

To City of Kawartha Lakes Mayor and Council,

I am writing this letter to formally request that the City of Kawartha Lakes Police Service be recognized by Council for their noble efforts in engaging and educating students on the intricacies of policing. As a current graduate student in the Advanced Law Enforcement & Investigations program at Durham College, I can formally attest to the lack of practical opportunities that students have in gaining actual experience within a law enforcement setting.

The City of Kawartha Lakes Police Service was one of the few police services that were willing to take a chance and accept co-op students for placement opportunities. Choosing to make a selfless commitment in helping educate a younger generation speaks volumes to the altruistic nature of the officers and management that work for your City. After having the privilege of spending twelve full shifts with the officers on A-Platoon, I can honestly state that it was one of the greatest experiences of my life. The professionalism of the police officers was nothing short of outstanding and they each took great care in ensuring that I was rightly educated on proper police procedure.

Throughout the past two months that I have spent with the City of Kawartha Lakes Police Service, I have been a party to a diverse range of emergencies and saw firsthand the care that each officer took in effectively processing the scenarios before them. Moreover, the officers chose to actively engage me with the policing process and were always willing to provide the rationale for their operations when asked. Even after dealing with hysterical and hostile members of the community, the officers have an almost superhuman ability to compartmentalize the situation and immediately answer any questions that I may have had. This is a trait that clearly exemplifies the overall quality of training your officers are receiving and it is something that I hope to master as I further my own career ambitions.

Ultimately, I feel that this co-op placement has made me a better person and also taught me how I could become a better police officer in the future. It is my hope that you will accept this letter and forward a corresponding motion that will formally award or recognize the City of Kawartha Lakes Police Service for their commitment to helping the students of today that will become the police officers of tomorrow.

Sincerely,


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