



Request to Speak before Council

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

James Blair

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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:

James Blair

Deputant Two:

First Name, Last Name

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

Implementation of an Award Drainage Educational Program and identification program (To all landowners with whom the City of Kawartha Lakes currently holds certifying documentation detailed in section 3 (18) of the Drainage Act of Ontario.)

This deputation to the Council / Committee as a Whole of the Corporation of The City of the Kawartha Lakes would like to put forth the following proposal in the hopes that if considered and adopted, this initiative will have the potential to see significant cost savings and a visible decrease in additional expenditures associated with drainage issues and related concerns on capital projects associated with surface and subsurface drainage issues across the City of Kawartha Lakes and as a possible template at other municipalities and regions across the province of Ontario to consider in the future.

As seen recently within the City of Kawartha Lakes (The proposed Waite Municipal Drain within the community of Cameron), a seemingly simple issue connected to the drainage of surface or subsurface water can lead to significant costs both economically and socially to the City of Kawartha Lakes and to the citizens and communities that the City serves.

Through adopting and implementing an education and identification program within the City of Kawartha Lakes, the City of Kawartha Lakes as a corporation and its citizens can avoid costly expenditures that may not be required if the parties are aware of the Award drain legislation and its benefits to maintain over expensive alternatives.

This step will be a proactive measure that will, in the presenter's opinion, lead to significant cost savings for the City of Kawartha Lakes and its taxpayers if adopted. Sadly, for numerous reasons, many are unaware of the Award Drain legislation, nor are many landowners who hold title to lands on which these drains are located. The Award Drain Legislation found under the Ditches and Water Course Act, which still hold force under section 3(18) of the Drainage Act is a viable alternative to Municipal Drains that should be considered and utilized if possible.

Although the Ditches and Watercourses Act has been repealed, the responsibility for maintenance of award drains continues through subsection 3(18) of the Drainage Act, which states:

Every ditch constructed under the Ditches and Watercourses Act, being chapter 109 of the Revised Statutes of Ontario, 1960, shall be maintained in accordance with the award of the engineer providing for such maintenance until such ditch is brought under the provisions of this Act by petition under section 4.

<https://www.ontario.ca/page/award-drains>

Yours in good faith,
James Blair

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? *

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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:

James Blair

Date:

1/10/2025



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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:

Fax: 705-324-8110 Email: agendaitems@kawarthalakes.ca