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Mayor and Council
c/o Office of the City Clerk
26 Francis Street
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December 10, 2021

Dear Mayor and Council,

I am reaching out in my capacity as coordinator of the Kawartha Lakes Food Source open gardens to request that the city waive the fee to load compost at the Lindsay Ops landfill.

KLFS Open Gardens operates as a 24/7 access point for fresh vegetables for community members in need. We cultivate 76 garden beds in three locations. The gardens at the Adult Alternative Education Centre, and I. E. Weldon are open to the community, and the garden at our Needham St. distribution centre is dedicated to growing produce for local food banks.

The gardens are a wonderful manifestation of community spirit in CKL: high school students from LCVI and I. E. Weldon start our seeds for us early in the spring, we receive large numbers of donated seedlings from local gardeners every year, a roster of 60+ volunteers care for the gardens by weeding, watering, and harvesting produce.

We plan to lay ½" of compost on all the garden beds next year, and for an additional five years, to help ensure a healthy harvest and are excited to partner with the City to acquire the compost. On the recommendation of Nikki Payne, Waste Technician II, we are requesting that the loading fee be waived on the basis that we are a non-profit organization providing a service to community members in need of food support.

Thank you for your consideration,

Beth Hendry
Program Coordinator
Kawartha Lakes Food Source