

Delegation to the City of Kawartha Lakes council September 25th 2018.

Mr. Mayor,

My name is Richard Weston and I reside at Crego Lake near Kinmount and I am the president of the Kinmount Park Estates Association representing 60 Lakefront cottages, homes and lots.

I am a delegate to present a petition on behalf of the residents of Crego Lake.

For some time firearms have been discharged on a cottage lot at Crego Lake. Children play outdoors on adjacent lots, swimmers and boaters pass the lot and people and pets walk and bike on the road past the lot. Discharging a gun in this area is simply not safe.

I have discussed this matter with Aaron Sloan, the manager of municipal law enforcement. His interpretation of the By-law to Regulate the Discharge of Firearms is that the discharge is legal as it is not specifically regulated. He feels that discharging a firearm in our community should be regulated due to safety concerns.

Our members have had input on this topic from by-law enforcement, the OPP, the MNRF and experienced hunters. The consensus of opinion is that even though discharging a firearm may be legal on Crego Lake waterfront lots, it is irresponsible.

We have 69 signatures on our petition to the council of the City of Kawartha Lakes to ask you to amend by-law 2005 – 329 to include our waterfront properties as a designated area where only law enforcement can discharge a firearm.

Thank you, Mr. Mayor and Council. If anyone has any questions I would be happy to answer them.