



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:

Martin Field

Deputant Two:

First Name, Last Name

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

Mayor and Councillors

My name is Martin Field and I am here to voice support the recommendations contained within staff report No. 2022-001, Title: TNR Cats (Short Title) prepared by the manager of By-law Enforcement Services (MLES). Specifically, that Option Two be approved.

I currently sit on the City of Oshawa Animal Care Advisory Committee since its formation in January 2020. During the past eight years I have also been involved with advocating for the establishment of Trap-Neuter-Return & Manage programs with several municipalities. Such partnerships between these municipalities and recognized local rescue groups and organizations have proven to be a success resulting in a notable decrease of the feral cat population that had previously plagued these communities for many years, if not decades.

That the establishment of a TNRM program for the City of Kawartha Lakes, together with an ongoing education component, will reduce the number of feral cats in a humane and publicly acceptable manner through the dedicated participation of recognized local volunteer organizations and groups.

As other municipalities have noticed, such a managed program will offer several improvements to the current situation that the City of Kawartha Lakes continues to experience.

During my course of advocacy, I have met with municipal by-law managers in several municipalities with the aim of establishing a TNRM program and have delegated before the Towns of Clarington, Georgina, Whitby, and the City of Oshawa where I am pleased to advise that the current TNRM programs have proven to be a success. Working with and assisting local volunteers, we have provided information to municipal staff and councillors and have responded to their questions whereby they are better able to understand the scope of the matter at hand.

I have further been invited as a stakeholder by staff in the Town of Caledon to provide input into TNRM and the City of Mississauga to advise on further enhancements to their current program.

Many of these programs were approved based on a two-year pilot program whereby, upon reaching the two-year period, these pilot programs were all subsequently approved as a permanent program by council in their respective municipalities. I believe this speaks to the success of these programs and the reliable community partnerships that were forged.

One particular example of success that immediately comes to my mind was the colony located at Lakeshore Park in Oshawa, that numbered over one hundred feral cats. Through dedicated volunteer management this colony no longer exists due to natural attrition. This is one of many examples where colonies no longer exist or where their numbers are notably reduced.

I conclude that TNRM, together with a strong public education component, proves to be the most long-term effective solution to tackle feral cats in a humane and publicly acceptable manner.

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? *

That Committee of the Whole approve the recommendations contained within Option Two of the above referenced report, regarding the establishment of a Trap, Neuter, Return & Manage (TNRM) program for the City of Kawartha Lakes.

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:

M Field

Date:

5/29/2022



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Do you agree to the publication of your contact information (including your address, telephone number and email) on the City's website as part of a meeting agenda? *

Yes

No

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