

Lake Management Planning  
Community Advisory Panel  
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### City of Kawartha Lakes

Mayor Letham and Members of Council (via email):

- References:
- A. My Letter dated November 23, 2016.
  - B. Kawartha Conservation, Lake Management Plans – Implementation 2017  
(Agenda, Regular Council Meeting, Tuesday, February 7, 2017, pp 15-22.)

I am writing in my capacity as Chairman of the Lake Management Planning Community Advisory Panel, and at the risk of overstating my position, to further encourage Council to approve the Kawartha Conservation request for Lake Management Plan Implementation Funding that is being presented to Council on February 7, 2017.

The City of Kawartha Lakes is to be commended for its historic and ongoing support to lake management planning, including the most recent commitment to fund the completion of the remaining Lake Management Plans. As outlined in my letter of November 23, 2016 (Ref A), that support has brought together, often through volunteer commitments of time, a large constituency of lake associations, academic expertise, government agencies and departments, and individuals, all focused on identifying lake-related concerns and developing practical solutions. It has been the impetus for numerous community-based initiatives and more formal undertakings by government agencies and academic institutions, all geared toward improving water quality, reducing our impact on the environment and ensuring the long-term health of the Kawartha Lakes. It has also attracted attention province-wide and enhanced the City's reputation as an environmental leader. Overall, a remarkable undertaking.

Implementation of lake management plans is the next step in the process. It is challenging but is finally beginning to gain momentum largely as the result of the focus created by the lake management planning process and the plans themselves, and also as a result of the leadership that has been provided by Kawartha Conservation. That leadership has leveraged additional

funds and with limited seed funding can continue to do so as outlined in the Kawartha Conservation proposal (Ref B).

I strongly encourage Council to support the Kawartha Conservation request for Lake Management Plan Implementation Funding which will enable the City to capitalize on its previous investment in lake management planning by maintaining the current momentum, retaining expertise and engagement, and taking advantage of grants and co-funding opportunities.

Thank you for receiving my comments and for considering the Kawartha Conservation request.

Sincerely,



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