

Dear City of Kawartha Lakes Council/Mayor

It is very difficult for me to attend the October 6, Zoom Council meeting.

I called Sara at the Clerk's Office and she advised that we can write a deputation prior to Friday (tomorrow) at noon, to be added to the meeting agenda.

My concerns are as follows;

If more low income housing is brought into Fenelon Falls, let alone Juniper Street, then what are these residents going to do for work?

There are zero jobs in Fenelon Falls. How can anyone ever get ahead in life, without the opportunity of potential work? Many residents already commute elsewhere.

I believe, for a low income family to shop in Fenelon Falls, it's extremely expensive. Many stores are geared to the tourists. There are no stores such as Giant Tiger, dollar stores, Walmart, Food Basics or No Frill's, which would be more beneficial to a low income family.

It would make more sense to relocate low income families into a community where the opportunity for them to thrive is greater. Is placing people in a town, where there is very little opportunity, not detrimental to them and the town?

A larger town such as Lindsay, could be a better idea. There is lots of business development happening there.

If one is trying to assist low income families, forcing them to drive round trip, approximately 50 km or more, from Fenelon Falls to another town that will have job opportunities, does not make sense. It's an added expense for a low income family.

More focus should be placed on creating jobs in Fenelon Falls such as medical PPE supplies manufacturing, to employ residents, and then low income housing will not be required. People will be employed.

It's incredible the number of stores that are forced to close up in Fenelon Falls. It's an expensive town. Many people cannot afford to shop there. People living in low income housing will not be able to contribute to the livelihood of these stores. Tourism keeps many stores open, and that's only seasonal.

Perhaps subsidizing a home where a person currently resides, until they can get on their feet again, might be a better idea financially as well.

Building a low income housing complex always appears compassionate, caring, and great on paper, but the reality is it always turns out to be disastrous. There is no public transit or

taxi service in Fenelon Falls either for these people to utilize..

If it was a senior's home that was given consideration, for the property on Juniper Street, the trip into town to shop is quite a workout for a young person, let alone a senior. There must be a better alternative.

Please reconsider the valid feedback coming from residents, and postpone any further decision making, especially during a second wave of a worldwide Covid-19 pandemic.

Thanks and have a great day!
Anne and John Yorke