



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:

Brendan Moher

Deputant Two:

Mary Connell

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

2025 marks the Bicentennial year of the Peter Robinson led Irish Emigration to the Peterborough City, County and City of Kawartha Lakes area which occurred back in 1825...That is when 2024 men, women and children set sail from the Port of Cobh, County Cork, Ireland in nine ships.

It's estimated that 320 families were involved...many having to leave loved ones behind with little hope of ever seeing them again... ..

Our group...Nine Ships 1825 Inc....is an incorporated not for profit set up with the support of the Peterborough Canadian Irish Club and numerous other community partners throughout Peterborough County, City and the City of Kawartha Lakes. We are set up to help commemorate this important time in the history of our local Irish community.

Along with Chair Brendan Moher will be other volunteer board members: Mary Smith, our Vice-Chair and former Mayor of Selwyn Township; Maureen Crowley...immediate past president of the Peterborough Canadian Irish Club; Elwood Jones...former Trent Professor and now historian with Trent Valley Archives; and Dennis Carter-Edwards, retired government historian and past president of the Peterborough Historical Society.

As well, we plan to have volunteer Mary Jane Connell from Downeyville speak about the many activities that are planned by the Downeyville community to commemorate the Bicentennial. Actually, of all the various communities the settlers were granted land and settled, the largest group of families went to Downeyville area. Nine Ship's mission is to coordinate, promote, document, and spread information far and wide about the history of the Peter Robinson led Emigration and the plans being made to commemorate this historic occasion throughout this Bicentennial year of 2025...

Over the past several years people of Irish heritage, historical organizations, and grass roots artistic and cultural groups have been compiling historical documents, research, displays, and planning homecomings, a heritage fair, tours, theatrical plays, musical, dance and other cultural events.

We officially launched our Nine Ships 1825 Bicentennial website www.nineships1825.com last July at the Peterborough and Kawarthas Chamber of Commerce and we were pleased to have Mayor Elmslie join us. We are trying to maximize not only the historical and cultural aspects of the Bicentennial but also the economic benefits to the area.

We also want to inform council that throughout our planning and preparations we have been very mindful of the challenges that came for our local First Nations communities with the arrival of the Irish settlers to this region of Ontario. It was not a "celebration" for them so out of respect we call our activities a "commemoration". We have kept officials from Curve Lake, Hiawatha, Alderville and Scugog First Nations fully informed of everything we have been planning. We have invited our local First Nations to participate with us in this commemoration in a spirit of friendship and mutual respect in any manner that they feel comfortable with.

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? *

Nine Ships 1825 would like to raise awareness about the Bicentennial Commemoration events happening in the City of Kawartha Lakes in 2025 and encourage Council and the community to engage in those events. As well, the understanding of the importance to of this emigration to the area 200 years ago will hopefully inform decisions in future about the potential for future cultural tourism opportunities to the City of Kawartha Lakes.

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:

Mary Smith

Date:

1/23/2025 

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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:

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