



Request to Speak before Council

Request to Make a Deputation/Presentation to
Council/Committee
City of Kawartha Lakes
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Name: *

Maggie Braun

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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:

Maggie Braun

Deputant Two:

First Name, Last Name

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

Subject: Delegation Request – Support for Tree Preservation By-Laws with a Focus on Development Applications

I am submitting this delegation request to express support for narrowing the scope of the Tree Preservation on Private Property By-law to apply solely to development applications under the Planning Act. I will be speaking on behalf of local arborists who recognize the importance of tree preservation, but also the need to balance environmental goals with the financial realities facing residents.

Canada, the second-largest country in the world, has 34% of its land covered by forests. While this tree coverage is critical for environmental health, imposing restrictive and high-cost regulations on private property owners could exacerbate the financial pressures many residents face, particularly amid high inflation, rising property taxes, and a housing crisis.

By narrowing the by-law to focus on development applications, we can safeguard trees in areas of significant land use changes without burdening individual homeowners with expensive permits or compliance costs. This approach strikes the right balance, allowing us to protect our urban forest while ensuring that residents aren't unfairly impacted during these challenging economic times.

I look forward to providing further feedback and insights on behalf of local arborists.

Thank you for your consideration.

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? *

From this delegation, I am hoping to achieve a balanced outcome that protects our urban tree canopy while ensuring that the financial burdens on residents are minimized. My goal is to advocate for a practical, focused approach to tree preservation, specifically by supporting the narrowing of the Tree Preservation By-law to apply only to development applications under the Planning Act.

By doing so, we can protect trees where large-scale land changes occur without imposing restrictive and costly measures on individual homeowners. I also aim to ensure that the voices of local arborists are heard in this decision-making process, as they play a key role in maintaining and supporting the health of our city's trees. Ultimately, I hope to contribute to a policy that both preserves our environment and considers the economic realities facing residents.

How would you like to complete your deputation? *

In Person in Council Chambers

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:

Margaret Hope Braun

Date:

9/19/2024



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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? *

Please complete this form and return to the City Clerk's Office by submitting it online or:

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