

May 15, 2018

To: Mayor Andy Letham and City Council  
City of Kawartha Lakes

Respected Mayor Letham, respected members of City Council,

My name is Jim Garbutt and I write to you today as Vice Chair of the Kawartha Lakes Culture and Heritage Network, a collective of Museums and Historical Organizations from across this City.

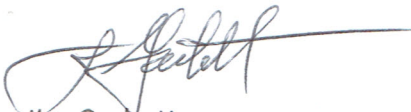
It has come to the Network's attention that our members, the Victoria County Historical Society (VCHS) and the Lindsay Olde Gaol are experiencing significant financial hardship and are reaching out to you for much needed funding assistance. On behalf of the Culture and Heritage Network, I offer this Letter of Support of their request for help.

I can speak personally to the considerable efforts and dedication of the volunteers and staff of the VCHS and Olde Gaol who through quality programming and informative displays of artifacts from across the former County of Victoria tell the stories of our rich local history. In conjunction with other Network members, they are part of the significant draw that attracts visitors and tourists to this area who inject considerable dollars into the local economy.

Heritage Tourism is the fastest growing form of tourism in Canada and tourism is one of the top two economic drivers in this City.

I hope that you will give serious consideration to the requests of the VCHS and the Olde Gaol for financial assistance.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Jim Garbutt', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Jim Garbutt  
Vice Chair  
Kawartha Lakes Culture and Heritage Network