

A NICE PLACE TO VISIT  
**HIGHLANDS CINEMA**

KINMOUNT, ONTARIO. PHONE 488 2107

LOCATED NORTH OF THE MAIN STREET ON HWY. 121 JUST PAST ROKEBY LUMBER



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Mayor & Council,  
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Sirs: I left this petition in the Theatre Lobby last season for those who felt strongly enough about this issue to sign, & over 500 people did. I would note I made a presentation to Council re this problem, which is created by your taxpayers, in 2015. At that time Councillor Elmslie suggested, Council had already spent \$5,000.00 on the problem, he neglected to mention this problem was on City property at Victoria Manor, not the grand enterprise he made it out to be!

If Council could spend the outrageous amount of \$300,000.00 on a web-site you do have money to at least fund the Humane Society of Kawartha Lakes to provide free spay and neuter for people working with Ferals, and low cost spay and neuter for low income residents. While other progressive Municipalities are moving to try and solve the problem, you remain oblivious to the issue. Residents of Kawartha Lakes are taking these animals to other jurisdictions, who are rapidly tiring of picking up the slack for your inaction.

*“Just us and the cameras and all you wonderful people out there in the dark...”*

I somehow don't think you get the depth of the problem. 1 un-spayed female feral cat given allowances for mortality can produce 442 cats in 5 years, and 49,021 cats in 10 years. People in Fenelon are struggling to raise money to spay and neuter ferals and are feeding over 200 cats, similar issues exist in Bobcaygeon, Kinmount and thru-out Kawartha Lakes. One group has over 200 cats at any one time, and rehomes hundreds working with pet stores. Many of these people are getting older and won't be here forever to clean up after you. These cats don't drop from the sky, nor are they delivered by storks they are created by stupid people in your City who acquire cats they don't spay and neuter. Since you can't fix stupid you have to legislate a solution. Highlands East started to deal with the problem some 5 years ago, have an annual budget for the cats, and no longer have a cat problem.

Here I personally house, feed, and provide veterinary care for 36 cats, half are stray domestics that would have been put down, and the rest are feral. Last year the Vet bills alone were the full amount of my pension. Then there is food, heat, supplies, and cleaning etc. Over the years I have probably rescued over 100 cats, but my effort pales in comparison to others in the area. The only difference here is if I don't find homes within the first 2 months they are given a permanent home here. All the cats here only represent the ones that turned up at my house, not the town as a whole. 30 years ago, you only saw one every few years. 10 years ago there were a few more around, today they are a flood. The really disturbing issue here is that ferals, and many frightened domestic strays don't like to be found, so what you actually see is only the tip of a very large problem. But enough is enough, I have no plans to, nor can I afford to, or at my age should I take in any more cats.

Last year someone dumped a kitten at the abandoned lumber yard across the street, by the time I trapped it, it was already too late as it had delivered 5 kittens, 4 of which were female. As usual The Humane Society of Kawartha Lakes was swamped with over 200 cats, Quinte had 250, Bracebridge, & Orillia weren't taking cats, and Muskoka Animal Welfare, and other agencies were swamped. A few days after this happened one of my staff called to report that someone had dumped two small kittens in their garage overnight. Then a lady up the road found a small kitten in her driveway. IT IS NOT THE CATS FAULT THEY FIND THEMSELVES IN THIS PREDICAMENT, AND THEY DESERVE BETTER. FURTHER THIS WOULDN'T BE AN ISSUE IF THEY HAD NEVER BEEN BORN!! When I got my first puppy we didn't have a car but my parents put the dog on a train to Lindsay to be spayed at the Vet. I was taught as a child that we should show compassion to animals, and a pet is a pet for life not just till we tire of it. A lot of people today, haven't gotten the memo.

I have attached a photo of 4 of the kittens, which by your measure should just go off and die!! It took 3 weeks to trap them all, and in the end they are wonderful cats that wound up costing me \$3,500.00 for spays, neuter and needles etc. Not to mention they had to be housed somewhere!

So fast forward one year, and another young cat showed up, with a male that has frequented the property for years and I feed. Of course it turned out to be female. This morning I looked out and low and behold there is another one probably female, and probably a sibling which apparently has been hanging out at the abandoned lumber yard.

I have been mulling over my options here, but frankly I am not running cats to Newmarket for free spay / neuters, nor am I investing in paying for any more out of my pocket. So in future I will feed them, and provide somewhere they can shelter in winter, so you do the math unless you plan on putting up some money to fix the problem you are going to have a LOT of cats in Kinmount. As to the domestic cats, if I can't find homes I fully intend to drop them off at the City Offices for you to figure out what to do with them, after all this is your problem, not mine, and frankly I have done enough, and had enough of your inaction!

Yours Truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Keith W. Stata", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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WE THE UNDERSIGNED REQUEST THE CITY OF KAWARTHA LAKES START TO TAKE A MORE PROACTIVE APPROACH IN THE MATTER OF STRAY & FERAL CATS. WE FEEL THAT IN THE VERY MINIMUM FREE SPAY & NEUTER SHOULD BE AVAILABLE FOR FERAL CATS, & LOW COST SPAY & NEUTER FOR DOMESTIC CATS, OWNED BY LOW INCOME OWNERS. WE ALSO FEEL FUNDING SHOULD BE MADE AVAILABLE TO HUMANE SOCIETIES ABLE TO TAKE IN THE NUMEROUS ABANDONED DOMESTIC CATS IN THE AREA.

NAME	ADDRESS	SIGNATURE
1 Liz Chapman	Cochlin	
2 A Barracough	Minden	
3 DARIO McCarthy	Minden	
4 Bridget McCarthy	Minden	
5 Katherine Sperrard	Cannarvan	
6 Julia ...	Cannarvan	
7 Sarah Pereira	Toronto	
8 Diane Ferguson	WILLIAMSFORD	
9 DARRA O'LEARY	LINDSAY	
10 Keeley Becker	London	
11 Samantha Detviler	Buffalo, NY	
12 Matthew Lindsay	Minden	
13 John Miller	Bobcaygeon	
14 Lindsay Jewett	Haliburton	
15 Jennifer Jewett	Haliburton	
16 Glenn Jayle	Haliburton	
17 Brantley Braden	Haliburton	
18 William West	Kennett	
19 Christine Volpini	Hamilton	
20 Jeanne Morron	Ancaster	
21 Melissa Downey	Hamilton	
22 Grant Volpini	Hamilton	
23 Christine Sa	Brampton	
24 Madeline Keesman-Walsh	Cameron	
25 Alexander Bar	Toronto	
26 Sharon Harwood	Selwyn ON.	
27 Michelle Rushton	Pickering ON	