



# Request to Speak before Council

Request to Make a Deputation/Presentation to  
Council/Committee  
City of Kawartha Lakes  
City Clerk's Office  
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**Name: \***

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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:**

Courtney Baker

**Deputant Two:**

Rick Simpson

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

The Couchiching Conservancy and Nature Conservancy of Canada are seeking council’s support in The Couchiching Conservancy taking possession of a road allowance adjacent to 357 Alvar Road, Kirkfield, which the Nature Conservancy of Canada supports.

The organizations have been in talks with the City of Kawartha Lakes Land Management Team, who were open to the proposition and reached out to neighbours for comment. Finding no comments from the neighbours on their final review, the Land Management Team decided the transaction would create an irregular lot configuration and declined the transaction.

Although sympathetic to planning best practices, we believe the best course of action to protect the adjacent Couchiching Conservancy and Nature Conservancy of Canada nature reserves, which contain sensitive and globally rare alvar habitat and several species at risk, is to sell the road allowance to The Couchiching Conservancy.

We hope leadership on council will see the value in supporting nature-based climate solutions by further protecting the surrounding Deverell-Morton Nature Reserve, North Bear Alvar, and Wolf Run Alvar nature reserves through the purchase of this land. These reserves include thriving wetlands, pristine alvars and forests, totalling 1,507 acres of wilderness improving the quality of life for the people of the City of Kawartha Lakes through cleaner air, cleaner water, thriving biodiversity, and free recreational opportunities.

Thank you,

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 deputation we hope the City will sell The Couchiching Conservancy the road allowance in question.

How would you like to complete your deputation? \*

Electronically Using Zoom

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:

Courtney Baker

Date:

2/5/2025



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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? \*

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Fax: 705-324-8110 Email: [agendaitems@kawarthalakes.ca](mailto:agendaitems@kawarthalakes.ca)