. Having that gate allows me to take our children to sports
- This should be a through public right of way. Closing to stop through traffic is not normally done. on public rights of way. If speed is an issue reduce speed limits or put in traffic calming. The route is also used by seniors and other residents to access important services such as the Hospital and health care in Kincardine particularly in bad weather. .
- Driving on Bline can be very unsafe. I have had to spend several days at work because of the last stretch of the Bline being closed and I have also driven to work in very scary conditions.
- Safe alternative to get to work during winter months. Also the road is being maintained by tax payer money and is essentially usled with the gate closed.
- I believe a comprehensive review of 'traffic flow' and its impact on various communities throughout a full year cycle is needed...The community no longer supports unfettered traffic as we now experience. Infrastructure and traffic mediation methods are required to reduce speed, keep traffic off the shoulders and redirect non community traffic.
- I know there's going to be more traffic but I live on \_\_\_\_\_ and talk about. Traffic! There will not be that much more traffic on that road everyone is in such a a hurry to get to work and such a hurry to get home that they wont go that way!!!
- Last summer the B-line was closed for a week due to road work and I had to drive an extra 10 kms out of my to get to work, because they didn't want to open the gate for a week. I am a category A worker at Bruce Power and must show up to work in all kinds of bad weather with regular whiteouts and snowdrifts on the Bline. I value my life and don't want to die or get seriously injured getting to and from work.
- For everyone that lives in Inverhuron, it makes much more sense to allow them to go to Kincardine directly through Mystic Cove. It is alot of unnecessary extra travelling to go around the gate.
- The road should be a through way ... in an emergency in particular a couple minutes could mean a persons life.
- Inverhuron has never been an exclusive community. The road should be open to everyone from end to end 365 days every year
- There should never have a gate installed in the first place. It's a public road.
- Convenience
- Why would a road have a gate halfway down it, makes zero sense
- The lower road is a much safer route to use in winter, and during bad weather, or if you are in Kincardine and drifting becomes heavier, the lower road provides more shelter. The Victoria St



road is a winding road so I do not believe that if people are in a hurry, they would use the road all the time, like the hydro traffic coming to and from the plant.

- The alternate could be very inconvenient for someone living near the gate if it is closed. Any solution that removes cyclist off the 'B' line and on a slower traffic road (safer) MUST be a responsible thing to do.
- It's difficult to answer the first two questions without some qualifiers. We see the merit for opening the gate in particular for emergent situations. However, the physical attributes of Victoria Street in Inverhuron pose some safety hazards if not addressed prior to opening full time or seasonal.
- time moves on.... we are not going to stop development of the area
- Easier access to Kincardine
- We all need to have access in bad weather not just BP employees
- Safety during winter. An alternate route if 23 is closed due to reasons other than weather. ie bridge problem
- it is such a beautiful drive, bike ride and I would like to come into Inverhuron along the shore
- Travelling into kincardine from inverhuron is dangerous. Working shift work at the hospital it was difficult navigating the sbend and bruce road 23 farm fields due to snow drift and squalls. Lots of accidents happen between bruce road 15 and the sbend ( 23 )
- Provides an additional access and no reason to have Inverhuron separated from Mystic Cove. It is a slow way to travel.
- The removal gives alternate routes to into Kincardine, and if municipal tax payers pay for the upkeep of the road, all should have access to it
- Another method to drive around the area and get from one location to another.
- It is very unnecessary. It's very rare in other areas of Ontario and is not required.
- It provides an alternate route to/from Kincardine. Residents in Inverhuron South will be delighted. Saves gas!!
- I am in support of the removal because it will allow me to drive North without having to drive around.
- Need it open during severe weather whether rain or snow
- The road is being maintained by the municipality therefore should be a public road for all
- Yes, less confusion for travellers
- I pay taxes on both roads... I should be able to use them equally!
- Paramedic Service would like to use the access.
- The gate segregates two established neighbourhoods, it's set a precedence that one neighborhood is "better" than the other by forcing residence to re route back to Tiverton just to get to a destination such as Kincardine, it impacts bus routes, and delivery services.
- The road through Mystic cove is maintained by the Municipality. through tax payers money. Therefore everyone in Inverhuron should have access to this road during winter and summer.

**If you think there will be challenges with the gate's removal, please tell us what they are. Be specific as possible.**

- Don't support
- I'm not in favour of removal, and I don't understand why it is being proposed
- It is dangerous for kids, it wasn't designed as a through street.
- There are no reasons in my mind that this is even being suggested. We already have difficulties pulling out onto Victoria Street due to speeding traffic. The staff who are apparently supporting this should drive and walk the road. They would then understand why everyone at the Inverhuron end have concerns, I don't believe anyone who bought property at Mystic Cove ever imagined that their quiet community would be a thoroughfare for plant workers or local traffic looking to save 5-10 minutes at the expense of the community's safety and ambience.
- If you remove the gate you will have to upgrade the road. It's not Wide Enough for two cars to pass safely over the bridges. The first one in the middle of Upper Lorne Beach Rd the other bridge being right at the mystic cove gate. The first bridge on ULB road is also a blind corner. I slow down to do 40 at least. You can never see the other car coming. Anyone stopped on the bridge looking over at the water, is very close to the car. The speed is already 50 and people drive at least 60. I don't feel safe having my kids ride their bikes or play. There's No Sidewalks. There's nowhere safely to walk. There's No Street Lights. You can't see anything. It's already an unsafe road, especially with construction vehicles. I can't imagine if you'd open it!
- Not in support. Road safety, emergency vehicle safety issues, neighborhood safety etc. this has been reviewed multiple times before already. Why keep rebooting it? What is this true my adding other then issues and cost to town?.
- Victoria street in its existing state is not safe for increased traffic levels that may be experienced. The road would need to be improved, trees cleared, straightened to eliminate sharp bends and improve visibility, side walks added, multiple stop signs or speed bumps similar to those used on county road 15 entering Inverhuron.
- My wife and I do not support the gate's removal. It should only open during Bruce Road 23 closures. Otherwise closed and locked. Keep status quo.
- There are many bikers and walkers along that road. There are no sidewalks and people walk on the road. It is definitely a safety issue.
- no, this gate when closed prevents chaos of traffic through residential area. Do not remove.
- No, I am not in support of the gate removal as it will bring unwanted traffic to a quiet neighbourhood.
- No, we are highly not in support of the gate removal and will be sure to request all data regarding the survey results be made public.
- We are not in support of removing the gate. Simply put - the road is not built for pedestrians and any additional traffic.
- Not in support
- I do NOT support the gate being removed
- In no way should the gate be removed
- I answered the above two questions in as confusing a manner as is the letter sent out saying we have a voice in the matter but that the Municipality 'staff' are recommending to Council that it be open
- No leave closed for safety reasons for all concerned
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now experience. Infrastructure and traffic mediation methods are required to reduce speed, keep traffic off the shoulders and redirect non community traffic.

- No, highspeed vehicles racing through on street with children, dog walkers and no side walk
- DO NOT remove the gate!
- I am NOT in support.
- I am not in support of the gate opening. The risk of vehicle / pedestrian contact will be greatly increased as traffic from Kincardine increases.
- The traffic generated by the plant having an alternate route will be dangerous for the residents as well as untenable for the residential quiet roads.
- We are against the removal of the gate
- Too much traffic will be on upper lorne beach road. this road, and victoria st. in inverhuron are not built for heavy traffic. bruce power built the road through to inverhuron and put a gate there with the agreement of the local residents with the understanding that it would NEVER be a through road. this is crazy.
- It is 5km from Lorne Beach to #15 in Inverhuron along the road with no cross streets or stop signs. This is an invitation for more traffic in a closed community with children playing on their part
- of the street. Non-residents will use this stretch of road and Accidents will begin to happen if it is open.
- Too much traffic. The road was not built for the amount of traffic , too narrow, no shoulders or pullout areas. Lots of bikes , walkers and pedestrian traffic
- Increased traffic on vacation road without any sidewalks. Dangerous for residents
- Too much traffic on vacation road. Dangerous for people without sidewalks
- There are a lot of young children in Mystic Cove and the extra traffic and increased speed as demonstrated last year would be hazardous
- High traffic through residential areas. If the gates were removed i would expect sidewalks for pedestrians in inverhuron
- I am against increased traffic along Victoria street, and concerned for pedestrians/children walking along the road.
- Upper lorne Beach Rd.
- No challenges other than the cost but the benefits are worth it.
- Dangers to children, commuter noise, speed of commuters that have no investment in the local neighbourhood, drinking and driving route for people wanting to hide from the main roads, excessive noise, depreciated house values, loss of our quiet community
- Increased traffic from houses located north of the current gate travelling through Mystic Cove to get to Bruce Rd 23.
- No idea why there would be other than people who live on the street don't want any more traffic, which I can appreciate, but I honestly don't think there would be.
- Victoria St was not designed to handle heavy, fast traffic. The road is winding, not lit and does not have sidewalks. Increased traffic would be a severe safety concern for all residents.
- Huge increase in traffic on Victoria ST.N. resulting in more accidents/danger to residents
- I do think there will be challenges with the gate removal due to the possibility of a huge increase in traffic and the fact that many people already speed on Upper Lorne Beach Road. Right now, it's a great place to walk and for people to more safely ride their bikes.
- Some people are worried that it will be too busy and people will speed. People already speed on Victoria Street. I don't think there will be a large increase in usage unless you live in or are going to Lorne Beach or Inverhuron.
- There is a lot of bike traffic in the summer that go around the gate and no bike lanes. Increase in local traffic possible. It is much faster to get to Kincardine using other routes.
- The Inverhuron side will need to ensure safe traffics flow.

- More traffic is possible, I don't think that it would change much as this is a slow route to get anywhere.
- I feel it is important for safety to cyclists and pedestrians to keep traffic to a minimum, especially around the older section curves on the Inverhuron side of the gate.
- Victoria st is a cottage environment with vacationers walking on it with families, dogs, kids, wagons beach toys and excited children, as well it is a recognized trail. It's does not have a trail area away from traffic like the B line has. It's is dangerous to make this street anything more then it is now.
- Again the road is a cottage road. It WILL increase traffic. Do you want to be responsible for a child's death. If you take down the gate in the summer we need a separate trail path like the majority of the trail
- Victoria is not up to code. It's a trail road with limited shoulder area. It's cottage country with families walking with kids, dogs, wagons, it's has sharp bling curves. It's not suited for thru traffic.
- Increased traffic on Lorne Beach Rd and upper Lorne Beach Rd and in neighbourhood with young families
- People that live there don't want the traffic. Very selfish. Why not block all streets that are not a major thru-way?
- This is a beautiful, safe, quiet, child friendly street and with barely any traffic you feel like you are one with nature sitting on your porch. Making this a thruway street will destroy the feel. We moved from the city and specifically purchased this home because of these reasons. The feel and atmosphere will not be the same if this becomes a thruway.
- During the brief time the gate was open (during ctY rd 15 construction. ) there was a problem locally in Lorne Beach with speeders. Surely this will increase. Given the number if families with children in our community there is great potential for traffic accidents. Everyone who purchased in Lorne Beach and Inverhuron didnsO knowing the gate wad closed. There were nonsurprisesopen the gate during winter months. The fact remains that if the weather is bad, 21 or 23 closed it makes no sense at all for anyone to travel anywhere.
- Traffic Flow. Obstacles on Victoria street .Summer: cottagers, people out walking pets, kids skating, skateboarding, kids playing hockey on the road. Too many bends ,trees very close to the road.In winter: snow blowing ,again trees too close to road.And SPEED.
- There will be increased traffic which will need to be monitored for speed. There are increased e bikes and bikes now trail is open so car traffic is dangerous for them . There are numerous cars entering Lake st S from wrong direction because they are not familiar with area and signage is lacking .
- More speeding, higher risk of collision with kids and animals, increased trespassing, increased risk of crime
- People may speed as they do now. There are no sidewalks so it can be very busy when people ar out walking.
- Speeding, not wide enough road in inverhuron
- Why would there be challenges?
- This road then has the potential to become very busy as a thru road and that is not safe with all the children who play on this road.
- The reason the gate was installed to begin with. In the summer months traffic on Victoria Street will increase. With no sidewalk or street lights, limited sight lines, people walking, children playing, one speeder is a recipe for disaster. I think limiting Victoria Street to local traffic in the summer is a better solution than trying to address the other issues.
- The municipal reports dedicated to this exhausting debate clearly indicates how unsafe it would be to have the gate opened permanently. There is not any need for this as it's already an option during storms or road closures in emergencies. That was all it was ever meant to be and all it needs to be. The original documentation indicates it was never meant to be 'temporary'. Most of us bought our land and homes here BECAUSE of the closed gate at the end of our street, to enjoy the quiet lakeside community we are now fighting to maintain, while paying sky high taxes

to live here. Opening the gate not only puts the many kids who play and ride their bikes here at terrible risk from cars racing through, but also puts our pets and ourselves in harm's way. We were the 2nd house to build here and we have seen a consistent and alarming decline in the regard for respecting the speed limit on this road. Nothing has ever been done about it, regardless of the many concerns brought forward over and over. The speeds at which cars fly down this road is despicable seeing as it's full of families. If the gate were to be opened, you are well aware the situation would intensify with those late for work screaming down our residential road, yet you're overlooking it. Would you allow your kids to play outside here if you opened the gate? The value of our homes will decrease, the appeal of living here would vanish. But again, you already know that. The noise created from the cars constantly gunning it down this street is already so loud that it interferes with the serenity of this area. Add to that a constant flow of people who have no regard for those living here and we may as well live on highway 21. There was a dog hit and killed on the weekend while being walked by his owner. The road is bendy with many turns and many don't seem to care that they can't see what's around the corners, they gun it anyway, often having to slam on their breaks or swerve. There is zero infrastructure in place for Upper Lorne Beach Rd and Victoria Street to endure the kind of traffic you are proposing would be flowing through here. Add to this that there are no curbs or sidewalks and it's a perfect storm, waiting for tragedy to strike. As cited previously in 2018 via The Kincardine Record, "You don't have to be a genius to know that this is a bad idea. The people who live along that road don't want it. The police, fire, ambulance, and Bruce Power don't want it. And, the motorists don't need it. If council truly believes in safety first, it will leave that emergency access alone, and put an end to this insufferable Great Gate Debate, once and for all."

- Road is narrow dark winding with sharp bends and countless blind spots and hidden driveways, intended for slow, low residential traffic.
- There are many kids that live and play on the street and the gate reduces tourist traffic which are less than respectful to our communities.
- There is a large amount of Children in this community, increased traffic is unsafe. Drivers are not careful in this area and tend to drive too quickly, we see this all the time in Bruce rd 23, with Bruce Power employees racing to and from work. There could be a serious accident if that gate is opened.
- Increased traffic on a small local cottage road which is not designed for this increase, hidden driveways, blind corners, no light posts or sidewalks, ...lots of children on bikes and walking ...I can't see the upside of this at all and really feel that most people are fine with the status quo...no need to open the gates for the benefit of a few
- I have safety concerns with the increase of vehicles coming through the gate. There are blind corners and unlit areas. Bikers, walkers, kids all travel/play along the road since there are no sidewalks or parks close by. There is a higher potential for speeding and a collision or disabled vehicle that can block the roadway, especially in the narrow areas. There has been a significant increase in younger children in the neighborhood. With the new bike trail there is a lot of activity in the summer on the road. Opening the gate will bring additional traffic from Bruce Power employees and summer cottagers. I fear that someone will get significant hurt. I am all for opening the gate in the rare occasion when the B-line is closed in the winter since there wouldn't be as many vehicles/children/walkers/bikers on the road.
- Inverhuron is a cottage community with many people walking, cycling, skateboarding, playing on or near the street. There are no alternate routes to go. In addition, there are many blind corners. To me this is significant safety issue. Winter months would be challenging as well for similar reasons. I would suggest we listen to the emergency response and police who spoke against opening the gate in the past. Remember the residents of Inverhuron were assured when the gate was installed that it would not be open to traffic. This has been challenged a few times since but

Council has remained steadfast against opening the gate. You should also recognize that the streets do not bear the same name and was never intended for through traffic.

- There will be a legal challenge. The gate was built under condition it will stay closed. Safety of residents along the way would be at risk, road is too narrow with many corners, no sidewalks and limited street lights. Would require to install traffic lights at both ends of Albert St, in Inverhuron.
- Increased volume of traffic! Dangerous for children and walkers. No sidewalks or lighting. People already drive too fast.
- Increased volume of traffic. Increased speed of traffic using that path as a short cut. There is a lot of pedestrian and bike traffic all season long in this area
- More car traffic could result in more noise, accidents, etc.
- Not sure how much space is allowed. As a long standing resident of Inverhuron, since the development of Mystic Cove there has never been any expectation that the gates were a temporary measure. Victoria Street being open to daily commuter and other traffic is a huge safety concern for local residents as it was never appropriately set up as a through road. There are already safety issues related to lighting, speed control, blind corners etc. We fear for the safety of children and pets at the mercy of the increase in traffic. Any overflow to Lake Street is an even bigger concern to a community that has lived with a relatively quiet one way street. Even winter season opening will lead to creep- it is only a matter of time then till the road eventually is fully open. Speed enforcement is already non-existent. The owners in the community purchased assuming that the gates would be permanently closed.
- Money in fixing the road so it can be a safe 50 km/hr road. It's not regulated. Check the width of the road especially over the bridges.
- No sidewalks, speeding already observed when open for construction, residential street with kids playing on streets, blind corners, Victoria street and upper Lorne are narrow. No speed bumps.
- I fear increased road traffic, especially people in a hurry to get to work.
- We feel Victoria Street is too narrow, with too many 'S' bends. Summer seasonal increases in traffic would increase the risks of accidents and make it more of a speedway. Opening the gate in the winter months will allow families to maneuver safely home from school and work.
- People will inevitably drive too fast on Upper Lorne Beach. We have a lot of kids playing on the streets, residents walking and riding bikes. The road curves and more traffic will endanger children, residents and pets. We all bought here knowing that the gate would be closed and it would be a safe neighborhood to spend time outside. We don't have sidewalks so are forced to walk on the road. Also, the section of Upper Lorne Beach that is outside of Mystic Cove already

has crumbling roads which will only get worse with more vehicle traffic. Has a re-paving of this section been taken into account with this decision?

- Road safety (maintenance of roads, signage), emergency vehicle safety issues(size), neighborhood safety etc.
- Increase traffic in community, mixing with pedestrians and cyclists on a roadway with no sidewalks. As well, this will funnel traffic to and from Inverhuron park through a quiet residential community. At this time there is no benefit to Inverhuron residents and marginal benefits to Mystic Cove residents who also happen to work for Bruce Power. The benefits do not outweigh the negatives.
- strong opposition by Inverhuron and Mystic Cove residents, because of driver and pedestrian safety concerns, lack of consultation of stakeholders at Inverhuron, too little time offered to consult with residents, change of road purpose
- Speeding vehicles. There are blind curves on Victoria. Safety to pedestrians.
- The street lacks sidewalks, bike lanes, and speed bumps to make it safe. Include these safety measures in the budget to do it properly.
- Lots of people will write here that there will be big increases in traffic, but I really doubt it.
- I think summer traffic through the gate could be a problem. I live on Albert rd and the cars going to the plant or elsewhere drive far too fast...they even pass each other on the street. I know that summer folks will not want to have the race track in front of their cottages.
- There will be far more traffic on Upper Lorne Beach Rd with the noise and the safety concerns that come with it. There is no path on which to walk along the road.
- I am extremely concerned about the traffic flow. This is also part of the KIPP trail and now we are going to increase the flow of traffic? Bruce power traffics meeting a snow plow in bad weather is going to be a major problem.
- The safety of the kids in the neighbourhood is number one. There was already a trial run with having the gate open last year when the repairs were being done to Bruce Rd. 15, the frequency of speeding in the neighbourhood was so high that I could no longer take my kids for a walk in the neighbourhood until the gate was closed again. There are over 40 kids in just the area close to Mystic Cove who all play, walk, and bike on the road. There are a lot of bends in the road that vehicles fly around and I have had to jump onto the grass with my kids numerous times. The road really can't suport Bruce Power traffic. The buses in this neighbourhood also let the kids off during the Bruce Power rush hour which also poses a safety risk. There are no sidewalks for pedestrians and there is no park for kids to play at to get them off the road. There is many retired pedestrians and cyclists at risk as well (as those coming off the KIPP trail bike path continue on the road through our neighbourhood). Also when you are out walking on the road it is hard to hear vehicle traffic as the waves from the water side can get quite loud.
- No sidewalks, Victoria St not wide enough to support all the traffic going through safely, speeding cars (it was an issue when gates open last fall), not necessary as there are two other county roads already serving the Kincardine to Bruce corridor
- The paving of Victoria St was not a first class job. As a bicycle rider I can see where the pavement is breaking up. Increased traffic is going to shorten the life of what is left of this road. going to shorten the life of this road.
- I think we need to be extremely careful doing anything that brings more density to Inverhuron. Residential roads should not be commuter routes. The stress on the community is already visible with parking (anytime during summer) and traffic during commute hours. There are more permanent residents. The speed bumps are on Bruce 15 are a symptom of the increasing pressure on the community. Victoria street from Inverhuron to Mystic Cove is a narrow residential

street with a speed limit of 40kms, adding commuter traffic to that would be a mistake. The road is not safe enough for the increased traffic.

- High traffic and safety issues on the Inverhuron side. Also all resident of Mystic Cove will impact their property value.
- It will increase traffic along Victoria St. Victoria is not designed for heavy traffic flows and there are a lot of pedestrians and bikers along that road. Traffic calming measures were placed on Rd 15 between Jackson's and Albert Rd. If you proceed to remove the gate, then please remove the calming measures at the same time as traffic will have a route that circumvents them.
- Community should be protected from heavy traffic / through- traffic. I see many vehicles over-speeding thru the community already.
- See above. Gate needs to be open for emergency vehicles and safe access to Kincardine during winter driving conditions
- Traffic
- I am very concerned that this will present many safety issues for the residences of Lorne Beach, Upper Lorne Beach and Victoria Street. There are currently no side walks or street lights along these roads and parts of the road are not designed for two way traffic (i.e., the bridge on Upper Lorne Beach Rd. and the bridge along Victoria St).
- It is a massive safety issue for a number of reasons. There is a large daily volume of walkers, runners and bikers which navigate this road daily. There are no pavements and the road is narrow, with multiple blind corners. There are ~18 children of primary school age living between the gates that again will be exposed to thoroughfare traffic with no pavements that walk home from the bus stop daily, not to mention cycling on the road after school and on weekends. This added volume of traffic, combined with the speeding witnessed during the Summer of 2022 is a fatal accident waiting to happen. This is a quiet residential area and was never intended to be a traffic artery for Inverhuron residents
- Victoria Street was not built for a higher traffic level. In addition, we still don't know the full impact of the new bike trail. There has already been larger groups of higher speed bike groups navigating Victoria street this year as well as increased gold carts in the past 3 years.
- There are many challenges with gate's removal as follows. 1) Mystic cove subdivision itself has a large population of permanently residing small children under age 12. Permanent residents such as ourselves have young grand children that spend many days at our house through the year enjoying summer and winter activities at our lake home (dog walking, cycling etc). There are also a significant number of periodic residents (eg weekend cottagers) that have small children. Upper Lorne and Victoria St infrastructure does not support the hazard associated with heavier traffic volumes due to the open gate PLUS the activities of these children. This road has been considered a 'dead end' street and as such many people established homes here due to the increased level of safety to their families based on that fact. 2) There are no sidewalks from Victoria at Cty Rd 15 (which is also narrow - not designed to support through traffic to today's standards) all the way to Lorne Beach Rd so no place for pedestrians to safely walk under higher traffic conditions. There are no street lights on Victoria and the older section of Upper Lorne Beach Rd south of the gate - another hazard which increases with more traffic. 3) During the time the gate was open in summer 2022 to facilitate road construction in Inverhuron, I observed numerous speeding drivers on our street throughout the day. 4) Construction is not yet complete on all lots in the Mystic subdivision. One home builder in particular (Bogdanovic) does not maintain a clean and safe building site. As a result, materials are often strewn on the municipal property boulevards (wood, concrete rebar, waste material) and equipment parked on the street or boulevards for extended periods of time. This continues to pose a hazard to both drivers, pedestrians/dog walkers, children, cyclists and runners which would be exacerbated by increased flow of traffic through the open gate. 4) Opening the gate permanently could devalue the properties on Victoria and Upper Lorne Beach, both of which would no longer be attractive to people desiring a property on a dead end street. 5) Since opening the gate permanently would



require sidewalks, the yearly maintenance would increase (plowing sidewalks, concrete repairs etc). 6) The new Inverhuron to Kincardine trail was constructed last year under the original assumption that the Upper Lorne Beach Rd gate was closed, ensuring the safety of walkers and cyclists. Increased car/truck traffic flow on our part of the trail may pose an additional safety concern.

- Increased volumes of traffic affecting residents/pedestrians/ bike riders and the Great Lakes trail
- The locals whom live in Mystic Cove may not like the extra traffic noise.
- Most will claim that gate removal will be unsafe for children and people walking on the Inverhuron side.
- There are a lot of kids living in that neighborhood and no sidewalks. It is already dangerous to walk or bike on Upper Lorne Beach Road with the increased traffic to Mystic Cove. Drivers frequency exceed posted speed limits and there are many areas along that road with blind corners and reduced visibility making it extremely dangerous to simply go on a bike ride with kids in the neighbourhood. Opening up the gate to would only exacerbate an already incredibly dangerous road for locals.
- Safety issues
- It will become busy...you have made it a bike trail with many cyclists. It will dramatically increase traffic to the plan at peak shift change times.
- Extra vehicle traffic
- The gate was installed because of previous resident concerns with traffic on very narrow roads in the older areas which lack sidewalks. With Mystic Cove being developed there are now dozens of young children playing on the street without any sidewalks on either side of road. The other challenge will be to prevent the speeding of cars through the area as witnessed in the Fall while the gate was open during the sewer work being completed in Tiverton.
- It's hard to anticipate what the challenges might be, however, it's possible local residents may have some concerns about increased traffic. From our perspective, we don't anticipate our staff using this route other than in exceptional circumstances where alternate roads are closed. r
- Safety: since there is no sidewalk and the road is windey and narrow it is therefore dangerous for locals walking with dogs and children currently. Adding heavier traffic it will become extremely dangerous. Another factor, there are no street lights which adds to the dangerous conditions for pedestrians.
- Massive issues- this road is not prepared to handle increased traffic, there are no shoulders, no sidewalks for roads frequented by bikers, walkers, etc.
- Unsure, if want area highlighted, perhaps modify and develop an archway featuring 'entrance' to the neighbourhood
- The traffic from the Hydro plant will increase tremendously and the speed in which the traffic will travel will be dangerous to all. It will be dangerous for my grandchildren and ourselves for biking, playing etc
- We feel that Victoria road is not wide enough and therefore not safe for walkers, bikers if more traffic would be allowed through. Also Upper Lorne Beach Road past Mystic Cove is too narrow for a lot of traffic as well.
- I have concerns re heavier traffic flow on Upper Lorne Beach Rd and Victoria St where residents use these routes to walk, run, cycle, walk dogs, push babies in strollers, etc. As a seasonal resident of Victoria St, I already see a significant level of speeding along this route, and added vehicle traffic will likely add to this. Also, there are existing concerns with 18-wheel trucks making wrong turns in Tiverton (at iwys 15 & 21) that result in them heading to the dead end of hwy 15 at Victoria St or Lake St. In the absence of any effective response to this traffic issue, the opening of the Mystic Cove gate could result in heavier truck traffic along Victoria St for those trucks travelling south.
- Victoria St. is a cottage road. Lots of cottager activity including cycling, children playing, families walking to the beach. The speed limit is 40 and is often ignored which is a problem. Increased

traffic will result with opening the Mystic Cove gate, only exacerbating the issue. Safety is a big concern for all cottagers, this is not a good idea.

- There will be an considerable increase of traffic making the subdivision more noisy, less pleasant and less safe for everybody specially children.
- It has a lot of pedestrian and bicycle traffic since it is part of the bike trail and walking trail. The bike trail was created to keep bikes out of the traffic on Bruce Rd 23. To open it to traffic defeats the purpose of the bike trail.
- I am very concerned about the gate being removed as this will lead to a much higher volume of traffic on Upper Lorne Beach Road which is a large safety concern. In the past when the gate has been opened in the context of Highway 23 road closures there have been many cars speeding through the neighbourhood. This is a residential community full of houses with children and pets who use the road regularly for biking, walking etc. This street is not designed as a substitute or alternative route to a Highway. Removing the gate and essentially offering this road as an alternative to Highway 23 is a very dangerous proposal that will almost surely result in someone getting hurt (possibly very seriously) unnecessarily.
- The gate's removal will result in more traffic driving through the community on a daily basis, increasing noise and decreasing safety by increasing the number of fast-moving cars (this is already the case each time the gate is opened). The road is regularly used by the community for walking, biking and other outdoor activities all year round and there are no sidewalks, so fast-moving traffic is a serious risk to local children and adults as well as to local wildlife. With the gate closed we have local traffic only which is much safer, since they know the road and the risks it entails. Highway 23 provides sufficient (and more appropriate) connectivity and access – going through our neighbourhood instead of using Highway 23 should not be needed. The purpose of opening the road permanently is unclear, especially given the increased risks it would create.
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- None. But would recommend lots of speed posting and police monitoring for the early timeframe 2- would recommend posting 30km for the first corners to the north of the current gate until the Pinkerton property
- Victoria St. is not a wide road and widening it would present many challenges and costs. I live on Victoria and I have noticed a huge increase in bicycle traffic due to the KIPP which is great but with summer cottages also come kids, hikers, pets, more cars and lots of golf carts (which are not being challenged). The road has several bling curves, no shoulders, no lines and not even much of a verge. Much of the traffic is already speeding and if then road becomes a short cut the traffic speeds will only increase.
- Having experience the gate open during street renovations first hand, I can confidently say the safety of our street not only for upper Lorne beach rd but Victoria street drop drastically. The street is too narrow with too many bends. Kids are constantly playing in the streets since there is no close park and with the gate being open last fall, the road was filled with high speed drivers. Bruce power will produce way too much traffic and there is no reason for us to jeopardize the safety of our kids just so someone can shave 5 minutes off their commute.
- Increase traffic on upper Lorne and Victoria . I walk daily on Victoria street. The road is very narrow and already has its dangers. I have a dog and a stroller and I am often pushed into the ditch because of the speed of traffic and the narrowness of the road traffic. Concerns for upper Lorne beach road: this community has very young families, myself included. Increased traffic puts

our kids in danger. Our young families are trying hard to police it with speed signs and this doesn't always work ( as seen during gate opening of fall 2022). There is no park for the kids to play at so they play in the street. Doing chalk, riding bikes and kids just being kids. The big question is why put kids in danger to save a few people 5 min on their drive. A lot of these kids have been through enough over these last few years.

- In my experience, keeping the gate closed except during times when the main road is closed has been essential for the safety of our community. During the construction period in Inverhuron, when the gate was open, we witnessed numerous incidents of speeding cars passing through our road, jeopardizing the safety of residents. Due to the hilly terrain at our lot in the direction of Inverhuron, these speeding vehicles pose a significant risk. Therefore, I strongly believe that the gate should remain closed, except for emergencies or when the main road is closed, to ensure the safety and well-being of our neighborhood
- Increased traffic .There no sidewalks and lots of curves which create a danger to children and walkers.
- The motorcycles now bypassing the gate do not adhere to the 40 kph speed limit. Opening the gate will increase the over 40 speeds unless there is a viable method (i.e. - OPP) at peak times. I don't want my children or pets run over by some errant driver.dunless there is a viable method, i.e. t
- As a resident of Mystic Cove and a regular walker with my dog I think that it would be completely unsafe if the gates were removed. The amount of traffic that increased last fall was considerable when the gates were opened for the construction work on Lake Street, and at times it was unsafe given the speed of which people travelled. Mystic Cove's community has grown considerably in the past 5 years and there are many young children. Safety would be a concern for all ages. This is a quite neighborhood and removing the gates would completely change it.
- It will increase significantly flowing through our street as well as cars traveling at higher speeds as witnessed when it was open last fall for road work/culvert replacement. Our street is known by local residents as well as cottages as a quiet street for walking cycling and children being able to be able to play safely in the area due to the fact our street is not a thoroughfare. Opening the gate on a permanent basis would completely change the dynamics and quaintness that makes Mystic cove a special community. We are strongly against the recommendation of removing this agreement.
- Don't want more traffic along quiet street not built for highway use.
- I don't think there will be a challenge. Perhaps with Bruce Power shift changes but traffic would be for those living on Lorne Beach and Kuehner St.
- Too much traffic on rural roads not designed or built for higher volumes of traffic. Safety and potential liability concerns.
- No sidewalks for safety. Children play on street, dog walkers. Bike tail means more cyclists on street. Danger of speeding vehicles
- There is no infrastructure to keep the residents of this area safe. When the gate was open for the road works on BR15, the sped of through traffic was ridiculous despite promises of a heightened

police presence and reduced speed limits. There is no pathway on Upper Lorne Beach road or lighting on Victoria road for users of the waterfront lakeshore trail

- Victoria street is a lot narrower than upper lorne beach road, with a couple of blind corners. Opening the gate will increase traffic to the point of endangering public as they all have to walk on the road with no sidewalk.
- No challenges just control speed the same as any other road.
- Bruce Power employees will treat Victoria St as a speedway. That is a given.
- This is a residential area with narrow roads (Victoria Street, Inverhuron). We do not need additional non-residential traffic on these roads.
- I do not see any challenges with removing the gate. I believe mystic cove residents think there will be an increase in Bruce power traffic but I am a resident on Victoria street (the other side of the gate) and do not believe we will see that much of an increase.
- This is a cottage community and should not be treated as a major road. We have many people walking and biking with small children on this beach road and opening this up will simply increase dramatically the traffic on this road.
- It will create an increase of traffic on Victoria St which is not designed for heavy traffic with its windy bends and reduced shoulders in many spots. NOT safe for seasonal walkers and bikes. Now that the paved path is open to Kincardine, there will be increased bike traffic on Victoria from the park etc. Why do you want to increase the car traffic at the same time. Seems like a poor decision.
- No data to show impact of no gate year round on vehicular, bicycle and pedestrian traffic year round? If the results of a traffic thoroughfare are negative (accidents etc), then if road closure is needed a new gate would not have to be constructed.
- Possible increased traffic flow, managed by speed limits and slowing methods on roadway
- outside of mystic cove development which is blessed with wide pavement, lights, storm sewers, victoria street is unlit, has many puddles after rain. The narrow pavement is in poor condition, people walk their dogs and children on the pavement. in many places the trees and power poles are close to pavement edge. there are blind curves and narrow bridge. Delivery and construction and service vehicles park on the pavement. A snowplow and a vehicle can not pass each other.
- 1.0 This is a residential area that swells with tourists and visitors. people use the pavement for walking.2.0 it is a long stretch of road with 2 entries and exit points, while only the mystic cove area is up to current roadway standards. 3.0 many blind curves and narrow bridge. 4.0 with gate open, it will become one of three pathways between bruce power and kincardine for bruce power employees. Traffic will be used by this heavy traffic as the hwy 21 and b line slow down. This will create a safety hazard for residents of victoria street
- The road is not wide enough and has many curves. There are no sidewalks and not sufficient room for walkers and bikers. People already go too fast, especially on the corners and the increase in traffic would make the road dangerous for those who live on it. I understand having it open when Bruce road 23 needs to be closed for weather but there is not reason to open the gate.
- None of the roads could support the increase in traffic and vehicles, no sidewalk, too many walkers and kids using the dead end road currently.
- Residents of Mystic Cove and Victoria street will probably oppose the gate removal.
- Traffic speed is always a concern, and Victoria Street has no shoulders.
- Just need to monitor for speeding occasionally. The road is winding enough that it should keep speeds down.
- Bruce Power drivers speeding. Bruce Power people on motorcycles already speed up street and drive on pedestrian walkways. No sidewalks for walkers.
- As a resident of Victoria St., I am very concerned with opening the gate before making a number of improvements to Victoria St. Victoria St. is narrow with several blind curves. There are no sidewalks so cars share the road with pedestrians, bicycles, motorcycles, ATVs, golf carts, school

buses, trucks (moving and parked). I believe Victoria St. is part of the Kincardine-Inverhuron trail. Pedestrians are often in groups or 3-6 walking abreast with and without pets. Just today I had to stop completely twice to avoid adults and children on opposite sides of the street. Victoria St. is already crumbling with the level of traffic on it now it is therefore doubtful it will withstand the increase in traffic when the gate is open.

- Increased traffic, danger to children and pets in the neighbourhood, danger to people walking, biking and general safety to all.
- My purchase of this property was with the knowledge of this being a temporarily dead-ended street and only to be opened during closures of Bruce Road 23. Having this road open would drastically hinder my active lifestyle.
- Traffic along the road already moving too fast. With bicycles and kids on roadways are at risk. opening for thru traffic wi
- The increased amount of through traffic could be a safety issue as Victoria St. is heavily used by bikers and pedestrians.
- If the gates are removed traffic will increase with Bruce Power workers. They will SPEED across Victoria. This is dangerous as people bike and walk their dogs on this road. The 3 speed bumps were installed on County Road 15 to slow down cars and deter Bruce Power workers from using that route. I believe for the most part they've worked. (I HATE those speed bumps as I have to drive over them twice a day). I wish they would be removed. Inverhuron is a quiet, peaceful, beautiful place for people to live. There has never been much car traffic here and it would be nice to keep it that way. Bruce Power workers currently use the B-Line and go through Tiverton (which is HORRIBLE for those living in the Village). It's a GREAT idea to open the gates during B-Line road closures and severe weather. Aside from that they should be closed the rest of the year. And. Thinking of homeowners who built in Mystic Cove. They did so knowing the gates were there and wanted local traffic only. I'm SURE they don't want Bruce Power traffic speeding past every shift change. PLEASE. Open the gates during severe winter weather. Keep them closed the rest of the year!
- speeding
- No challenges, post speed signs if so.
- I think speeding will become an issue, compromising pedestrian safety and the safety of young children.
- There are no ditches and no sidewalks. People and kids walk on the road all the time. With tons of blind corners and kids biking house to house there is a real risk of a fatality. Please, don't make this change, the local community is very solidly opposed.
- Victoria street can not handle traffic in summer
- We don't think there are any valid challenges. It's a public road and should be accessible to all rate payers. Equity should prevail, assuring all ratepayers fair, identical and safe use of the street.
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- Bruce power workers going to and coming home from work, making the road busy
- No challenges that I forsee
- Possibly to much traffic on small cottage road. Like big truck
- None
- Seven years ago, when we purchased a residence on Victoria St. not far from the gate, I wondered why the gate wouldn't be open. Not long after, a neighbour explained to me about how the current road is not built for the amount of traffic that would pass through if the the gate were open. I went for a walk on that road that night and I completely understood in a matter of minutes what the neighbour meant. There are so many pedal bikers, rollerbladers, dog walkers, and hikers young and old who use this road from dusk until dawn. Additionally, there is no sidewalk and no shoulder. There is no room for pedestrians and cars going in both directions at the same time. People have to be right on the road to get from "A" to "B" so to speak. There are blind curves and

trees that encroach right to the road's edge. Simply put - the road is not built for pedestrians and any additional traffic. 6000 people are on site at Bruce Power for outage days. Even if a third of those people go the Kincardine direction at the end of a work day, there is the potential for possibly 2000 extra vehicles to put stress on this road in a matter of a couple hours. Taking in to account all of these factors, there is absolutely no way it would be safe to open up this road to through traffic everyday. With the amount of pedestrians literally on this road and with the current way the road is built, there would most definitely be an accident if the gates were to open.

- Victoria St has no sidewalk and there are a lot of people who use it to walk, walk their dogs, ride bikes etc etc and parking for many old cottages is challenged with short driveways and the vehicles stick out into the street plus many park on narrow boulevards and are basically on the street. There are also blind spots on the curves where one cant see pedestrians or cars backing out of driveways and there are no street lights.
- Victoria Street between the stream and Bruce Road 15 is extremely narrow, highly travelled by holidayers and pedestrian traffic making it extremely dangerous for through traffic other than local.
- Too much traffic for Victoria st Inverhuron a mostly summer beach community
- There are no sidewalks for pedestrians. There isn't an adequate shoulder for bikes. The gate erection was based on it being emergency use only for Bruce workers. Children will not be safe. It is cottage community does not suit a road with through traffic it is too dangerous. The corners on the road make it a poor road traffic would have to be reduced to very low speeds which will never happen. Motorcycles will speed through the community and bring unwanted noise. It should only be emergency use only. It will loose the character of the community with through traffic.
- The road north of the gate does not meet provincial safety standards for a public road, it is not wide enough, it has blind corners, and pedestriars are forced to walk on the road because there is not a shoulder along most of it. The road should only be for the residents and owners that live on it, and not as a thoroughfare, unless Rd 23 is closed.
- The road of Victoria Street north of the gate is not fit for purpose or safe for increased traffic volume. It does not meet provincial standards
- We have been residents of Victoria St for the past 5 years, 6 properties to the north of the Mystic Cove gate. We strongly disagree with the permanent opening or removal of the gate due to significant safety concerns. In as much as the current road design of Victoria St is conducive for vehicular traffic accessing abutting properties, it is not designed to support increased through traffic. Victoria St is regularly used for walking, running, cycling and other outdoor activities. Opening the gate will undoubtedly result in increased automotive traffic and increased risk to the various people that use it. Our observations have been that a very large majority of the local residents adhere to the 40km/h speed limit because of their awareness of the various 'blind spots' and their awareness of how the road is used by pedestrians. Increased non-local through traffic will unavoidably pass along the street at higher speeds, again increasing the risk to pedestrians and cyclists.
- Safety with blind corners on Victoria St, especially in the winter. Hazards to pedestrians with no place other than the roadway to walk. See other factors in the 'other comments' field.
- Increased traffic on a road not designed for heavy traffic and one that it used by pedestrians and bikers.
- The increase in traffic speeding and near misses greatly increased during the planned construction that took place on the 15th during the summer of 2022. Multiple time I was walking with my children and/or dogs when a car came flying around one of the multiple blind corners almost hitting us but causing great anxiety. Victoria street is strewn with pothole and very narrow. Is the bridge large enough for two vehicles crossing, then add snow banks. Multiple sharp blond corners. Cottagers and vacationers walking and cycling all warm days. I know coming home from work too be extra cautious. The Victoria street and 15th corner has bad sight lines for turning
- Road on inverhuron side is not wide enough, with blind corners, no sidewalks or streetlights. The cars speeding by when the gate was open for construction was numerous. The increased traffic

and people speeding to and from Bruce power is dangerous. The road conditions of Victoria street already have pot holes, I believe it would need to be upgraded to handle increased traffic. The Great Lakes waterfront trail runs along this road, having often 10 bikers at a time, along with families and children walking to and from cottages and homes. It seems counter intuitive to advertise the waterfront trail and then open it up for cars Without proper road width and sidewalks. This is dangerous. Winter time the road becomes even narrower.

- Increased traffic on Victoria st where there is no road lighting, no sidewalks and increased summer traffic, kids, bikes, dog walking etc
- There will be increased traffic. Victoria street will become a through road. We live adjacent to Albert Road and the traffic is heavy. The majority of vehicles on Albert are exceeding the speed limit. Sadly, a lot of vehicles would fall into the 'stunt driving' category. Dangerous.
- The Great Lake Bike path is along Victoria St and Upper Lorne Beach....it won't be long until a rider is hit by speeding Bruce Power traffic. Police do not have enough personnel to deal with high speeding Bruce Power traffic on the main roads so there will be no enforcement occurring on these roads.
- Traffic and narrow roads may cause issues. Lots of speeders
- Residential area for the residents to walk ride bicycles etc daily not a speedway
- Victoria St is not designed to be a through way with many curves etc. small children, families, and older folks walking
- If the gates are removed the traffic flow will greatly increase. This poses a problem because the road to Inverhuron will not allow for increased traffic due to it's size, no gutters, no infrastructure.
- People already speed down victoria ..not knowing that there is a gate. if you remove it, people from the powerplant will zoom down the street at will. Victoria is used for walking dogs, children play there.. and we drive to our cottages.
- Living at this curve I can state too many people speed around this corner. With the sea being used by many for biking and hiking it's very dangerous.
- Speeding but there are other ways to mitigate this.
- The road through inverhuron needs a side walk since it is so narrow. People are going to speed ! It will be dangerous. Police need to be present. A automatic speed camera could help.
- Only locals will be using the road, I don't see traffic increasing immensely despite what people are saying.
- There will be increased car/truck traffic. The bicycle path runs along the road and there are no specific lanes for bicycles. This creates a dangerous situation.
- Yes, see below
- Current Physical Characteristics of Victoria Road S. Inverhuron The tar and chip road has no boulevards, no sidewalks, no curbs and only a few drainage sewers, little allowance for parking, trees and foliage grow to the edge of the road (not the road allowance) on numerous properties allowing little visibility around blind curves in the road, poor allowance for snow piles to be pushed off the road in the winter results in a narrow road surface. The bridge by 242 Victoria S. is an unmarked narrow bridge, not suitable for 2-way traffic, and is located at blind turns in the road. In the spring, water puddles on the many parts of the road and a recent rain storm caused the town to close a lane of the road until water could slowly drain away, as there are no storm sewers at most location. Contractors with large trailers and equipment including Ontario Hydro, Bruce Telecom, Rogers, Aecon Construction, Municipality of Kincardine maintenance vehicles, Jackson Construction, and many others, regularly park vehicles blocking a lane of traffic as there is no suitable off live lane parking for equipment. Sometimes only a sign is posted by the contractor on the blocked lane indicating the lane to yield to oncoming traffic. This is not suitable for young children on bikes and walking trying to get around heavy equipment especially with increased

traffic. Guests of residents regularly park into the live lanes of Victoria Road as there is no suitable parking for many cars on private properties.

- Opening the gate will significantly increase traffic flow from Kincardine to the Bruce Nuclear. The road is not built with the proper infrastructure to be a thoroughfare. It is built as a residential, dead-end cul de sac road, and with no shoulders, limited ditches and has several blind spots from winding turns. The road has no sidewalk or safe area for pedestrian traffic to yield to when vehicle traffic is approaching. Adding increased traffic flow will greatly affect the residents who enjoy their quiet, low traffic neighbourhood. Increased traffic will add increased liability to foot/bicycle traffic and also decrease the marketability of properties along the road that currently are situated in a low traffic neighbourhood and pedestrian friendly atmosphere
- There is a huge safety risk here. I have grown up in Inverhuron and my property is on the Inverhuron side of the gate. The communities on both sides of the gate frequently use the road for walking, bike riding, and other activities. There are no shoulders or sidewalks for families to use instead. Residents of the area are aware of this and tend to drive with safety in mind. Those who are not residents speed down this road. If you remove the gate, I can foresee many accidents involving pedestrians and cyclists. The active lifestyle of the community will be impacted as well as the peacefulness of the neighborhoods
- If the gate is removed, then there is safety concerns as Victoria street has no sidewalks, or bike paths for pedestrians to walk on. We use the road itself. For those who have lived in the area, they know to drive slow and watch for kids, dogs, and people. Those who don't know the area drive 10-20kph over the speed limit and do an abrupt dead end turnaround already. If that gate is opened then they will drive ridiculously fast the whole way to avoid traffic. Victoria street dead ends into the beach where families gather and park along victoria street to go to the beach.
- Excessive speeding
- Speed on the street in general. We are right by the gate (on the blind curve) and drivers take that corner very fast. We have had to pull one car out of my trees after sliding off the road -> opening the gate fulltime would be dangerous.
- I believe the Victoria Rd. in its present configuration presents a risk to bikers and walkers. The curves are not configured to allow clear site ahead in order to avoid incidents and the road is narrow preventing incident avoidance. However I do believe predictability of traffic flow for



residents, commuters and seasonal residents should be the goal vs random closures and openings which will not be easily conveyed to the community

- sure there will be but Lives a B——
- I believe if the gate is removed the amount of traffic coming through this subdivision will increase 10 fold and may be hazardous to the children at play on the street.
- over the past years we have witnessed speeding and often wreckless driving with drivers passing other vehicles with oncoming traffic on Bruce 23. it would continue if gate opened into residential area.
- Increased traffic on Upper Lorne and Mystic Cove, both residential with kids playing on the street.
- Speed limits are regularly ignored on the B line (23) so I am very concerned that these same drivers would us the Mystic I've road and Victoria St in the same manner.
- Speeding hydro traffic
- Hydro traffic will be speeding through very private neighborhoods where homeowners would have chosen different location if they knew they were facing that amount of traffic
- Removal of the gate will lead to a dramatic increase in vehicle traffic. This will impact local residents and will likely require an offroad extension of the KIPP trail in order to ensure safety for walkers and cyclists
- Don't want the extra traffic unless the b-line is closed due to weather.
- I think this will become a Bruce Power alternate route . People will avoid the speed bumps & excessive speed will cause residents hardship. Please keep the gate closed, remember people are using the road as a recreation trail.
- Speeding on Victoria Street
- Far too much traffic will embark on a very curvy road that will represent danger to people walking, biking and dog walking. The area needs to be kept safe for people, unsafe with speeders in this area, because we have not got proper speed limits, nor police presence.
- Huge increase in traffic thru Inverhuron, Victoria Street and Albert Rd. Excessive speed as well. Both sides of the gate are lovely winding roads which are used safely by pedestrians and by cyclists, opening/removal of the gate will have a huge risk on their safety. The waterfront and quaint hamlet of Inverhuron needs to remain safe and quaint, not an open track for Bruce Power employees.
- The speed of vehicles and the amount of traffic will greatly increase on this road.
- Speed and blind corners, this road is not built for that much traffic.
- If you remove the gate Victoria street will become a through way. There is already a lot of speeding. People walk that road a lot with dogs etc .Many people ride bikes there as well . It's tight in some places . It would bring unwanted traffic to the area .
- Traffic may increase for a short time, but once people realize the road is very slow, windy and dark they'll likely go back to taking the B-line
- Yes - see above - highspeed vehicles racing through on street with children, dog walkers and no side walk
- Increased traffic. Increased speeds. It is a cottage community with many pedestrians/bikers using Victoria Street (to the north of the gate).
- Too much traffic on a road that is problematic with potholes. Cars do not adhere to the 40 kph speed limit so more cars make this issue even more problematic. Children walk and ride their bikes on the road more cars imperil them. Families walk to the beach on the road again don't need more cars. If you open the gates then consider speed bumps like on 15 in Inverhuron.
- There should be no challenges .. i can't think of anywhere else there is a gate forcing people to travel an unsafe route. As we all know in Bruce County conditions change In a moment , so waiting for road closures to open the gate is too late... i can speak from my own personal

experiences numerous times where the wether was great leaving home and by the time I came home not...

- The new walking path along the highway feeds into Lorne beach and we do not have sidewalks so these people are walking on our road. Having heavy traffic with excess speed poses problems to these people as well as our kids in the neighbourhood. I'd like this gate open for emergencies only but closed the rest of the time. The gate is extremely important. Victoria street in Inverhuron is extremely narrow and winding and not built for extra traffic or high speeds
- Many! Heavier traffic, faster traffic. The roads aren't designed for that much traffic. They aren't wide and have no sidewalks to accommodate the heavier food and bike traffic from the Great Lakes trail. Too many blind corners.
- The Victoria Street alignments and widths are inadequate for heavy volumes of traffic and will pose real danger for the residents of Inverhuron
- More traffic and possibly more HTA infractions - speeding.
- The removal of this gate will lead to increased traffic on a quiet residential road not developed for this purpose. I also have major concerns with the speed of this increased traffic.
- This gate should stay in place as agreed when the development permit was issued to build Mytic Cove. Traffic flow will change drastically if this gate is removed. Through traffic should go on the b-line and not on the quiet residential neighborhood streets. If the gate is removed traffic will come flying down Victoria with people commuting to work. It should not be a thoroughfare! I am outraged by this proposal reversal! It will dramatically change the feel of Inverhuron. Not to mention but the fragile ecosystem of the land near the lake.
- no
- no
- Width of roads, flow of traffic
- I am concerned with the increased traffic on Victoria st(blind curves in the road and people walking)
- none,
- There will be far too much traffic on a road that is frequented by pedestrians and cyclists.
- My concern is traffic speeding in the area. I think this would need to be VERY closely monitored, all the way from the 'B' line to Inverhuron village.
- The main challenge is the number of blind corners due mostly to cedar trees blocking a drivers view to safely navigate them. Year round there are children playing, cyclists, as well as senior pedestrian traffic. Presently there is traffic from motorcycles, four wheelers & side-by-sides that make their way around the gate. Numerous cyclists also use this route as it is promoted as "Great Lakes Trail". Also failure to abide by the posted speed limits is another safety aspect.
- The speed traffic is already increasing in this neighborhood, the gate's removal would bring more traffic issues. The Bruce 23 road is a perfectly acceptable and utilized road for all traffic purposes. Removal of the gate would bring more throughfare traffic that is unnecessary within the area. The municipality of Kincardine should look at adding speed bumps within this area to slow traffic down. Perhaps a solution would be to automate the gate with a FOB system for Fire, Waste Removal and Emergency vehicles. All other vehicles can use Bruce Road 23. This area was sold and built as a more exclusive area, not everyone works at Bruce Power Plant and there are many of us that prefer the quieter area absent of traffic. We believe it may change/lower the value of the housing of the area by potentially removing it's valued serenity.
- The biggest challenge I see with the opening of the gate is safety for the residents of this area. As a resident, I walk and cycle these roads and can personally attest to a number of close calls on

the road from vehicles NOT adhering to the 50 mph speed limit, and this is with current local traffic only NOT Bruce Power traffic.

- If the gate is removed it will result in more traffic along Victoria Street and then Albert Road every morning and evening. These streets were never intended to be commuter roads for Bruce Nuclear
- There are a lot of cottages and extra people throughout the spring-fall months. More bikers and people walking . There are a lot of blind curves on Victoria and through Mystic Cove
- I think that the traffic will increase significantly.
- Too much traffic flow on Victoria Street. The road is too narrow and curvy for high volumes of traffic.
- yes... road improvements
- There would be a race of cars and trucks going too fast down a quiet rural street. The plant people would use it as a raceway to work. it should only be open for emergencies when the B line is closed.
- Too much traffic. Pedestrian danger huge. Obvious
- speeding, too many cyclists kids ect
- Neither road on both sides of the gate were meant to handle through traffic. Speed, kids and adults no sidewalks to keep off road. A lot of money would have to b spent by the Municipality to make these roads safe not only for people but for the cars using the road.
- Victoria St. is not a safe road. The bridge is basically a one lane bridge. The 'S' curves are exceedingly dangerous during the summer months with the increase in tourists, who are not prepared for traffic in the 'country'. The employees of the Plant are not well known for maintaining the speed limits. The road itself is not ready for extra traffic. It's dark. And many more.
- Concerned about traffic volumes and speeds. Some traffic coming out of the Mystic Cove development is already travelling faster than 50 kmph. No street lights currently and don't really want any ro be honest
- Increased traffic from Kincardine to the Bruce Power site will cause unnecessary risk to the inhabitants of Victoria street south. Victoria street is narrow with many tight turns. During summer months there is an increased population due to cottagers which means more foot traffic and children along this road. The risk of vehicle contact with these pedestrians and bicyclers will increase exponentially as traffic speeds and volume increases.
- My understanding that there was a study done a few years ago and it was determined that Victoria st could not take the amount of traffic and that was done before the bruce referb
- Victoria St is a narrow residential street. The bridge in particular is narrow and there would be no way for two vehicles and a pedestrian to cross it at the same time. It may be difficult for even two pick up trucks to pass at the same time. Also due to visibility on corners it will be quite dangerous for walkers, bikers, and children playing. I so no benefit to opening the gate to local though traffic at all. They have two other routes to access the area.
- Speeding vehicles enroute to Bruce Power for 1. Speeding is already a big issue. Victoria St is NOT wide enough to support the amount of traffic it will see. This WILL cause injuries, hopefully not serious ones or it will be on the shoulders of this municipality.
- The plant traffic is heavy and the drivers are often very aggressive. Having this traffic in a small rural residential community should not be entertained. When the gate was out in we were assure

it would never be opened permanently so why the change ? Given the residential nature of the road, children, residents and others it's just not located in a place for that kind of traffic.

- There will be lot of through traffic, which wont be good for people living in this neighbourhood and as well for wild life around us.
- It will present a traffic problem with plant commuters. It will also create safety issues along Victoria and should only be open when the B line is closed. It was initially installed and were told it would never be opens permanently to keep the integrity of our community and yet here we are.
- Way too much traffic on an already busy road. Unsafe.
- My reasons for opening the Mystic Cove Gates from November to April only. We are a small cottage country community. In the Spring/Summer Inverhuron becomes a bustling community as cottages open for the season. Moms and Dads push their baby buggies/strollers, pull wagons with their children in them and some even ride their bicycles with bike trailers attached to their bicycle along Victoria St. People walk their dogs along the road and young EXCITED children are in a rush to get to the beach carrying their beach gear. The Kincardine to Inverhuron Provincial Park trail is now extended to our area and is now bringing numerous cyclists, young and old, along Victoria St., especially in the nicer weather. Victoria St. is NOT as wide as Upper Lorne Beach, has numerous CURVES, and is NOT up to code for increased traffic. Also, there is not a paved section along the side of the road like there is along the B Line (CR23). In the Spring/Summer time Inverhuron is a get away from the daily grind to unwind, let your hair down and be carefree so it would NOT be a good idea to have the gates open at this time but only in the winter. Open the gates around mid November to mid April so there is an alternate route in the winter for the residents of Inverhuron to get back and forth to Kincardine. Thank you
- Victoria St has several S curves. I fear for people on bikes that are often two or more abreast. These are blind curves. Someone is going to get hurt one of these days. When the summer vacationers are here, pedestrians don't realize how the sight lines don't exist. They are waving cars to go around them but you cannot see what is coming around the bend. It is quieter in the winter. Way too much traffic, too many golf carts, ATV's etc to be safe for all on the roads
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- It will greatly increase traffic in all three affected communities none of which are properly set up for that level of traffic
- Victoria street is not meant for higher vehicular traffic . You should verify with your roads department. When the gate was open for access during sewer line construction , there was visible traffic damage to the roadway surface.
- Hydro traffic many drive too fast?
- The road is used as a bike path, walking path and is a cross over for many cottages to gain access to the water. There are many blind curves too. I worry about safety if vehicle traffic increases.
- They are the same challenges for why there is a resident gate there in the first case foremost the safetyof the Inverhuron Beach community along Victoria Street South and tangentially the need to control daily commuter traffic particularly from Bruce Power. Inverhuron remains predominately a summer hamlet. Victoria Street was designed to be a dead-end street and not a throughfare. It has numerous blind curves, limited roadside margins for pedestrians to shelter from traffic, a plethora of hidden driveways and as it stands it is an unsupervised speedway as the OPP

undertake limited, if any, patrolling and speed limit enforcement. As it stands, and without inviting increased volume, it is an accident waiting to happen. I also understand the road as it stands does not meet all the safety and design requirements for a true thoroughfare so the Muni. would probably face a legal challenge from the community and expose itself to potentially liability placing the local children, pedestrians and bikers knowingly in harms way if it moves to open the gate.

- The route will be used for commuting - too much traffic
- Yes, see below.
- Mostly just through traffic to Bruce Power. Victoria Street already has a problem with some speeding. It's a small road and not really built for congested traffic. If the gate closes again in April it would be lovely for people using the Kipp trail getting to the provincial park
- Increased traffic on a quiet, residential street. Our main reason for moving off Hwy 21 to Upper Lorne Beach was because of the quiet, safe feeling of the neighbourhood. Having two small children, less traffic on the road makes us feel more safe and most importantly allows our children to play safely. Opening the gates and allowing through traffic will greatly impact the overall feel of the neighbourhood for permanent and seasonal residents.
- We recently purchased property on Upper Lorne Beach, and one of the primary reasons was that the street had minimal traffic. Removal of the gate is likely to increase traffic. Given that Upper Lorne Beach is part of the KIPP trail system, keeping automotive traffic from non-residents to a minimum should be a priority. An additional perk of living on a street with only one entrance/exit is the reduced likelihood of theft. That perk would be eliminated with the removal of the gate.
- Too much traffic. High speeds, especially on the curves of Victoria (children playing, people walking, dangerous driving).
- If the gate is open more traffic will be using Victoria St. Not good for children playing, biking or walkers
- There are always abusers - people driving too fast
- Victoria Street in Inverhuron, the other side of the gate, is not suitable, and in fact dangerous to increased north/south traffic. Blind corners, hidden driveways, no shoulders, no sidewalks, no speed enforcement, are only a few of Victoria Street's vulnerabilities that can, and probably will, lead to tragic circumstances for residents, including children. There is no need for this gate to be removed as both the B-Line, and highway 21 further to the north, provide safe and adequate north/south access. This idea of opening the gate is ridiculous, comes up every few years by a few uninformed and selfish residents very much in the minority.
- Huge dollars have been spent by Kincardine along with a large community fund-raising effort to connect Kincardine to Inverhuron. We understand that the intent was to encourage safe bicycling & so bicyclers would not need to deal with highway traffic. As we understand it, the north end of the bike trail completed in the fall of 2022 uses Upper Lorne Beach Rd., through Mystic Cove & on to Inverhuron as part of the trail. With the gate open (or removed) and an expected increase in traffic this will no longer be the safe (with minimal traffic) trail that was planned. i.e. Residents north of the Gate & those in Inverhuron would be able to go directly south through Mystic Cove to Kincardine thereby increasing traffic. Plant workers heading to or leaving work may choose the south route through Mystic Cove thereby increasing traffic.
- The whole road is falling apart already and is very narrow in many areas. During the summer months kids and many tourists bike on the road, with all the corners and the overall narrow nature of the road offering no sidewalks or street lights it is a huge safety concern.
- I believe the removal of the gate will build incredible distrust against the municipality. After the many years of community proactive effort and action to propose, fund-raise (over \$300,000), design, construct and install effective signage for the amazing safe and paved bikeway to connect Kincardine to Inverhuron, would be a 'kick in the head' for all those who undertook that massive effort. It was also an effort by the community to link to the across Ontario walking/hiking/biking trail system initiative to promote healthier lives as well as participating with nature - it should be an initiative that Kincardine brags about and celebrates! To now (within months of the bikeway's

completion!), now appear to decide that the Upper Lorne Beach Road through Mystic Cove area should be opened to more (and possibly faster) traffic (by the removal of the Mystic Cove Gate - year round), seems to communicate that priorities and communications within the municipal employees and board members are not in synch. One part of the municipality does not seem to synchronize with another part. I also think when community volunteers get burnt by their municipality, it is difficult to re-establish the trust and collaboration that has been lost. I have been impressed with that bikeway initiative, the public response (and bikeway use). The success of that initiative should be celebrated by the Municipality as it shows the residents wanted to further the provincial call to link trails across Ontario (for walking, hiking and biking), so as to encourage participation with nature, and healthy lifestyles (fitness). I think the successful initiative also shows that many people in the municipality (and beyond) do not expect their municipality to pay for everything needed. The citizens identified a need (want) and took the initiative to make it happen. Now that it is done, it makes no sense to me to change some of the very facts (traffic volume and possibly speed), within part of the bikeway.

- I believe that there was a huge effort by citizens to raise heaps of money (i.e. in excess of \$300,000) in order to construct the paved bikeway from Kincardine to Inverhuron so that cycling (and walking) would be safe from the highway speed of County Road 23, The bikeway route was studied extensively and built in 2022/23, The signage is erected and it is working so effectively and the route is along Upper Lorne Beach Road (as well as through the subdivision south of Upper Lorne Beach Area. This was all designed to put the cyclists on roads with slower traffic. It is used extensively by cyclists. I believe that a municipally supported community effort like the Bicycling/Hiking trail that took years of planning, funding-raising and then implementation should be embraced and sustained. It is devastating to those who volunteered the money and their efforts to have the facts change within months of the bikeway completion. I also believe that Mystic Cove housing development was marketed with the Mystic Cove Gate Closure arrangements in full view of the potential buyers (i.e. Gate Locked as normal practice and only opened in snow and road (County Road 23) closure emergencies. This has led to many people walking and cycling through the area.
- Victoria St and Upper Lorne Beach road were not built as through roads. They are meant for walking, biking, jogging and adding traffic to these roads is dangerous. Victoria St. is narrow with curves that make it difficult to see oncoming traffic. There is no reason to remove the gate. It was a decision made at the time of construction of Mystic Cove and should not be changed.
- Victoria street north of the gate is not safe enough for through traffic. During the summer months it is heavily used for pedestrian traffic, for cycling, for walking dogs jogging, walking to and from the beach and other purposes not conducive to through traffic. The road side is heavily wooded in many situations. The shoulders are narrow and without sidewalks. Trees and brush severely limit vision. Driveways in many instances are narrow with the result that many residents back out onto the road. The "S" bend in the road affords very limited vision. The road under through traffic is an accident waiting to happen. There is very adequate access to and from the plant without adding another thoroughfare. Further, as a resident of Inverhuron, I am totally disgusted that the town of Kincardine would invite a survey to residents of Mystic Cove while ignoring the opinions of Inverhuron residents.
- Upper Lorne Beach Rd and Victoria Ave were not designed to support through traffic, the sight lines, pedestrian and bike use are not compatible with this being a through road
- I am concerned about the increase in traffic using the roads heading to the Bruce and the levels of speed coming around the bends with my small children walking and biking on the road.
- Victoria street is not wide enough for 2 way traffic it's not the local people someone from out of town is going to lose their life
- If the gate were to be removed, the community would experience high traffic volume, accidents and disturb the quiet enjoyment . The reason being the road is not a proper road, as there are no

shoulders, at least FIVE severe blind corners, no lines on the road and the speed limits are never adhered to nor enforced. Finally this road was NEVER designed for this potential kind of traffic.

- Drivers will not be cognizant of the road and walkers
- The main issue with the full removal of the gate is the increased traffic, and the speed that vehicles are driven on Victoria Street.
- There is no question that speeding will be an issue! The section north of Mystic Cove, Victoria St, is a cottage neighborhood and has a lot of curves in it. We cycle through there regularly and can clearly see the problem additional traffic would create. The piece of road to the south of MC also has a fair number of curves and is a mixed cottage/residential area.
- Too much hydro traffic on our narrow road
- People including myself often walk Victoria St and it would not be safe walking with higher traffic volume
- Bruce Power traffic speeding through Inverhuron and posing a danger to children, cyclists and pedestrians. This is a quiet residential neighbourhood and not a thoroughfare for thousands of cars racha and every day.
- Traffic overload/abundance, speeding worse than it already is, protection of an abundance of wildlife actively on the road/sideroad (snakes, turtles, fox, bear, rabbit, deer, turkey, etc), people activity both residents and Great Lakes Waterfront Trail users (children playing, walkers, runners, bikers, etc),
- Snobbery!
- The traffic. We already have a problem with speeding on that road where children bike and play. victoria had a few bends that your if unaware and traveling at a higher does then posted could cause accidents. If road was to be open there should be speed bumps along Victoria. Off track vehicles Aldo travel that road at high speeds more signage should be posted speed slow down and died bumps. Since the bumps coming down the hill were put in we have become the long stretch of road to race on,
- People using it as a through street and driving too fast.
- Increase in traffic and motorists who ignore the speed limit. An increase in damage to the road. We already have issues with potholes that aren't properly maintained. An increase in traffic will add to the deterioration of the road.
- more traffic and speeding thru Inverhoron this will become an problem
- Victoria St is narrow. It's a quaint country road that the residents DO NOT desire the increased traffic flow. Keep the Kincardine residents heading to Bruce Power on the main roads, CR23.
- Increased traffic on Victoria Street, which is a narrow road with narrow shoulders and several bling corners where vegetation grows close to the road imparing visability for drivers, cyclists and walkers. The increase in traffic, and the spped that many people drive on this road, would make it hazaardous to the local residents.
- More traffic speeding
- Upper Lorne Beach Rd and Victoria Rd are apart of the KIPP trail and there are many bikers here every single day. There are also many walkers, many children playing, a lot of wildlife that cross the road multiple times. Both roads are not up to par for the amount of traffic that will come through.
- Rich people want to be exclusive
- If the municipality took over responsibility then there shouldn't be an issue
- In a snapshot: Increased traffic, driving far too quickly. During the period when the gate was open due to construction, the increased flow of people driving far too quickly was very evident. That's a residential road. The B Line is there for a reason, and the residential road is there for a reason. The two should not be combined.
- Victoria Street is not designed to handle increased traffic that would result from the gate being opened. It would create a throughway for traffic from Bruce Power, Inverhuron summer traffic, etc. The road is narrow, no sidewalks, and has a lot of blind corners. There are a lot of small children

along this road and houses are close to the road. There was previously an engineering study done that recommended the gate stay closed except for Bruce Power emergency access.

- I believe the out one of removing the gate will only be positive and re enforce that no matter then value of our homes we are all equal and entitled to the same accessibility
- Prior to construction of Mystic Cove, Victoria St. South was a dead end residential road. The road was paved but width of asphalt and shoulders were not increased to county road standards. In addition there are no drainage ditches or storm sewers to properly drain the surfaces of the road. Victoria St. has very sharp curves that create blind spots in the road - not to county road standards. As a residential street there is a lot of pedestrian and bike traffic. It is also part of the Bruce Bike Trail. This residential street is not safe for increased traffic and speed.
- We have young children and increased traffic is dangerous with the lack of sidewalks.
- It is human nature for some people to resists or challenge!
- Speeding all year round. Increased volume of traffic. This road has been designated as part of the waterfront trail, hikers, cyclists and residents don't need to be terrorized by those rushing too and from Bruce Power
- pper lorne beach road is already a racetrack. Same as lorne beach road. I've yet to see police doing traffic enforcement on either road. opening the gate will only exaserbate the problem



## What suggestions do you have to address any challenges?

- Before making a decision about the gate, do a trial and monitor the traffic and speed for a month in the summer. Have police monitor speed. reduce speed to 40 km and put in a dozen or so speed bumps. Explain to residents why their previously quiet road should become a throughfare.
- Do not open gate.
- Sidewalks, speed bumps, lower speed limits
- Open gate during emergencies or road closures only
- Keep the gate close except for when 21 is snowed in.
- Road reconstruction which is very cost prohibitive.
- Maintain the status quo and keep the gate closed, you are only creating a problem for the local residents by even having this ridiculous conversation
- Opening the gate in winter would reduce extra work required related to emergencies. Traffic would be less since many residents north of the gate are seasonal.
- Keep the gate closed and don't allow increased traffic.
- Have you consulted Bruce Power re: employee issues/problems getting to work using Hwy21 and Country Rd 23 ?
- I don't know what the best solution is but if the change is made, maybe the gate should remain in place, in case of further changes. Is it possible to do a trial of the gate opening?
- Post a no trucks sign. Speed bumps?
- Restrict truck traffic. Ban golf carts and similar small recreational vehicles. They are noisy, often driven by individuals without a licence. Restrict to local traffic only except in weather and other emergencies.
- Maintain a speed limit of 40 or less
- Speed bumps.
- If the gate is removed then at a minimum the Inverhuron road should be upgraded to the same level as the Mystic Cove end, and a cycle + pedestrian lane should be included throughout to connect with the trail system.
- Seperate trail away from traffic. Make the road to code
- Widen the road. Make it to code. Wider shoulders or a separate trail like the B line. Street lights. All costing thousands so leave us to be.
- Keep flow through traffic on B line
- Put in a few speed bumps.
- Open the gate if 23 is closed due to inclement weather or open Nov 1st thru April 1st and lock it for the summer.
- Sounds like the decision has been made. The only help we will get is from regular OPP patrols.
- Keep the gate closed except for poor weather in the winter
- Keep gate closed, post speed at 30km, more posting signs, police enforcement of speed, speed bumps, etc
- Maybe a potential sidewalk where able to fit one.
- Police enforcement, road project on victoria
- N/A
- Keep the gate in place and closed from May through October except for emergencies.
- You know exactly what the challenges are. Leave the gate as essential emergency access only.
- Leave the gates up and locked. The road was not built for high volume fast moving traffic
- Keep the gate closed and only open for when main roads are closed due to poor weather
- Keep it closed and we have no challenges
- Keep the gate closed. Put in a sidewalk and park to keep walkers/children off the roads. Install street lights. Have those who want the gate removed to pay for the increased safety measures.
- My only comment is to minimize traffic and ensure speed limits are enforced.

- Keep the gate closed.
- Please keep the gate closed. The more traffic we have will affect safety and security of lake st cottages.
- Leave the gat and only open from November to April
- Keep the gate closed
- The status quo is fine. An explanation for why this is even being proposed needs to be provided. It is our understanding that emergency vehicles have the ability to open the gate.
- I wouldn't care if you open it. It would probably be a quicker drive to most places, like the bigger kids park. But you would have to make the road safe. There's no sidewalks and blind corners. It's an accident waiting to happen.
- Keep it closed and open for emergencies only. If a decision is made to open it, widen the road all the way to Victoria, install side walks, speed bumps.
- My biggest concern is too much traffic during summer months when children are out playing. Opening the gate during road closures is safest for all.
- Keep the gate closed during spring/summer/fall months to decrease traffic. Victoria Street currently has only 2 x 40km signs. Increasing signage of speed limit will educate drivers of our expectations.
- Gate can be opened when weather is bad on the b line. This is what everyone that has purchased on both sides of the gate agreed to when purchasing. Why change it now?
- Keep status as is. Do not change anything.
- Maintain the status quo. Use the gate as it was always intended, as an emergency option during snow events.
- Extend the time allowed for completion of survey, include all potentially impacted residents - Lorne Beach, Inverhuron, explain why staff is recommending opening/removal of gates
- Open gate during storms which is seldom done. If it is to be open during winter months, heavily police for speeds.
- Repeat: Budget needs to include safety measures - sidewalks, bike lanes and speed bumps.
- A speed sign inside the gate ...that records speed ...and a camera. The speed of cars is a real concern.
- Build a walking path all the way along Upper Lorne Beach Rd.
- Keep the gate closed
- There are no reasons to put children's safety at risk to open the gate other than for the safety of motorists during bad weather conditions...only during those times the b-line is closed the gate should be open for BP workers to get to work.
- Installation of sidewalks, widening of Victoria St with curbs and sidewalks,
- The winter shut down of county 23 (B-line) appears to be a result of the elevated wind exposed stretch just south of Bruce 15. Snow fence or trees could be a solution to ensure that road can still be travelled, the lower portion closer to Kincardine doesnt seem to get the closure problem.
- Keep it closed. There is no Engineering study that support the opening of the gate. The road on Victoria street is not meant for increased Traffic.
- The door should be closed permanently to protect the community... kids are playing around..
- Open the gate seasonally, improve Victoria st. And implement traffic controls to reduce speed and noise
- I suggest continuing with the plan to open the gate when Bruce Rd 23 is closed. This will allow Bruce Power employees and the residences of Inverhuron to get to Kincardine safely during winter storms. If the gate is to open, it will be imperative for the municipality to improve the conditions of the roads, install sidewalks and street lights to ensure the safety of the residences in

the area. I believe the addition of speed bumps will also be essential as the last time the gate was opened up, there was a lot of speeding/reckless driving happening along Upper Lorne Beach Rd.

- An engineering study to highlight the road's ability to handle increased volumes of traffic, including north of the gate. Installation of speed bumps. Only open the gate during Winter driving safety concerns. Conduct a safety assessment of the dangers and implications of increased traffic
- Keep gate closed except during winter storm weather,
- There is a long list of things that should happen BEFORE the gate is opened permanently or removed. 1) widen Victoria street and install curbing and a sidewalk on at least one side of the street. 2) install a sidewalk on at least one side of Upper Lorne Beach Rd between the two gates. 3) install proper curbs and a sidewalk on at least one side of Upper Lorne Beach south of the gate to Lorne Beach Rd. 4) Install street lighting on Victoria and the unlit portion on Upper Lorne Beach Rd 4) Review the original engineering analysis which called for the gate to remain closed and determine if any of the original assumptions and conclusions to keep it closed have changed. Demonstrate to residents of Victoria and Upper Lorne Beach what is different now versus 16 years ago. 4) Justify to the residents of Victoria St and Upper Lorne Beach Rd why all of this additional cost of engineering and construction (and sidewalk long term maintenance, plowing) is really necessary (and would likely affect the property taxes of all Kincardine Municipality residents) VERSUS the status quo (open the gate only when bad weather closes Cty Rd 23 or a construction detour like the one in 2022 requires it). Justify FULLY to residents a positive financial analysis and business case in favour of opening the gate considering all of the costs and impacts 5) Post a 40 km/h speed limit on both Victoria and Upper Lorne Beach and enforce it (also an additional cost) 6) If the gate is permanently opened, forbid the use of the Victoria direct through Upper Lorne Beach to Cty 23 route by any vehicles larger than a cube van (small deliveries).

Multi-axle trucks and construction vehicles/equipment cannot use it as a through street.  
Snowplows and emergency vehicles exempted.

- Speed bumps or other speed reduction measures but they can be a source of frustration
- It will be easier for the Mystic Cove residents to drive, bike ride or walk to the sandy beach area in Inverhuron, if they like.
- Ask for substantial proof of the allegations that traffic will be increased to an unsafe level. Perhaps implement speed bumps at regular intervals to reduce speeding concerns.
- Install proper sidewalks or install speed bumps to reduce traffic speed on the road. Trim back trees and growth to improve visibility around the bridge and intersection of Upper Lorne Beach Road and Lorne Beach Road
- Sidewalks
- Keep the gates closed....especially since this is a quiet cottage community area. We were always promised that gate would not be opened unless the B-line was closed due to bad weather. That was what we agreed to (reluctantly). You cannot start changing these agreements.
- Open when weather closes hwy 21 and Bruce road 23
- Only allow gate to be open for weather related emergencies. In other words remain Status quo.
- Communications and consultation will likely help reduce the challenges.
- Put in street lights and sidewalks.
- Make the gate automatic. Why is there such ridiculous red tape (involving 4 different contacts I believe?) to open it? Why does the OPP need to be there to open it? Its ridiculous
- As above
- Keep it just for emergencies or close it totally.
- Only open the gates at the discretion of a designated person in the case of an emergency.
- Speed bumps or other traffic calming initiatives 'local traffic only' signage (enforced with a public awareness campaign) significantly improved signage to address wrong turns at hwys 15 & 21 (in Tiverton, but also well before this intersection)
- Only open the gate when road closures.
- Keep it the way it is now.
- Do a one year trial of opening the gate. Schedule a resident input meeting after the one year trial.
- If the gate is going to be removed designated bike lanes and possible sidewalk construction may be needed to provide families and children safe places to use the street. Additionally there would need to be consequences for cars who use the area for stunt driving and speeding. This may involve the installation of speed cameras to help enforce speed limits and keep the area safe. Speed bumps may also be needed.
- Keeping the gate in place avoids any of the challenges that would come from the increase in traffic, speed, and danger. If for some reason the gate absolutely needs to be removed, then my suggestion would be to reduce the speed limit to 30km/hr and enforce it. Consider additional enforcement measures such as installation of speed bumps or speed cameras to discourage people from driving fast through the neighbourhood. This would be far more costly and still lead to more issues than simply keeping the gate in place.
- Reduce the speed limit to 30km/hr and enforce it. If speeding remains a problem, consider additional enforcement measures such as installation of speed bumps or speed cameras to

discourage people from driving fast through the neighbourhood. (But keeping the gate in place would be more time and cost effective.)

- Would recommend lots of speed posting and police monitoring for the early timeframe 2- would recommend posting 30km for the first corners to the north of the current gate until the Pinkerton property
- Keep the gates closed during the better weather so the cyclists and kids will have safer route.
- If the gate needs to be open, open it during winter when the roads are snow covered and high 23 is unsafe to drive on.
- Keep the gate closed. Don't change
- Close during summer months. Avoid turning Victoria into a high speed freeway to power plant.
- Keep the gates closed.
- If open, police it with a human or photo radar until the message is received
- Don't Open the gates
- I have no suggestions other than don't open the gate.
- Like the way it is.
- If there is a challenge perhaps do a traffic count of the number of cars travelling through at a particular season and time.
- Keep as is.
- Do not open gate permanently or remove.
- Speed reduction measures (speed humps road chicanes)
- Open the gate as required either in severe weather or seasonally when traffic is lower
- No challenges like any other road easier for school buses ,plows and people to exit . Like any other work control the speed and no issues.
- Do not open the gate.
- The gate stays in place and is only opened when Road Closure Lights are on. Alternate is open November to April because of weather, not convenience.
- If Bruce power traffic was an issue, is it possible to reroute that traffic specifically away from going through residential areas?
- Keep the process of opening the gate during critical times when required.
- Open the gate Nov. - April to address concerns of winter road closures/emergency routes. If the vote is to open year round, then leave the gate until data can be collected to assess impact.
- Speed bumps if traffic will not obey posted limits and be careful of walkers/bikers on roadway
- The gate stays closed as per current agreement. Until Victoria street (residential) is upgraded to accommodate safely the traffic that will ensue once the gate is open. Bruce power traffic and tourist traffic and commercial vehicle traffic. Eliminate water pooling on pavement, so mitigate flooding across. Provide a mid-point connection to b - line to prevent emergency situations when Victoria street is plugged due to traffic, accidents flooding- trees across roadways etc. install lights and road drainage.
- I suggest you keep the gate as it is now.
- Privatize the road if it's not available to the public or close the south gate and open the north gate instead.
- Enhance police presence and bicycle lanes.
- Street lighting installation for improved night visibility.
- Speed bumps. speed signs. Traffic enforcement at Bruce Power shift starts.
- I believe a number of improvements need to be made to Victoria St. if the gate is to be opened, some before the gate is opened. The street needs to be widened and the curvature reduced. A sidewalk should be built from the gate to County Road 15. The road should be upgraded to handle the increased volume of traffic, and measures taken to remove water runoff like in Mystic

Cove. The speed limit should be lowered to 30 km. an hour as soon as the gate is opened and speed bumps installed.

- Do not remove the gate.
- **DO NOT REMOVE THE GATE!**
- Need more speed signs and no exit signs.
- Keep the gate closed permanently.
- I'm sorry I don't have any ideas how to fix this gate issue. They've always been there. That is what people are used to. They've bought homes on both sides of the gate knowing that they are always closed. But yes, the B-Line and every other road is dangerous to drive on during bad winter weather and the forest helps keep Mystic Cove road and Victoria clearer with better visibility also so during these conditions the gates should be opened for Bruce Power workers and other local residents who drive to work in Kincardine.
- speed limit signs, speed bumps
- Speed bumps
- If the gate is removed, speed bumps should be installed
- Open the gate for emergencies only
- above open in winter
- Some individuals are concerned that there will be a significant increase in traffic. There will be some increase with people on the street preferring a shorter, more cost effective and environment friendly route into Kincardine. We do not believe that workers going to and from the Bruce plant would choose a much slower, winding road over County Rd 23 and/or Hwy 21, both of which have a speed limit of 80 kmh.
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- It's more logical to have it open to save gas and time
- Monitor traffic for a while with gate open before completely remove the gate
- I would like to see speed bumps . One at the gate in question , one at the gate pillars (no gates) approaching Mystic Cove and one one victoria street somewhere . I'm sure all residents of this area would also welcome this .
- Make a bigger widder road
- None
- Only open the gate for emergencies.
- A few speed bumps on Victoria Road between the gate and Bruce Road 15.
- Do not remove the gate
- Open for emergency use in winter when other roads are closed or when there is a medical emergency
- In an era speed bumps, traffic reduction zones for residential streets (which Victoria St is), it is idiotic and frankly an insult to Inverhuron to open this gate as a permanent move. Put this to rest once and for all and keep it closed.
- The status of the gate should remain as is, only open when Road 23 is closed
- Victoria St would require a significant redesign to distinctly separate pedestrian & vehicular traffic. Strategically placed speed bumps would also contribute to a safer road environment.
- Upgrade Victoria and Upper Lorne Beach roads before any decision is made to open the gate permanently.
- Leave closed unless opened to allow Bruce Power employees to get to work.
- Replace the road top, make it wider with street lights and sidewalks. Cut back the brush and tree on the blind corner to offer increased sight lines. Speed bumps before each of the sharp turn to

force motorists to slow down. Replace the bridge to allow for two vehicles (school buses included) to be able to pass each other safely.

- Use as emergency route only. Full replacement of Victoria street with sidewalks, bike lane, streetlights.
- Keep gate closed except for temporary surroundings road closures
- No challenges. Just leave it the way it is. The road used to be a dead end.
- If it is felt that the gates must be opened, multiple Stop Signs will be required along Victoria Street and Upper Lorne Beach Road to slow traffic.
- Also a continuation of the newly created walking/bike path along County Road 23 better be put in along this route as it will be dangerous for cottage walkers and bicyclists. .
- Speed bumps
- The minute the gate is opened the pedal goes down and cars speed onto Victoria. We are just around the first curve with little children across the street.
- I would keep the gates closed
- dont do it. there is no reason to have this gate removed. Victoria is not built as a through way and the amount traffic and speed will end up causing additional problems
- Speed limit set to 40 km
- Police presence is necessary, speed bumps, automatic speed camera
- Remove the gate, let people use the road they paid for.
- Maintain the closure of the gate except for road closures and emergencies.
- Yes, see below
- Keep the gate closed. It has always been this way, why change it?
- Leave the gate closed. Preserve the quiet lifestyle of the surrounding community
- So far having the gate closed works fine for Mystic Cove and Inverhuron residents. If it is opened for any reason, clear signage should be posted periodically to remind drivers to watch for kids, dogs, and pedestrians and that no sidewalks have been put in.
- Please keep the gate closed!
- Traffic calming measures like speed bumps
- I believe an assessment is required of traffic flow, density, times and destinations is required to define and support alternative routes for identified traffic flows.
- open the gate when road closures allow workers to return home safely to kincardine. The 'S' bend on Bruce road 23 is dangerous in winter storms
- Residential streets should not be thoroughfare. It will just increase speeding like on the B-line
- Mystic Cove & Victoria St. are residential streets and not a through fare so only open it in emergency situations.
- Leave it the way it is
- Post more speed signs.
- Slow down traffic, put up signs to show speeders will pay a larger fine if caught speeding. More police in area. signs showing slow down for children. Many are cottagers who use that area for fun activities. The amount of Bruce Power traffic will creat a huge problem.
- Keep the gate closed - open for emergencies and road closures.
- Install speed bumps for traffic to slow down.
- Don't open the gate. When Mystic cove was created that was the promise.
- Could add stop signs. I do NOT want street lights added to improve visibility on the road for extra traffic
- Open only when other roads are closed
- Leave it as is. Perhaps a through road should be made using Albert Street.Add speed bumps if you open the gates.

- I think the gate should be removed no questions ... as far as people speeding etc this is on every road ...let's think about safety and not forcing people to risk lives taking the long way with deep ditches, no guard rails and nil to zero visibility
- Leave it as is!! There is nothing wrong with the gate being there. It has posed no issues so far.
- None! Keep the gate closed and open for road closures as it's been done.
- Improve and widen Victoria Street to current standards before putting significant amounts of traffic on it for safety reasons
- Speed bumps if gate removed if speeding becomes an issue
- If this gate is removed, traffic calming/ slowing measures will need to be in place.
- Traffic flow is fine the way it is. Mystic cove residents purchased property while knowing the gate prevented through access. The agreements of Mystic Cove development should be honoured.
- None
- Should be no challenges, a gate across a road is just assinine
- Several methods of addressing a potential speeding problem. Possible Solutions:- Regular Police presence, Camera/Radar monitoring, speed bumps installed if speeding persists.
- Leave the gate closed. 2) Prior to having the gate opened (year round or seasonal) cut back a number or these blind corners to make them safe to navigate.  
3) Widen the road. Mystic Cove's road allowance is far safer to navigate for such traffic compared to Inverhuron's Victoria Street. 4) Enforce the current speed limits or install speed bumps (personally not a fan of the speed bumps)
- FOB system to be used for emergency and authorized vehicles only. All other vehicles can use the regular Bruce 23 road.
- If the Gate is opened then the municipality must take some precautions to mitigate the safety issues this will create beyond posting Speed Limit Signs that are completely ignored! Speed bumps should be installed along the route on Upper Lorne Beach as well as the very narrow Victoria Street.
- Like County Road 15 coming down the hill, put in speed bumps along Victoria and Albert Road
- Only open the gate in the winter
- Keeping it open during road closures is acceptable as there are few pedestrians on the road at this time.
- Keep it as it is. Who wants it changed anyways. It works well
- Stick with the gate. Leave it closed
- keep gate closed, excessice amount of signs lots of police in area issueing speeding tickets ect
- Either put in the finances to up grade both roads or the best option is leave the gate closed for the good of everyone. Most do not live down here and do not realize what how dangerous opening this could be.
- Replace the bridge, widen the road, straighten the road, put a line down the middle, light the road.?????????. Only then will it be safe. Someone will be hurt or killed.
- More posted speed signs, there is currently only one on Lorne Beach Rd, and speed radar signs in both directions on Upper Lorne Beach Rd
- Either widen Victoria street and remove blind spots or do not allow increased traffic on this cottage road.
- Victoria st is a speed way now with just local traffic double or triple that. Trouble!
- What challenges!?! Leave it the way it is
- Please keep the gate closed.
- Only open from November to March
- We don't want to have curbs and streetlights in Inverhuron. The bridge over the stream is too small too.
- Stop listening to the privileged few in 'mystic cove'
- Enforce traffic speed,



- The road will need many upgrades to get rid of blind curves. It will need a bike path/walking path.
- Don't open the gate in the first place. Only open the gate for emergencies. Complete redesign of the road and bringing it up to design code for a thoroughfare, speed bumps, sidewalk margins like on the B-line on the north of Kincardine, streetlights, limiting Bruce Power rush hour traffic and increased and sustained OPP supervision and enforcement of posted speed limits.
- Keep the gate in place.
- Close the gate in the spring summer and open it during the winter fall when unpredictable weather happens
- Keep the use of the gate as an emergency back-up for road closures only.
- It seems odd that removal of the gate is even being considered. What problem does that solve? If gate removal were to occur, street lights would likely be a necessary addition.
- Leave gate closed, especially during summer months - May 24 til Thanksgiving
- Leave how it is. Use for emergency times and road closures only
- put u a solar powered 'your Speed Is' sign
- There are no financial or environmentally relevant suggestions that will lead to the opening of the gate being a good idea,
- Keep the gate closed unless there are Road 23 closures.
- Speed bumps would need to be installed and a lot of tree trimming around the corners that exist and create blind spots.
- Restate the Mystic Cove Gate agreement that was put in place in 2007. The process has worked reasonably well since that time - the people who bought their homes in Mystic Cove, knew the Agreement about the traffic and the gate and the commitment between the Plant and the Municipality. Keep that longstanding agreement as it provides temporary, emergency support during winter storms.
- Support local community proactive efforts - e.g. community fund-raising to reach a goal of building a linked and safe biking trail. That initiative was years in the making and to change the rules (i.e. remove gate and thereby change vehicular traffic flow and volumes) within months of the Bikeway Completion will build municipal distrust). I believe it would be wise to restate the Mystic Cove Gate Agreement that has been in place since the Development of the Mystic Cove Housing Development,
- Do not remove the gate.
- Keep the gates closed except in extreme winter weather conditions.
- It seems that the problem being addressed is that someone cut the chain on the gate during a winter snow event. Surely a more secure means of locking the gate would be a better answer than a permanent removal of the gate.
- I hope that the gates stay closed but if they are opened speed cameras will be a must!
- The upgrades to set the road standards cost does not reflect the convenience of a few people
- Keep the gate for the purpose it was put up for
- If the gate is removed there needs to be 2 stop signs put up - at then south end of Lake St and at Cedar street to help slow the traffic and make it safer for the community.
- If you do go ahead, change the speed limit to 40 and add some speed bumps before any major curves.
- Open when necessary in winter weather
- Speed bumps if people are concerned about increased traffic
- Gate should remain as is - if not removed and trees planted in place of gate as barrier (then this will never come up again!). How do you manage traffic flow? How do you manage speeders

(which is already an issue - police has been notified multiple times)? Road infrastructure - both Victoria and Upper Lorne are not meant for that much traffic?

- 30kph speed zone, or less!
- Speed bumps more signs speed slow down children playing pave the shoulder and make a bike lane going both directions.
- Perhaps make the speed limit 30.
- If the gate is open as a winter road route. I would like to see a traffic count measurement system put in place so that we can have data that accurately measures road usage prior to opening and after opening..
- Anyone who works for BP needs to plan for poor weather conditions. Many had the opportunity for decades to use First Student buses to get safely back and forth to work and they thumbed their noses at this opportunity. There is no reason for residents to be forced to put up with speeding vehicles or staff too lazy to plan getting to site on time.
- LEAVE IT THE SAME
- Present roadways are not broken, Dont try to fix whats not broken, by allowing Bruce Power employees from crowding our cottage area roads. Keep them on the highways instead of increasing traffic on tiny cottage roads
- Do not open the gates from May to November, which there is a larger population seasonal population at Inverhuron. The Inverhuron Ratepayers have repeatedly called for the road to be kept closed. Please respect the wishes of the majority of residents of Inverhuron.
- Speed Deterrents
- Keep the gate closed or remove the gate, install curbs and plant trees so that the town will never have to deal with this again. It would cost multi millions of dollars to replace these roads to make them suitable for the amount of traffic that would come through. Also, Victoria Rd is too narrow as it is and I bet that the road allowances are already at the max for most properties, so widening that road is near impossible.
- We are all created equal
- Not sure why this has taken so long considering they took responsibility for the road a long time ago and chose to keep the gate closed
- Maintain status quo.
- Has a traffic study been done to determine the feasibility and safety of opening the gate? Have municipal emergency services been consulted?
- N/A
- Do not open the gate to through traffic.
- There are people being paid good money to resolve this issue.
- Keep the gate locked unless there is an emergency situation.
- More traffic enforcement especially for speeders

## Do you have other comments or suggestions?

- Record the votes of council and publish comments so we know who is responsible for this decision.
- The only reason to open the road is for Bruce workers during bad weather. The November to April opening will accommodate that as traffic numbers will be less than May to October.
- Yes, stop applying big city commuter mentalities which ruin small town living
- You should be prepared to provide quantitative/compelling evidence regarding the need to change current policy. Bruce Power should provide input/case for changing the policy.
- Could it be opened on a trial basis so the City can address traffic flow? The B-line highway traffic is heavy and the speed limit is never followed.
- It isn't an easy decision and I appreciate you asking for our feedback but I feel that it won't make much difference. It's what's best for all that's important.
- Although I believe that the gates should be open for good my second choice would be to have them open for the winter (beginning of November to end of April).
- My second option is to open the gates during November to April. This will allow Bruce Power compliment staff to drive to and from work without coordinating buses. Provided that the south section of the bline from Lorne beach stays open.
- Location of mail boxes at south gate are a potential hazard due to trajectory of road to location and distracted drivers
- I used to live on Victoria St. for 29 years and would have loved that road to be open. From my present address, there are many days in winter that I would use this route for an emergency if needed.
- Victoria Street cannot support any further traffic as it is barely a 2 lane road. We already have an issue with people speeding in the area and this would not be a safe decision for the children in the communities who want to enjoy a bike ride or use of the road as well as cottagers and the addition of bike traffic and the new trail. If removed, it would need to remain blocked off from entry on either side from vehicle traffic so whats the point in wasting more money on it?
- If left open it would also be used as a cut thru for campers going to Inverhuron provincial park
- Disappointed that this is the decision that will be presented for council . They have taken over maintenance of the road. Ut leave the lake front path, which they also assumed control if, in disrepair.
- I do feel that the gate should be opened automatically when hwy 21 is closed and relocated the moment 21 is opened.
- Do this the right way, don't steam roll your way through this
- Minimum open during winter. I work at Sobeys and risk accident throughout the winter on windy days on B line.
- Since I live north Victoria at Inverhuron if the gate is open at least November through April, if B-line not accessible and I am in town I have no other way to get home from Kincardine which would have been the case this past winter if the gate hadn't been open.
- Please leave the gate closed to solve any potential issues of thru traffic. We recently purchased this property and one reason being it's quiet location and only local traffic.
- The challenges I stated above also apply in the winter months, with Bruce Plant employees going to and from work.
- What are YOUR suggestions in regards to the reports, news articles and residents' concerns?
- Victoria (40 km) and Lake (15 km) streets have heavy foot and bicycle traffic small children, pets and adults. Speed by non-residents already a concern, this will only exacerbate it.
- Opening during inclement weather events protect our community folks who have to travel and I'm support of providing the safest route possible.

- Our children's lives are at stake here. Please to change what is working fine. There are no issues with it the way it currently is.
- Very poor communication from the municipal on this very important local issue with next to zero background info for filling in a survey which has huge implications for our community
- I do not understand why this is still up for debate. There seems to be an ulterior motive here. I see no benefit in removing the gate. It is not fit to be used as a through road.
- I found the letter offensive as it was addressed to Mystic Cove residents and did not include Inverhuron. Secondly the letter is misleading as it fails to disclose the numerous past challenges and reasons for keeping the gate closed.
- Municipality should comply with the original gate agreement and not change it unilaterally.
- Not enough people received this survey.
- I am not sure why this is happening at all and why this is considered a survey for people at Mystic Cove. Many of us recall dogs being killed by fast moving cars. Those of us with children/ grandchildren are distressed. Given the municipality's refusal to entertain supporting any form of involvement in improving the baseball diamond ( washrooms/ picnic area) we are wondering where the budget for this is coming from?
- If you open the gate the road needs to be 1) Widened to accommodate two cars to pass safely. 2) Sidewalks. 3) Street Lights. 4) Lower speed to 40 km/ hr. This is costly and doesn't seem to be worth it. We are both BP employees and it's a hassle to drive around just to get to work. But the cost isn't worth it.
- Mystic cove residents aren't the only people that should be included in this. Largest impact is all the cottages on Victoria. That is the narrowest street.
- When (if) Victoria Street is widened, a sidewalk would be welcomed.
- I do not think that the gate should be opened permanently since the people in Mystic Cove bought their homes with the neighbourhood as a 'court' with limited traffic. Nobody on the other side is losing anything as the road was never there so everyone on the other side knew all along how they would have to get out. Also there are many children in Mystic Cove and the added traffic would be dangerous. Lastly the actual street is in disrepair and would need to be fixed with the additional traffic.
- I want to reiterate that we don't have sidewalks and our road has many curves and blind corners. It would be dangerous to have more traffic on this street.
- Make no changes to how things currently are. Tax payers will get hit for infrastructure: maintenance for emergency service road access upgrades if gate removed. And for what benefit?
- Consult with community before deciding on what recommendations should be.
- Victoria Street is winding, dark, unmarked with centre line, has no sidewalks, is used extensively by bikers, Great Lakes Waterfront Trail users, walkers, including me and my grandchildren, all of whom know it is a quiet dead-end and therefore relatively safe changing the use of this road is a major safety concern landowners bought and invested in their homes based on it being a dead-end road
- Spend taxpayer's money to satisfy the needs of many, versus a few.
- I will look forward to the gate being open during the fall and winter.
- Has a study been done to determine how much additional traffic this will attract?
- This seems like an extremely unnecessary risk. Also then budget for the town has been a massive issue this year, the construction budget to fully remove the gate could be used much more efficiently somewhere else.
- Please put the safety of the kids first and listen to the residents who witness what happens everyday, we can all do our part to prevent a tragedy.
- When we purchased this home two years ago it was because it was gated and a dead end that enticed us to buy here. Our goal was to live on a quiet street as advertised at the time not on a commuting racetrack. We are certainly understanding of opening it for emergency use on VERY

limited circumstances. Should the town decide to open up that gate, we certainly hope that our taxes would go down to offset the loss of our quiet residential street.

- I also believe Lorne beach would prefer to have the gate closed. The same challenge is there, residential roads should not be commuter routes, its too dangerous.
- When purchased lot in Mystic Cove, I bought it with due to low traffic and quiet neighborhood. The close gate was a key feature for moving here. If Municipality is changing the neighborhood the way it was sold for, I think they should reduce significantly our taxes rate to compensate us for the long term impact of this decision. This is the least they could do. Also, your questions are biased and do not take into account full picture and residents leaving before Mystic Cove. You should include all residents on Upper Lorne Beach
- I believe the decision to open the gate is being driven by a few people who feel it's a minor inconvenience to have to drive through Inverhuron to get to Kincardine. I feel this idea is not taking into account the safety of all the children, cyclists, and cottagers who are always out enjoying this lakeside community.
- I cannot express strongly enough how against the opening of the gate I am. The fact this is being revisited for a fourth time is a disgrace and a total waste of taxpayer resources. It is not a question of whether there will be a serious accident as a result of this change, it's just a question of when. I am confident that anyone supporting this proposal will not be receiving future votes from any of the families on this street whose children's safety you are directly jeopardizing with this proposal
- It seems Municipality staff are in favour of permanently opening the gate. My wife and I specifically would like to know why. What is the Municipality's justification for raising this topic again? The letter sent out is not informative in this regard..
- Open the road to all people 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Why ought the Mystic Cove people be treated differently than others.
- Presently, the gate poses a great time and fuel cost for those near the gate headed north or south depending on where they are. This is unfair to them.
- I personally would make every effort and take my chances to get home in Inverhuron. Many seniors here and need health care. I am also a healthcare worker and need to be able to help those in need
- The gate is there because of previous residential concerns regarding width of existing roads, lack of sidewalks, high volume of traffic etc. Nothing has changed in this regard since the gates were installed. To my understanding these gates were never installed as 'temporary'. They were a permanent solution to the existing residential concerns.
- Having the access route to site and for Inverhuron residents would alleviate a lot of issues for staff during severe weather.
- Question: is it a voting system? Will residents be made aware of voting results? I am sincerely concerned for safety of pedestrians.
- Permanently opening this gate without the proper research and road infrastructure would be a massive mistake and huge liability on the municipality.
- Not at this time
- Absolutely the gate should not be removed. The traffic and speed will increase. It will not be a safe environment for anyone. Right now we can walk, dogs, ride bikes and play safely. There is no need to open up the road to create more accidents. Also there are small turtles crossing at the bridge area which will endanger the wildlife. We need to get the Ministry of Natural Resource's involved
- Why was IDRA not consulted on this?
- Removal of the gate will have a negative impact on pedestrian safety and quality of life for the residents.
- As my responses have made clear, I am very concerned about the safety risks that opening the gate would pose. However I remain confused as to why this change is being recommended. Is there a need for an alternative route to Highway 23 on a regular basis? If there is a need to have

an alternate route to Highway 23, is a residential neighbourhood the only option or have other solutions been explored? When the gate has been opened in the past for construction or closures on Highway 23 has any data been collected to demonstrate that this is a safe solution and that drivers are abiding by the rules of the road? I believe it is very important to have facts and data

demonstrating the need and safety of a plan to open the gates to on Upper Lorne Beach Rd before implementing the change.

- It is unclear why this gate's removal is at all necessary considering the relatively low traffic flow on Bruce Road 23 as is. This neighbourhood was built to be a quiet and safe zone, and removal of the gate (along with any additional road construction to accommodate increased traffic flow) goes against these very principles.
- Is there a current traffic study available that has considered the need for and the anticipated impacts of opening this road on a permanent basis? If not, strongly suggest that a traffic study be completed before opening the road so that any decision is well-informed. If connectivity not needed by the community other than during emergencies/Bruce Road 23 closures, unclear why we would open it now when this would only serve to disrupt and increase risk within the neighbourhood.
- At the very least the gate should be opened whenever the BLine is closed from Lorne to BR15
- Don't jeopardize the safety of our kids just so people can save a few minutes on their commute to work. It's not worth it. 23 is perfectly fine for people to take.
- My understanding when Mystic Cove went in was that gate was permanent. Victoria is a residential, cottage community. No sidewalks. Victoria was always a dead end, so little traffic. Very opposed!!
- If road is opened the traffic load will increase dramatically. Thus more policing and road maintenance would be needed. Will impact quality of life for those who have become accustomed to peace and quiet.
- One of the reasons we chose Mystic Cove was due to the fact that it was a closed gate community and accepted the fact that our taxes are significantly high for the benefits of living in a gated community with no through traffic.
- No
- Victoria Street is a quiet, peaceful one for residents. Moms with their children walk along the street with no sidewalks. Increased traffic presumably at higher speeds would be an accident waiting to happen. Support gate opening in winter only during highway closures.
- It has been fine to have it closed till now, why change.. vehicles will drive too fast on this street
- This is an ill thought out proposal and as there is an increase in the number of children to the area will it take a serious injury or fatality to prove it.
- Remove the gate for safety reasons .Emergency vehicles ,plows school bus routes.etc
- This should have already been done.
- If you must, open the gate only from November to April.
- This road was never intended for heavy traffic. It is all residential, not commercial or even a shortcut for residents. I wish we had never given Hydro permission to make the road accessible.
- when the gate was open in the late summer/fall last year, i did not notice a large increase of volume of traffic. should not impose a large problem on either sides of the gate
- I don't believe any other area in the municipality has a gate blocking access, so this are should follow suit.
- The residents of Mystic Cove already have a road in place to get to Kincardine or Tiverton. This should be continued to be used. Inverhuron is a cottage community and needs to remain that way!
- We are very concerned about the increased traffic on our small cottage road There has been no reasons given by staff as to why it should be opened. What's wrong with the way it is and are there not more pressing issues for Kincardine council?
- Preference is NOT remove the gate. Leave gate there and open Nov-April. However, recognize the winter challenge of opening on an hoc basis. So would support Nov-April opening.
- Just remove the gate.
- please consider the fact that a third path to kincardine will now be opened through a municipal road in residential area. this path will be attractive to heavy traffic from / to Bruce power, tourists

following the lake huron shoreline possibly with trailers, motor homes, on way to inverhuron park please dont underestimate the impact on residents. this will be a new through road with the inherent problems of traffic control in a residential area. this combined with existing infrastructure limitations may result in significant safety issues.

- I think that it would be wise for council to get an opinion from legal counsel concerning the potential liability the town will be incurring by allowing free access to a substandard road (which is what Victoria Street is north of the gate) with no shoulders which sees substantial foot and bicycle traffic and with numerous blind corners between the gate and the creek. Given that this proposal would be a change to the status quo as has existed for over 15 years I think that is also incumbent on council to seriously consider what the benefit to the community of affected residents to the North of the gate is to the proposed change to the status quo. In addition to the potential legal issues, what traffic impact studies have been done? I fully appreciate that people working at the Bruce whom live in Kincardine will favour the gate being removed. However, they don't live in the affected community. I would expect that the affected community will have no material benefit but will be bearing all of the consequences. In addition, the community should have access to every piece of information that council intends to consider. How will feel the day after the first pedestrian gets hit by a car on a substandard and unlit road- whether in the day or by a drunk driver who is trying to take the "back roads" home.
- My driveway is the around the bend from the creek. Even now, with the gate closed, we have to be very careful pulling out as cars come around the corner quickly and it's difficult to see them coming. Additional traffic will greatly increase the chance of accidents. The safety of the many people, including a number of children (especially in the summer) is far more important than saving some people a few minutes to get to work or to town.
- Leave all as it is currently.
- Opening the gate would cut 4km daily from my travel to work and reduce my carbon footprint.
- Fully supportive of the removal of the gate.
- Opening the gate during snow storms allow more people to drive on dangerous roads and risks the lives of first responders.
- Residents of Inverhuron, particularly those on Victoria and Lake Sts. should have as much say on this matter as those in Mystic Cove. Council has considered opening the gate before, and backed off due to the safety issues associated with Victoria St. in its present condition.
- Please do not remove the gate!
- **DO NOT REMOVE THE GATE!**
- The gate should remain closed through the summer months as many children, pets and families walk and it is very windy. This would be very dangerous and speed would kill someone and then that will be on the Municipality for opening when it was agreed to when cottage subdivision lots



were created and sold The gate was part of the original agreement. No need to change it Very little cost associated with the gate.

- Leave it closed in summer, if absolutely necessary open in the winter.
- We should not make a change that could double traffic flow. The road is not meant for that much traffic
- Residents of Mystic Cove want a quiet neighbour hood to live in. Residents living on this side of the gates on Victoria and also on Albert Street want it peaceful. Most of us do not want an increase in commuter traffic.
- The removal will just be for locals. I can't see someone going out of there way to drive along water.
- The road is so narrow. The snow encroaches and makes it so narrow. It's not a highway, it's barely a two lane road. Please please please don't increase traffic.
- The current "No Exit" signs could be preplaced with signs reading "Local Traffic Only." As well, speed bumps could be installed just as they have been on County Rd 15 coming down into Inverhuron.
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- I suggest installing vehicle monitoring strips on Victoria street near Bruce rd 15 and count cars with gate open and gate closed to provide true numbers to see if increase of traffic happens and by how much
- The gates were open during road and sewer construction on County rd 15 and there wasn't really any difference in traffic observed .
- It's been long over to do to open up. I used to walk down there 10 years ago no houses while now it's full of family
- Get rid of the gate, it serves no purpose and wastes municipal resources
- Opening the gate will pose severe safety issues and further deterioration of the paved road as the paving is old.
- If the B-Line and Highway 21 from the Bruce Power plant to Kincardine is closed because of inclement weather, what makes it reasonable to open Victoria Road to traffic?
- This comes up all too often it seems that it is going to be debated until it remains open. Why debate endlessly when the community wants it to remain closed?
- Get decent legal advice. The first injury or worse that occurs if the gate is opened will be met with a lawsuit. On behalf of mothers that walk and push their babies along this road, do the right thing.
- Inverhuron existed prior to the Mystic Cove road and development. The road is not designed as a throughfare. Lawsuits will follow any injuries or worse resulting from throughfare traffic on a road that doesn't meet safety standards
- This issue with the gate being only an emergency access has been discussed several times in the past and I'm not sure why it has suddenly been decided to open the gate and possibly take it down totally. The main reason the gate has not been opened much in the past is due to the safety issue regarding the Victoria St section (3 Km). On this section of the road are a few very blind corners and often no places for pedestrians to get off the road safely when cars or trucks do come along. I'm not sure who this "staff" is noted in the letter I received and if they have looked at the Victoria St section in both summer and winter. I'm sure its mostly the "convenience" and not the "safety" factor that has been taken into account primarily, in this decision by the "staff". The speed limits on the sections of road on either side of the gates are different as well with the Lorne Beach side at 50 Km/Hr while the Victoria St side is 40 Km/Hr. Times when the gate has been opened for "convenience" factor I've noted that many vehicles (including 4 wheelers) do not obey either of those limits and zip along our straight stretch of the road at least, quite quickly. The gate has been used as initially planned quite successfully to allow buses to pass to the Nuclear Plant on days when county road 23 section to county road 15 has been closed due to winter weather. Having

through access all year is a very dangerous decision to make. It even goes against the official plan where the county roads are the main through roads with subdivision roads being used for access to the main feeder routes. If access through the gate is being considered for regular traffic all year round, then the Victoria St section should be upgraded to eliminate all the problem corners and provide areas along the shoulders for pedestrians to safely walk while vehicles are on the roads, BEFORE the gate is opened. Over the past few years several younger families have moved in with an increase in younger people along the road as well and nothing has been done to improve pedestrian and bicycle safety. In the winter the road is plowed nicely but the roadway width does narrow down in several spots, especially in the areas of the blind corners. I don't seem to remember anyone asking the residents opinion before this decision seems to have been made and I'm sure we're not the only residents worried about the safety aspect of this sudden decision. The convenience factor should not win out over the safety factor, and I do wish more questions had been asked of the people along the roads... certainly, Victoria St as well as the Upper Lorne Beach Road leading into Mystic Cove. As you can tell from my comments, I'm definitely not in favour of opening the gate for vehicular travel until road improvements are carried out. Whoever recommends this gate to be opened is opening themselves as well as Kincardine municipality to some serious litigation if ever an accident occurs when we already know from past decisions the hazards along these roads.

- I think the removal or fully opening the gate is going to cause accidents, personal injuries and even possible deaths. We all have seen first hand how people will drive on the 23bline, can you imagine that on Victoria street. Families on vacations with littles kids on bikes and baby strollers being pushed are a norm in this community all warm days, even in April to October. This is also a part of the Great Lakes Waterfront Trail. <https://waterfronttrail.org/> A place that advertises " What is the Great Lakes Waterfront Trail? Breathtaking scenery stretching over 3600km, the Great Lakes Waterfront Trail is a signed route connecting 155 communities and First Nations along the Canadian shores of the Great Lakes region. It is a signature project of the Waterfront Regeneration Trust, a charity committed to protecting, connecting and celebrating the world's largest body of freshwater. Regarded as the first step towards a regenerated waterfront, the Trail re-connects people to the water and is a catalyst for improvements in many of the communities it joins.". And we are going to add cars to this? Not very environmentally friendly or stewardish. For reference: I live on the North side of the gate. I drive to BP for work 4 times a week but my family drive to Kincardine for work, school, groceries, sports and fun many more times a week than that. Opening the gate would make it easier to drive to Kincardine but it is not worth the risk of injuries/accidents. I chose to live here knowing about the gate and it was a large part of our

purchase. With children, one in a wheelchair, the gates allows our family more freedom and access to move around knowing there will be no cars coming from the South.

- Permanently open from January 1 - March 31 - there are still a lot of cottages and bikers in November/December and April. This would cover the 3 worst winter months.
- If gate remains open then Victoria st will need to be wider added sidewalks and street lighting, there may be increased traffic with increased speeds. I'm concerned for public safety
- Perhaps surveying the population should come before telling us that Municipal Staff are recommending it be opened.
- I understand the gate is there for emergencies and should be used in that manner
- I am not sure why this was brought up.. it was only to be open due to the construction. many of us were concerned that this would be used as a way to remove the gate.
- This is part of Great Lakes waterfront trail and important pedestrian, cycling route. Should be public not private. As a Senior living in Inverhuron This is an important route to safely reach health care and other essential Services in Kincardine.
- In my opinion (living on Kuehner), people are already speeding down upper Lorne and it is the people that live there ! Speed limit needs to be enforced.
- This gate has only ever been open once in the last 10 years during the winter months when hwy 21 was closed, it's time to utilize this safe passage for those who have to keep the lights on when all the Hways are closed.
- No
- I have sent my letter directly to staff as this survey will not adequately allow for good composition. Thanks
- Current Users of Inverhuron's Victoria Road S. Apart from vehicles coming and going to the residences and the service and construction vehicles, there are pedestrians including children walking to the public sandy beach and park areas, walkers for exercise, rollerblading, bicyclists, e bikes, quads and snowmobiles. I have seen ball hockey and basketball games on the road in the past. The road has been used to teach countless children how to ride bicycles. Residents and their guests can commonly be seen standing in the roadway, trying to get a better signal on their cell phones. Dog walkers are constant users of the road. Recently the road is posted as the Great Lakes Trail, so as this becomes better known, more people will be walking this road. Campers from Inverhuron Provincial Park regularly bike down the road enjoying the area. Lime Kiln Cottage guests take walks on the road as well. New Road users if the Mystic Gate Opens Some residents of Upper Lorne Beach Road will use Victoria Road S. to commute to Bruce Power. Some residents of Inverhuron will drive south on Victoria Road to drive into Kincardine. Some residents of Inverhuron will use the open gates to drive to their permanent homes in southern areas of the province. There will be more touring motorcycle traffic and more touring non-resident traffic as time goes by. When the Mystic Cove Gate was opened in November 2022, traffic speed was noticeably higher from residents coming and going on the through road even though there were less users in the winter months. Some Inverhuron Park campers may use this road coming and going to the Park thinking Victoria Road as a short cut with their large RV's and camper trailers. With the road conditions, the way they are today, the road for through two-way traffic is not safe for current residents if the gate is allowed to be open. Taxpayers are already paying higher costs for their seasonal residence compared to their permanent residence and cannot be expected to pay for extensive changes to the road through increased taxes. Opening the Mystic Gates will dramatically change the demographics of Inverhuron. The safety of our residents, our children and grandchildren is paramount! Without the safety concerns fully addressed so that traffic and pedestrians could use this road in harmony, I am convinced the gate should not open. Many traffic calming devices just aggravate drivers resulting in aggressive speeding between

devises. Also, will the Kincardine councilors take some of the responsibility for any harm coming to residents hurt in collisions by through traffic?

- Our section of Victoria street was actually a private one lane dead end until the township widened it without warning to us while we were away for the winter. When the road was further developed, we were told that the gate would remain closed except for emergencies
- We need the Municipality of Kincardine to engage Bruce county in order to define a comprehensive traffic flow model that addresses the community needs with respect to safety, seasonality of use and density of populations
- A “no exit” sign would be good at Lorne Beach and Upper Lorne
- Already locals drive above the speed limit. Increase traffic would be dangerous as many people walk and bike these roads as there are no sidewalks.
- Stick to the promises you make!!!
- Rank our choices.
- See as above. Please do not cause issues that are unnecessary.
- This has been discussed before council before and resolved
- I like the idea of having the gate open from mid November to mid March
- There are many children, cyclists, and pedestrians on this street. With no sidewalks, narrow bridges, and blind corners, increased traffic will lead to injuries and/or fatalities. It’s not designed for the volume of traffic removing the gates would create.
- The community to the north of the gate (Inverhuron, Victoria Street) is partly a cottage/vacation destination. The traffic coming onto Victoria Street from Bruce Road 15 and then back out again is already very busy. Many people are walking/biking on Victoria Street from spring to fall. Victoria Street is not a wide road to allow proper lanes and there are lots of curves as well. Mix in the pedestrians/bikers and it is an accident waiting to happen. I think its a great option for winter to open when Bruce Road 23 is closed. But other than that, it should remain closed.
- Put in a speed camera to detract cars speeding.
- The idea of removing the gate or leaving it open is absolutely ridiculous!! Leave everything as it is!
- Definitely needs to be open in the winter months
- Please not do this! It is like putting heavy traffic through a playground zone. If you do this, you are putting people at risk of getting hit by vehicles, in particular children.
- No
- If highway 21 closes then it should be opened because the B-Line will be terrible from Lorne Beach North
- I think everyone is entitled to use roads safely, and having a gate which is really just dividing the road, does not promote a clear or quick access for emergency vehicles for persons living closest to the gates.
- My MAIN concern is to make it safer for cyclist without having 'idiots' spoiling it for them and annoying residents by speeding. Possibly try a 6 months 'trial' period to see if there are any 'problems' that have NOT been identified by this survey.
- Road allowance for the original water pipeline and Mystic Cove's inception is already a blemish on the council's legacy. However, here we are and there is a possible solution to safety concerns for emergency access to the neighbouring communities whether the gate is opened seasonally or year round. It would be a serious concern and liability for The Municipality, should a tragedy arise from opening the gate without addressing these safety hazards first.
- Unblock the pathway section of the gate for summer &/or winter access for ATV and snowmobiles, cycling etc. As a recreation potential and to attract more sporting individuals with safe alternatives to the main Bruce 23 Road.
- I am disappointed that the Municipality is reopening this discussion after its promise that the gates would remain closed except during severe weather.
- I am very concerned with though traffic from Lorne beach road to Victoria. When the gate was opened last year there were some dangerous erratic driving behaviours. On a couple of

occasions I witnessed people drifting around Lorne Beach and Upper Lorne beach corners along with the standard distracted drivers. If the gate is open to through traffic both Upper Lorne and Victoria streets will become hazardous to all who use these roads. Any time there is a vehicle person interaction the person always loses. If the gate is open Victoria street should be widened and Lorne beach road and Victoria street should have sidewalks with curbs. I would hope that council takes a very critical look at opening the gate to through traffic. As councillors I would imagine you would prefer a legacy of positive change that you have during your tenure. In the event that some is seriously hurt from a decision you voted for them that is also a legacy you will have to carry.

- Put in cameras at the stop sign
- Most subdivisions have been designed with traffic flow in mind. It seems that the subdivisions involved were built with the idea that there would be minimal traffic flow.
- I say leave the gate there. Leave it open. It is a very decorative gate and entrance way. It gives the new section prestige. It is great to leave it open. At some time it might be needed, but it is attractive there.
- I just heard about this today. There should have been information given to all people on Victoria St.
- Please leave it closed
- stop bringing it up leave it closed
- Oh, I forgot with the new KIPP Trail there will be a lot more bicycle traffic on the same routes.
- I live on this road and have experienced increased traffic while the gates are open. The volume and speed of vehicles travelling to and from Kincardine is a dangerous situation for residents along Victoria Street.
- Why do we keep coming back to this?
- The condition of Victoria Street is rough, and it has only a single asphalt laying which is not supportive of large vehicle traffic.
- Why are you wanting to open it? Would you want this traffic in your own residential neighborhood?
- There is no need for a through road between these residential neighborhoods. Period.
- I live in Inverhuron. It will be great to have a safer route on wintry days.
- I have no problem with it being open to get residents home from work in a storm. Just don't want them to use it as their speedy shortcut.
- Credibility for an objective and fair process placing safety first and recognizing the fundamental right of quiet enjoyment for the residents of Inverhuron Beach when your letter dated May the 10th is solely directed to the Mystic Cove subdivision. This letter would suggest the writer has an appalling disconnect regarding the constituent stakeholders who would be impacted by the permanent opening of the gate and the historical background regarding the installation of the gate. Specifically, the other stakeholders, potentially impacted communities outside of Mystic Cove, are Inverhuron Beach and Lorne Beach wherein the combined ratepayer population dwarfs Mystic Cove's by a multiple in excess of tenfold. How can we have any faith in a process that basically ignores the lion's share of the community stakeholders by isolating feedback to Mystic Cove residents. How can we have any faith that the Muni. understands the scope of the solicitation feedback required to be inclusive? How can we trust the Muni. to keep future promises in good faith when it earlier agreed to the road closure when the fence was originally installed? How can the Muni. claim competence in a process when it cannot get basic questions (but important) like impacted stakeholders right? The basic diligence framework is suspect and the

implied rationale for opening the gate., completion for the Mystic Cove construction, ignores a promise to keep the gate closed to the Inverhuron community.

- Victoria st is too narrow and has many blind turns. Victoria st has no sidewalk. It will be even more unsafe for our children and elderly to walk, bike and play. I am against the gate removal. I recommend specific usage during emergency major construction or bad weather only.
- Thank you for considering this!
- Please keep our neighbourhood quiet and safe, as it has been.
- Just leave it in place. It's already there. Open it during 21/23 closures if necessary, but otherwise, opening it creates more problems than it solves.
- Why were the people of Inverhuron not consulted on this. Once again it would seem that Council is more interested in the wealthy ownership of Mystic Cove, and of course to placating Bruce Power, than the safety of Inverhuron residents. Why must this issue be raised every few years with every new council. We're sick of it, and if Council's continual disregard for the safety of our community.
- See above
- In times of inclement weather I do agree the gate should be opened .
- I appreciate that the municipality now seems willing and interested in seeking input from residents. But this survey has been the most frustrating instrument to use! The fact that you cannot see more than one line of typing is crazy.
- I appreciate your recent objective to gather facts and opinions from the property owners/community citizens.
- Yes. The survey is heavily weighted in support of opening the gates. It is also poorly set up making it difficult for people to review their comments and edit them.
- The residents who live on these roads purchased their properties with the expectation that they would continue to be quiet residential streets, not a through road to a large power plant.
- You can't control the speed on upper Lorne beach rd there is not enough allowance for sidewalks and now you want to double the traffic with no upgrades at the inconvenience of your tax base so no is my answer
- Resurface the road and drop this issue.
- Yes, please don't wait until the first child is killed or injured. Do the right thing!
- Victoria street was not designed for the amount of traffic that would be generated with the gate open. It was put in place as an emergency route and should remain in effect for emergencies only.
- Gate must be used only for emergencies...road cannot handle increased traffic.
- Yes - who exactly are these "staff" making the recommendation to council? Do they live here? You are they representing, considering council voted this down less than three years ago!?
- Gate/road must be open now to March 31. During 2022 /2023 winter, Inverhuron was completely blocked off from any egress at various times. Would like to see survey results
- Having lived on a busy road, we purposely moved our family into this quiet subdivision (dead end road, to avoid traffic and noise). We were informed that the gate would remain closed as the road infrastructure was not sustainable for the increased traffic flow that would result from the gate being opened. The temporary opening for construction was short-term and utilized by Inverhuron residents not representative of traffic flow that would occur should a permanent opening happen (ie. Bruce Power traffic). We see no good reason why this gate should be removed. Is it purely for the convenience of a few individuals? The costs, both financial and by residents, is not worth the convenience of a few who are in favour of this change.
- Our cottage is near the flagpole so we might never use that route except for cycling.
- It serves no real purpose to open the gates unless weather for the Bruce workers and weather. Your time would be better served approaching other concerns . The beach still has a blockage of boulders sitting on the shore line. More garbage containers by the portable toilets. Sewers. Eliminating outhouses that still exist and having these cottages but in septic systems. There are

more pressing concerns than a gate opening to make our area a pass throughout. Traffic should be kept to the hwy or the Bee line. You're just creating a problem that doesn't exist.

- I have reservations about it
- Thank you for including us in the survey but we have opted not to complete it. Our organization does not have an opinion either way on whether the gate remains in place or not. From a policing perspective it is just another roadway among the many in our jurisdiction and we will continue to enforce the HTA and monitor road closures regardless of location – gate or no gate. Our only concern regarding the gate was that we were included in the policy and that it stipulated that we play a role in the opening of it during road closures and monitoring it. As you know we expressed our opinion on that in the feedback we provided on the policy. We believe that would be the extent of our input into the situation. If you would like to discuss further either myself or S/Sgt Keegan WILCOX would be happy to speak with you. Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns. We do appreciate you including us and hope you understand our decision not to participate. Thank you Krista Inspector Krista MILLER #8369 Detachment Commander South Bruce O.P.P. 519-396-3341 (Kincardine) 519-881-3130 (Walkerton) 519-400-6286 (cell)
- I don't mind the gates being open periodically when the B-line becomes visually impossible however, during the summer we have vacationers with small children and having careless staff flying down the road is going to cause trouble.
- NO
- This is an utterly ridiculous idea threatening to increase traffic flow on a road that is not required. Council suggestions here are intended to appease town residents. Present roadways are not broken. Why fix what's not broken. Stay out of Inverhuron. Ask yourself. Is this being done for the residents of the area effected, or being done to appease Kincardine town people, and Bruce Power. The gate gets opened during snow storms, This seems to work, Its not broken,
- Promises were made to Inverhuron regarding keeping the road gated. Without a full discussion on this topic, how can council just change their minds and remove the gates? This was not a topic covered during the most recent election.
- If for some reason the gate gets removed, it would be highly recommended for lowering the speed limit to 40 km/h on both Upper Lorne Beach and Lorne Beach. Consider putting in speed bumps/humps on Victoria and Upper Lorne Beach Rd. But it would be easier, cheaper for the municipality to keep the gate closed. For the few times it has been open since we have moved here, it doesn't cost that much to send one town employee to open the gate for BP employees only in severe weather. There is absolutely no reason at all that this gate should be permanently opened.
- Remove the gate
- I'm not sure why staff is making this recommendation to end the agreement. I don't understand their rationale, or who is putting pressure on them.
- Why is it necessary to open the gate? This is a cottage road. There are many other routes to travel north/south on roads that are safer and designed to handle the increased traffic. Will the councillors who have a conflict of interest in the matter be abstaining from voting on the issue?
- I believe this gate has been in place for far too long and a change needs to be made for the greater good not solely the benefit of one street.
- Remove the gate asap before it gets complicated.
- Why has this situation become an issue? It has worked since 2007.
- leave gate closed. Opening it only if Bruce County rd 23 is closed

**We will be holding a community information session. Would you like to attend?**

<b>Yes</b>	248	72%
<b>No</b>	95	27%