

## Council Memorandum

<b>Date:</b>	February 9, 2020
<b>To:</b>	Committee of the Whole
<b>From:</b>	Councillor Yeo
<b>Re:</b>	<b>Fishing Over Bridges and Causeways</b>

### Recommendation

**That** the Memorandum from Councillor Yeo, **regarding Fishing Over Bridges and Causeways**, be received;

**That** staff bring back a report by the end of Q2 regarding the use of municipally owned bridges and causeways for fishing;

**That** the report back include options for banning fishing from bridges and causeways, regulating fishing through local licensing, patrolling and cleaning areas on a daily basis, or doing nothing at all; and

**That** this recommendation be brought forward to Council for consideration at the next Regular Council Meeting.

### Rationale

Fishing is a wonderful pastime enjoyed by many in Kawartha Lakes. The majority of complaints that have arisen over the past summer and fall were in regards to the state of our bridges and causeways after fishers have left. The amount of garbage being strewn about on the shoulders and ditches, not to mention the waterways, is unacceptable.



I would hate to see a ban on fishing because that would punish the majority for the actions of the minority. Yet this is a situation we cannot ignore.

Through some sort of licensing there would be a sense of ownership on the situation that may result in some level of self policing amongst those that enjoy fishing. Cleaning and patrolling can be costly and doing nothing at all is unacceptable to the rate payer.