



June 14, 2021

Mayor Bill Mills  
Truro Town Council  
695 Prince Street  
Truro, NS  
B2N 1G5

**RE: Development Application at 60 Golf St.**

Dear Mayor Bill Mills,

The Truro and Colchester Chamber of Commerce continues to be delighted with the ongoing interest that developers are expressing in the area. We have voiced the opportunities that these projects offer and have praised Town staff for the support they have given developers, guiding them through the development agreement process while navigating public and council feedback.

The recent application for an eight-storey structure with 76-dwelling units, proposed to be located at 60 Golf St., raised great interest and polarized debate by the area citizens and council. Despite a recommendation by staff to approve the application with conditions, council voted to deny the application.

There was a significant variance between staff and elected councillors in the interpretation of the policies of the Municipal Planning Strategy and The Land Use By-laws, which guide development in Truro. This discrepancy ultimately prevented the application from being approved.

Looking ahead, we anticipate the town will continue to receive applications from developers, many which may push the conventional design and usage pattern.

We encourage the town to review its development approval process to offer greater clarity of its guidelines. This will ensure that wishes of citizens are preserved while also further ensuring that proponents wanting to invest here know clearly the boundaries for which they can plan and work within.

Fundamentally, it is incumbent upon the town to demonstrate it is open to development by preventing a repeat of this specific example to preserve the reputation of the town as inviting to development.

Very sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Matthew Mossman', written over two lines.

Matthew Mossman  
President  
Truro & Colchester Chamber of Commerce