



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:

Neals, Randy

Deputant Two:

First Name, Last Name

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

Reestablishing Regional Transit service to Kawartha Lakes.

Kawartha Lakes is facing a period of rapid growth, and in all of our local forums and discussions the question of "Will our infrastructure support this growth" is being asked.

Lindsay was once served by Passenger Trains and Bus. Tourists from Toronto would ride the rails to Lindsay and Sturgeon Lake.

Pontypool had 5 summer camps, with up to 2500 tourists traveling from Toronto by train to escape the summer heat of the City.

My Grandmother in Bethany didn't have a car. She could catch a once-weekly bus that took her to Peterborough for department store shopping. My Grandfather George Neals served as Reeve of Manvers Township for several years, and a term as Warden of Victoria County. He would go to the Ontario Good Roads Convention in Toronto by catching the intercity bus which would stop on demand at Hwy 35 and 7a. That same bus also served Norland, Coboconk, and Cameron. Regional public transit was not just for large towns and Cities like Lindsay or Peterborough.

There are no more trains. Our last inter-city bus stopped a few months ago.

Our regional public transportation systems have been in decline for over 70 years. Provincial investment in highways connected us and made Car the preferred regional transportation.

Congestion on GTA highways, highway safety, the cost of gasoline and our need to combat carbon induced climate change require us to Reestablish Regional Transit service to Kawartha Lakes.

Kawartha Lakes Advocating Regional Transit (KLART) is a recently formed group of people interested in advocating for regional transit to connect Kawartha Lakes. The primary interests are in connecting to Go Train/Bus and Via Rail at Oshawa, and establishing Lindsay to Peterborough bus service.

We believe that regional transit connectivity is critical for our local economy. That it's a critical part of students choosing to attend College in Lindsay. That it's critical to attracting Doctors and Nurses to our Hospital and Health Teams, and providing connectivity to specialist and unique medical care only available in Peterborough or Toronto.

Without regional transit Kawartha Lakes will be less competitive in attracting investment, students, doctors, nurses, and professionals that want retire in our community and have so much to contribute.

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 Council set policy and cause City Staff to have greater resources and priority to more actively pursue plans for and development of regional transportation to Lindsay and Kawartha Lakes, in concert with Metrolinx, and neighboring municipalities including City of Peterborough Transit, and Durham Region Transit.

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:

Date:

 

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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? *

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