

Local Council of Canadians Chapter Formed

By Sherry Hillman

The City of Kawartha Lakes and Trent Lakes area now has its own Chapter of Canada's largest citizens' advocacy group: the Council of Canadians. Our new local chapter - Kawartha-Highlands & Lakes (KHL) - invites you to attend our first public meeting on August 20th at 7 pm in the Bobcaygeon Service Centre.

Founded in 1985, the Council of Canadians is Canada's leading social action organization, mobilizing a network of 60 chapters across the country. Through campaigns we advocate for clean water, fair trade, green energy, public health care, and a vibrant democracy. We educate and empower people to hold our governments and corporations accountable.

Peter Raymond, Coordinator of the KHL Chapter of Council of Canadians, explains the reasons for creating a local chapter, "We have a Climate Emergency, our democracy is under siege, and we have a federal election on the horizon. It's time for action!"

Other founding members of the KHL Chapter are Ted Oakes, George Hewison, Sherry Hillman and John MacLennan.

"We feel that through the Council of Canadians we can contribute to the 'Green New Deal', and other campaigns to make a difference in our area," adds Hewison.

"Join us and be part of a global movement working for social and environmental justice," invites Raymond. "We believe a better Canada and a fairer world are possible. Together, we will turn that belief into action."

For more information on the Council of Canadians go to: <https://canadians.org/vision> or email our KHL Chapter at cockawarthahighlandslakes@gmail.com