



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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705-324-9411

Name: *

Douglas Whalen

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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:

Douglas Whalen

Deputant Two:

First Name, Last Name

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

I wish to speak in support of a petition to increase the frequency of yard waste collection. Kawartha Lakes currently provides yard waste collection only three times a year; once in June and twice in November. By any reasonable measure of service, this is inadequate to serve the needs of residents, and well below the level of service provided by surrounding municipalities. Many residents such as myself, do not have space available to store bags of yard waste. This means that several times a year I have no choice but to stuff as many bags as I can in my car and drive half an hour to the Lindsay Ops Landfill site. Many of my neighbours have also noted that by the time bags can be put out for collection, they have been sitting so long that the bottoms break, and they need to re-pack all the waste that has had to have been stored for months.

Most surrounding municipalities provide much more frequent yard waste collection. Examples include:

Peterborough: Weekly from April to November

Durham: Weekly April to December

Simcoe: Bi-weekly from April to December

Muskoka: Twice in spring, twice in fall

Northumberland: Weekly from April to November

I reported this to issues@kawarthalakes. I was advised that Waste Management has received similar comments from others and has put forward “a recommendation to consider increasing leaf and yard collection frequency throughout the municipality as part of the next waste collection contract. We will start the planning of this initiative over the next year for possible implementation in 2027, depending on Council approval. Please note that a decision like this takes times as the service has to be approved as part of the municipal budget process and built into contracts.”

Considering how well, and how quickly, CKL responded to the need for pick up of debris from the ice storm, I find the idea that any kind of improvement in yard waste collection is a minimum of 2 years away to be very disappointing. Even going to once a month from April to November would be a great improvement, and only amounts to an additional 4 collections over the current. There is more than ample time to consider the budget implications of that for implementation next year. And as to the waste collection contract.....over my 45 years in business I have never encountered a contract that could not be either opened, or have an extension/side letter added to accommodate new or added business. All it takes is a greater sense of urgency and a bias for action. CKL displayed this admirably in its response to the ice storm and I would hope that the same approach can be applied here.

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 the council agrees to accelerate consideration of increasing the frequency of yard waste collection.

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:

DRWhalen

Date:

6/16/2025



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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