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Dear Michelle - I attended the 7th Aug Council meeting and was particularly interested in the discussions on the Historic Commission's recommendations on two properties in the 100 block and the Core Transit presentation. Unfortunately, the delay owing to the power cut meant I had to leave before I could share some thoughts, hence this letter.

- Historic Buildings - I have been coming to Minturn since 1997, have owned a property (568 Taylor St) since 2008 and have seen many changes to the town - some better, some worse. With regards to preserving the character of Minturn, it seems to me that there is a spectrum of options, ranging from giving developers free rein at one end to not allowing *any* changes to buildings at the other. Hence, some of the options proposed by Town Staff could provide the necessary flexibility that will allow the essential look and feel of downtown Minturn to be preserved whilst still permitting needed investment. If applied to 151 and 155 Main St, this appears to mean that the fronts of the buildings and roof would need to be retained, but that the rear of the lot could be developed to provide accommodation - surely an acceptable compromise. People love living in and visiting Minturn because it is an attractive, sometimes quirky, historic mountain town, and not purpose-built like Avon or Edwards or Vail. However, the people who live here also need amenities and essential stores that they can walk to. It is possible to maintain the charming look and feel of Minturn, whilst developing behind the facades, as has been done in many towns and cities here and abroad.
- Core Transit - As both the Council and Core want to increase ridership to/from Minturn, I wonder if the following suggestion has merit: When Minturn North is completed, there will be many more potential riders. If a footbridge was constructed over the river into the Meadow Mountain Business Park, this would allow easy access to the existing, but currently little-used, bus stop on Highway 24 by the Business Park entrance. This would also have the additional benefit of increasing footfall for the businesses in the area, which many would find welcome. Many current residents on Taylor Street would also be pleased to have this.

I would be grateful if the Council could take these thoughts/suggestions into account when next considering these issues.

Many thanks  
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