



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:

Allen MacPherson

Deputant Two:

First Name, Last Name

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

My name is Allen MacPherson, my wife and I have lived over 40 year as a resident in Lindsay and care a lot about the quality of life for everyone who lives in our beautiful town. I am a retired Geography and Ecotourism Professor from Trent University and Fleming College. I am speaking to you today to ASK

for your support to include in the final Trails Master Plan, a clear, non ambiguous written statement to have a short section of the Victoria Rail Trail from Thunder Bridge Road to Ken Reid road designated as share-non motorized use except snowmobiling. Currently it is open to a mix use.

Please refer to the map handout provided to you as it shows this short section in GREEN less 3km of trail is being requested to be designated as share-non motorized. This is similar to what has been shown in the draft Trails Master Plan.

For motorized OHV-ATV users who would be displaced because of this change, they would be given permission to use the Angeline Street (North/South) roadway shown in YELLOW that parallels to the west of Victoria Rail Trail between Thunder Bridge Road and Ken Reid road. As you can see the entire Thunder Bridge Road and Ken Reid Road in ORANGE are already designated and used by ATV (motorized) users. This change would provide a connection between the existing piloted approved road routes.

As you can see by the handout – It is a swap of trail use, it is a win-win situation for everyone. Written and verbal feedback has been provided to the consultant about including in the Trails Master Plan a more clear written statement- not proposed- designating this section of trail as share-non-motorized as it benefits both the Trails Master Plan and the Active Transportation Plan. This has not happen. It was stated by Jen Johnson Manager of Parks and Recreation at the April 4th Committee of the Whole, the Trails Plan is flexible, things could change. Things written down are not easily forgotten or changed. In this situation, it is not good enough to count on flexibility. It leaves it up to individuals and organizations, to continue making presentations at Council for this change.

The current 1.6 km Legacy Trail (section of the Victoria Rail Trail) (broken GREEN line on map) for over 12 years has been designated share use- non motorized, and has been reported by City staff and my personal observation as I walk this section of trail regularly, to be heavily used by residents from early morning to evening.

However, the majorities of these users turn around at Thunder Bridge Road and return to their starting point. This is primarily due to the pavement ends at this point and to continue on the trail with mix use affects their experience.

I have provided for your review a handout of the many benefits that will occur with this changed to share-non- motorized use in this section.

Clearly connecting/overlapping both the Trails Master Plan with the Active Transportation Plan with this section of trail will add approximately 3km of AT and connecting to Ken Reid Conservation Area and additional 8 km of walking trails; a significant increase for expanding Lindsay in this area,(reported 3000 new homes) who presently has very little similar trails.

It has been stated we need to have all trail interests to work together. I agree. Having a clear statement embedded in the Trails Master Plan for this section of trail to be share-non motorized use is a start. It recognizes the needs of both types of trail users- OHV and Shared USE- Non Motorized. It demonstrates this working relationship.

I am quite confident that the local not for profit trail group Green Trails Alliance would be willing to partner with the City to raise funds to have this section paved, as they did in the establishment of the existing 1.6km non-motorized Legacy Trail.

Finally, I have a vision for Lindsay. Some day there will be a GREENWAY designated all along the Scugog River. It will have a quality trail system, environmental interpretive signage, businesses using it to take visitors/residents on walking and cycling tours and more. It will be talked about as a place to visit and will be remembered, like we do, when we travel and visit other places around the world and experience their walking and cycling trail. I just hope what I am asking can become the first step towards this vision.

Again I ask Council to ensure that in their approval of the Trails Master plan a written statement, including change to its map, is included and a clear statement that says: “the VRT from Thunder Bridge Road to Ken Reid Road be designated as share-non motorized.”

Allen MacPherson


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? *

a clear statement that says: “the VRT from Thunder Bridge Road to Ken Reid Road be designated as share-non motorized.”

How would you like to complete your deputation? *

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:

Allen MacPherson

Date:

4/11/2023



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Yes

No

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