



February 18th, 2020

Mayor and Council, Municipality of Trent Lakes

Re: Municipal Grant Applications by Kawartha Land Trust (KLT) and Kawartha Lake Stewards Association (KLSA)

The [North Pigeon Lake Association](#) (NPLA) represents members in the Municipality of Trent Lakes and the City of Kawartha Lakes. NPLA supports actions that preserve and promote the welfare of the shoreline and the waters of north Pigeon Lake, its catchment area, and more broadly across Ontario. We also promote good government, including sound environmental stewardship.

NPLA has been pleased with the thoughtful consideration that this Council has generally been giving to environmental issues, so were disappointed to hear that grant applications by [Kawartha Land Trust](#) (KLT) and [Kawartha Lake Stewards Association](#) (KLSA) were not supported by Council at the last general council meeting.

The KLT/Trent Lakes/Parks Canada partnership to manage John Earle Chase Memorial Park and the support of the Municipality in acquiring the KLT Big (Boyd/Chiminis) Island property were greatly beneficial to the community, demonstrating the power of effective partnerships.

The KLSA plays a key role in collating, interpreting, and publishing water quality results from the successful [Lake Partner Program](#), and manages and coordinates a supplemental *E. coli* monitoring program. Both programs provide lake residents and users with valuable information on the health of our local lakes.

NPLA supports the missions of KLT and KLSA through financial support and through the volunteerism of our members and Board. We respectfully request that Council also support the valuable contributions of these organizations.

Please reconsider the KLT and KLSA grant applications at your earliest opportunity. Both organizations leverage minimal funding into hundreds of volunteer hours that benefit the protection of the environment (and, by extension, the economy) of our community.

Thank you for your consideration of this matter.

Sincerely,

Warren Dunlop,
President, North Pigeon Lake Association
On behalf of the NPLA Board of Directors

Cc: Jessie Clark, Municipal Clerk, Municipality of Trent Lakes
John Kintare, Executive Director, Kawartha Land Trust
William Napier, Chair, Kawartha Lake Stewards Association