



Request to Speak before Council

Request to Make a Deputation/Presentation to
Council/Committee
City of Kawartha Lakes
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There can be a maximum of two speakers for each deputation. Please list the name(s) of the individual(s) who will be speaking. The names that are listed here will be included on the Council Meeting Agenda.

Deputant One:

Paul Grassie

Deputant Two:

First Name, Last Name

Please provide details of the matter to which you wish to speak: *

I wish to address Council on June 18th regarding the Mandatory Drinking Water Connection Requirement in the City of Kawartha Lakes. We live in an older home with a very good well on the east side of Highway 36 and are not hooked up to City water. The closest water line is on the West side of the highway. Yet, at the present time we are being charged for water we do not get.

If or when our well failed or became contaminated, we would ask to be hooked up to city water. But until that happens, I would like to ask Council to change the present policy to exempt older homes such as ours from having to pay for water we do not get, have not asked for and do not need.

Please attach any additional supporting documents you wish to provide and submit with this completed form.

Have you discussed this matter with City Staff?

☒ Yes

☐ No

If yes, Which department and staff member(s) have you spoken to?

What action are you hoping will result from your presentation/deputation? *

I am hoping that Council amends the present policy to exempt older homes such as ours from the Mandatory Drinking Water Connection charge.

By signing this form you are acknowledging that all of the information you are providing on this form is true, and giving the City permission to collect your personal information for the principal purpose of a request to make a deputation to Committee or Council as outlined below.

Signature:

Paul G Grassie

Date:

6/12/2019



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Do you understand how your information will be used and agree to allow the City to use your personal information provided on this form, including any attachments for the purposes of requesting to make a deputation to Committee or Council? *

☒ Yes

Please complete this form and return to the City Clerk's Office by submitting it online or:
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**OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK
KAWARTHA LAKES**

Dear Sir/Madam: RE: Mandatory Drinking Water Connection Requirement.

The following is a formal complaint regarding the Mandatory Drinking Water Connection policy presently in place in the City of Kawartha Lakes.

When I retired in 2006, my wife and I purchased our house and property at 322 Highway 36, on the East side of the Highway, knowing it was serviced by a well. Before our purchase was finalized, we had a Professional inspect the well and found that it was in excellent shape and could supply an incredible amount of good water. In the years since, the well has never failed even in the driest of summers.

In October of 2017, I received a letter from the City of Kawartha Lakes, informing me that because we lived in close proximity to a City water line and near a fire hydrant providing Fire services, I was required to hook up to city water and would have to pay all costs myself.

Thinking a mistake had been made, I telephoned the Public Works Department and after reminding them that I already paid for Fire services in my Property Taxes, I was told that Mandatory Water Connection was still required and as of January 2018, I would be charged for water even if I did not hook up!

I believe that this policy is wrong and needs to be changed for the following reasons and in the following ways.

1. In terms of a new home being built, it makes sense that they should be hooked up to City water if available. But for an older home like ours, which has been using a well for many years, this policy should not apply. According to the property records I received when the house was purchased, this well has been in service since at least 1947. Of course, if it ever goes bad or dry, we would have no other choice but to hook up to city water. But to have to do it now just because we are close to a water line does not make sense.

2. We also discovered that the closest City water line to our home is on the West side of Highway 36 and we are on the East side which would mean having to run the line under the Highway. I can only imagine what the cost would be to have this done.

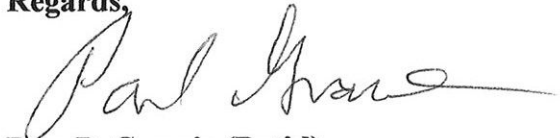
3. But, perhaps the most infuriating part of this whole policy which makes absolutely no sense, is that we are being charged for water we do not get, did not ask for and do not need!

For the year 2018, we received water bills totalling \$364.00 and have already received our first 2019 water bill for the sum of \$178.87 due April 30, 2019 – all for water we have never had! We have not paid either bill.

Now for a City with a budget in the millions of dollars this may not be a great amount. But we are Senior Citizens living on a small fixed income and the 2018 water bill would pay for half of our gas heating bill for one year, or Hydro for two months, or groceries for more than a month.

For these basic reasons, I strongly believe that this policy should be revisited and amended accordingly to take into account older homes such as ours which have always been serviced by wells.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Paul Grassie", written in dark ink.

Rev. P. Grassie (Ret'd),