



NPLA 2022 Municipal Elections Questionnaire City of Kawartha Lakes Candidate Responses

The North Pigeon Lake Association (NPLA) represents its 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.

In early September, we circulated a short questionnaire to all municipal candidates in Trent Lakes and to Mayoral and Ward 2 candidates in Kawartha Lakes. The questionnaire focussed on environmental issues which are of interest to our members. We have collated the responses we received in the tables below, grouped by position sought.

Some candidates chose to answer each question separately; others chose to provide a general response. We have included those General Responses in the General Environmental Priorities section of the tables.

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City of Kawartha Lakes Mayoral Candidate Responses

General Environmental Priorities	
<p>There are many activities in our Municipality which impact our environment either directly or indirectly (e.g. waste management, quarries, forest management, shoreline development, new purchases of municipal vehicles and equipment, and new municipal facilities, etc.). Many of the outcomes of these activities can contribute to, and be exacerbated by, climate change.</p> <p>Given that our Municipality has a limited tax base to fund actions, what are your priorities for protecting the environment of our Municipality?</p>	
William Denby	<p>My solution is if we as a Community are going to protect our Environment, we must stop dumping raw sewage into our drinking water sources, lakes & rivers, this is not acceptable in today's standards! We must invest in building new State of the Art Sewage & Water Treatment Facilities to replace the worn out under capacity Sewer & Water Plants across the City of Kawartha Lakes. The storm water discharge in all the Towns has to be stopped dumping into our Water Supply, Lakes, & Rivers, this practice still goes on in Lindsay & all the small Towns across the City. I believe that we must stop drawing our water supply from Rivers & Lakes, we must look at drilling deep wells in all the areas across the City that still rely on them. Lindsay is the biggest user of water out of Lake Scugog. We must invest over the next 4 years to lay the infrastructure across the City to correct all the neglect from all the previous Councils. There is Federal & Provincial Funds available that we can tap into to help pay the cost associated with all the up grades needed to prepare for planned growth across the City.</p>
Pat Dunn	<p>We will continue to manage our forest in the same manner we currently do and use the revenue generated to improve of our trail system. Waste management is a huge and very large portion of our current budget. As we wind down some of our landfill sites we have started a study on how we going to meet our future needs. The assessing of manufactures with the cost of diverting packaging from our site is part of the solution but will not replace the increase of capacity needed as our community grows. Incineration is a possible solution but current population does not justify the massive infrastructure cost. We will continue to study the problem. Shoreline development with the assistance of Kawartha Conservation and Trent Severn Waterways will be done in an appropriate manner with required shorelines naturalization. Our facilities are being constructed and converted to more cost effective green technology and we are planning to wean ourselves off fossil fuel driven vehicles. All of this will be a slow process and worked into the budget as appropriate green product becomes available.</p>
Doug Elmslie	<p>All projects will be looked at with their environmental impact in mind, as new and better vehicles and equipment are available, we will look to purchase those that are best suited to the job, and are the least harmful to the environment We will continue to remove items from the waste stream that are recyclable, ie mattresses and construction materials. We will move to collect source separated organics (foods and kitchen waste) as soon as it is feasible.</p>

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<p>Faye McGee</p>	<p>General Response: Hello, I have read the survey many times and at this point I cannot comment on the present Environment committee until I have time to see exactly what they are doing. I do believe you can always improve a situation. In regards to your questions, I will just say there is a lot to do to ensure our communities needs are addressed in each circumstance and in my opinion the people that know those needs is the taxpayer. Each community has different needs so my commitment is that I will work hard getting up to date on all of the issues and I will consult with the taxpayers and listen to their concerns for their community.</p>
<p>Kathleen Seymour-Fagan</p>	<p>As someone who has always been a steward of the environment, I think it is a priority for the municipality to be as well. From a personal perspective, I opened my business Kawartha Coffee Co 17 years ago, based on fair trade/organic/bird friendly /shade grown: low impact coffee. Over the years we added more menu items focusing on local Ontario and Canadian made products to support local reduce the impact on the environment. We purchase only biodegradable or recyclable take out items, Our commercial appliances to low energy. I feel that municipality can do the same. New building are being built energy-efficient. All buildings are being retro fitted to conserve energy. We are looking at new fleet purchases of automobiles to be either electric or hybrid. The municipality has a whole program in place improve energy efficiency therefore reducing cost. Just before the pandemic I had a Memo come to Council in regards to banning of Styrofoam in the municipality. After a lot of discussion it was supported and we were starting within our own buildings. Unfortunately the pandemic happens and a lot of the recycling and messaging fell by the wayside. As mayor I will bring that back that program and look for other environmentally friendly options and incentives for our municipality</p>
<p>Climate Change Priorities Climate change is already producing more extreme weather events which can contribute to declining water quality, increased shoreline erosion, and heighten the need for weather-related disaster mitigation and preparedness.</p> <p>If elected, what actions do you propose to take at the municipal level to mitigate or adapt to climate change?</p>	
<p>William Denby</p>	<p>I believe in my 64 years on this planet & farming for over 45 years that depends 100 % on our changing Weather Climate. I always harvested my 1200 acres of crops, never had a failure, even during hot dry summer weather, year after year in some cases. I believe that the biggest impact on climate change is the removal of Tree's in our City & not replanting them. Stop destroying our wetlands to build house on, the biggest single thing that impacts our Environment the most is building new Golf Coarse's & Subdivision's on prime Farmland & in Wetland area's! I sell Electric products, e bikes, e scooters, e mobility scooters, e dirt bikes, e ATV's at my Business for the past 14 years, I see all the waste, cost of disposing of lead & Lithium Battery that are toxic, this is not the answer to curve Climate change, people think it is the savorer from gas engines. The cost of Electric does not offset the waste of disposing of it later, none is recyclable, they need to be looking a</p>

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	hydrogen engines or engines that run on natural gas. i would pust to have every City owned vehicle converted to Natural gas, burns 100% cleaner & lasts longer! In the endless footprint on the Planet!
Pat Dunn	I believe our job as a municipality is to reduce our own carbon footprint (which we are well on our way to doing) and managing the effects of climate change. New developments are required to include stormwater management ponds and we are improving our grey water runoff infrastructure.
Doug Elmslie	Infrastructure and other projects will be done taking these events into consideration. Water treatment and waste water treatment plants will be upgraded as they can to handle increased volume. Storm water management on projects will be done with these events in consideration.
Faye McGee	See above.
Kathleen Seymour-Fagan	Similarly to the question above we are currently implementing a plan to address climate change. In regards to disaster mitigation we do have an emergency response team who has been working over the pandemic. We need to have a place preparedness plan, So we are not responding but we are prepared.
<p>Environmental Advisory Committee</p> <p>The City of Kawartha Lakes has an Environmental Advisory Committee which includes members of the public who provide advice on environmental matters to Municipal Council.</p> <p>Do you feel that the Environmental Advisory Committee is an effective mechanism for providing environmental advice to the Municipality? If not, how could it be improved?</p>	
William Denby	I can support an environmental advisory committee as long it is made up of People that have experience working & dealing with the Environment, like Farmers, Vegetables growers, Construction workers, People that make their living working outside all their life, not people that live in ivory Towers , that only know what they read in a book or attend climate change Conferences! I am sorry they know nothing; they are the biggest hip grits going they jump in their million-dollar planes or Cars To go to tell other people how they should live their lives to protect the Environment! Meanwhile they are helping to destroy the Planet. You have to have hands on knowledge if you are going to make a difference in Protecting the Environment! I would support such an Advisory Committee on the Environment to the City of Kawartha Lakes Council.
Pat Dunn	What little I know of the Environmental Advisory Committee is positive. A more vigorous reporting mechanism would give it more visibility and keep issues in front of Council.
Doug Elmslie	I believe this is a very valuable committee and their advice is important. If anything it needs to be strengthened.
Faye McGee	See Above.
Kathleen Seymour-Fagan	Yes I think it is. They've done a fantastic job in the communication between Council and the environmental advisory committee has been excellent. The collaboration of citizens and counselors is an excellent way to move things forward.
<p>Natural Shorelines and Wetland Protection</p> <p>Increasingly, new construction or redevelopment of shoreline properties in our Municipality includes the removal of shoreline vegetation and clear cutting of trees. These actions can result in increased</p>	

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<p>erosion, siltation, and nutrient migration that impact water quality and destroy wildlife habitat. In addition, we continue to lose wetlands in our Municipality through conversion to agriculture. The City of Kawartha Lakes recently initiated a project to consolidate the current 13 rural zoning by-laws.</p> <p>Do you think that the consolidated Rural Zoning by-law will be sufficient to protect natural shorelines and wetlands? Would you consider other instruments to protect these important natural features?</p>	
William Denby	<p>I do not think the new consolidated rural zoning by law will not protect our Wetlands & shorelines, we need to have more power from the Province. So, no Developer can override the Municipalities Wetlands & Shoreline Policies & By Laws! I use the case of FLATO Developments at Long beach buying property that is sensitive wetlands & OLD GROWTH Trees all over the 200 acres that FLATO wants to build Houses & a golf course on. He goes to the Province and gets fast track Approval so the Municipality cannot appeal to anyone! Is that fair of the Province to over ride our Development policies???? Give FLATO the right to destroy what Mother Nature has protected for 1000's of years so FLATO can Build & rape the City of Kawartha Lakes People! That is where I come in with the Toughest Subdivision Agreement ever to Stop FLATO from destroying our WETLANDS & the Habitat that lives there. The FLATO Developments across Ontario & in City of Kawartha Lakes have the potential in Damaging our Lakes & Rivers for ever. FLATO like other GTA Developers have no respect for our Communities, Wetlands, Farmland it is all about the Money they can Make in the City of Kawartha Lakes! I will stand up to all these Developers if they want to come to our City & build, we will have the toughest Subdivision Agreements that they have ever had to sign if I am Mayor!</p>
Pat Dunn	<p>The consolidated Rural Zoning Bylaw will have no effect of current lake front properties, but may have an impact moving forward.</p> <p>I think we should be encouraging cottage / full-time residents to naturalize their shorelines. This could be done under the superintendance of the KRCA and would probably require some level of cost sharing.</p> <p>These issues would fall under the authority of the Province / Federal governments working through the Conservation Authorities or the Trent Severn Waterways. I don't envision the Municipality becoming directly involved in telling residence how to landscape their shoreline.</p>
Doug Elmslie	<p>By themselves the by-laws are probably not sufficient, they are a place to start, and as needs be they can be updated and changed. Working with KRCA and their Lake Management Plans, which had input from all the Lakes, their are effective methods and ways to augment the By-laws and protect shorelines.</p>
Faye McGee	<p>See Above.</p>
Kathleen Seymour-Fagan	<p>The Municipality together with Kawartha Conservation and natural resources are our three agencies that work together to work towards protecting our natural features.</p> <p>If we find that this is not enough yes of course I would consider finding better solutions from other areas that are facing the same issues.</p>
<p>Aggregate Extraction</p> <p>Aggregate extraction (quarries) can have significant impacts at both the site and broader landscape scales. Concentrations of aggregate operations in a local area, like Kawartha Lakes, can have</p>	

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<p>cumulative impacts on the environment, including on surface and ground water, wildlife habitat (including species at risk), and quality of life (e.g. increased dust and traffic). Recently, the City of Kawartha Lakes undertook to update the City's Official Plan mineral aggregate policies through an Official Plan Amendment process.</p>	
<p>Do you think the updated aggregate policies will be sufficient to balance the need for aggregates with environmental protection? Why or why not?</p>	
<p>William Denby</p>	<p>I believe if we are going to rebuild all our Roads we must as a Community re open our own Pits across the City that have been closed for 20 years! We buy all our gravel & needs from the Commerical owned Pits, that must stop if we are going to achieve our goal of rebuilding all our roads in 4 years! My position is clear, NO, we do not have a Aggregate policies that makes the Private owned Pits across the city pay there fair share of Road repairs, Noise, Dust that causes our Citizens alot of greive over the years. To many People live on the Haul Routes from the big Quarries, we have to find a new way of doing Business that meets everyones objectives! There are to many pits that are mined out that are not being looked after by recovering them with soil, tree's & natural grasses across the City! I would be pleased to Chair a Two Day Forum between all the Parties involved to see if everyone can come up with a better , long lasting Policy & Program that Protects the environment ,but still allows for the removal of Aggregates from Private owned Pits across our City. If Elected your Mayor , I am up for that challenge to find that prefect balance between all parties in a new Aggregate Plan for the City of Kawartha Lakes that goes beyond protecting the Environment.I do not think the new up dated policy has reached it's potential goal & together we can do Better!</p>
<p>Pat Dunn</p>	<p>If the Province approves the mineral aggregate policies it could have some effect on the above. However, the Province needs aggregates, especially in the GTA, and any policy changes that would have an significant impact on the above will have to come from them.</p>
<p>Doug Elmslie</p>	<p>This was a step forward, but as we progress it will need to be revisited and updated. I think it meets our current requirements.</p>
<p>Faye McGee</p>	<p>See Above.</p>
<p>Kathleen Seymour-Fagan</p>	<p>As the ward Councillor where many of these quarries are located. The truck traffic affects negatively effects our residents and the village of Bobcaygeon I am very aware of these issues.</p> <p>I wish we could have a stronger aggregate policies but we are governed by the province. They said we have tried to get more money per kilometer in our hall agreements. Unfortunately the province who is the biggest buyer of aggregate has not been very cooperative. The wear and tear on our roads is significant. I am not in support of more quarries and more extraction. I actually held the large stop the quarry fundraiser for the ledge lake quarry at my business a few years ago. The residence of Trent Lakes put up an amazing fight, I know it's not over and they have my full support as mayor.</p>

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City of Kawartha Lakes Ward 2 Councillor Candidate Responses

<p>General Environmental Priorities</p> <p>There are many activities in our Municipality which impact our environment either directly or indirectly (e.g. waste management, quarries, forest management, shoreline development, new purchases of municipal vehicles and equipment, and new municipal facilities, etc.). Many of the outcomes of these activities can contribute to, and be exacerbated by, climate change.</p> <p>Given that our Municipality has a limited tax base to fund actions, what are your priorities for protecting the environment of our Municipality?</p>	
<p>Pat Warren</p>	<p>I am the Chair of the Environmental Advisory Committee for CKL. I was on the steering committee for the Healthy Environment Plan which is a plan to mitigate and adapt to climate change. I am also chair of Bee City Kawartha Lakes which educates and helps to promote pollinator awareness and gardens. I was instrumental in bringing in shoreline naturalization 20 years ago at KRCA. I was chair of the waste management committee at CKL which brought in enhanced recycling but I want to bring in a Source Separated Organics program across the region. I have been banging the drum for years to bring in a green fleet and more solar for buildings.</p>
<p>Climate Change Priorities</p> <p>Climate change is already producing more extreme weather events which can contribute to declining water quality, increased shoreline erosion, and heighten the need for weather-related disaster mitigation and preparedness.</p> <p>If elected, what actions do you propose to take at the municipal level to mitigate or adapt to climate change?</p>	
<p>Pat Warren</p>	<p>Green fleet, more solar, cooling centres. Better infrastructure that can accommodate flooding.</p>
<p>Environmental Advisory Committee</p> <p>The City of Kawartha Lakes has an Environmental Advisory Committee which includes members of the public who provide advice on environmental matters to Municipal Council.</p> <p>Do you feel that the Environmental Advisory Committee is an effective mechanism for providing environmental advice to the Municipality? If not, how could it be improved?</p>	
<p>Pat Warren</p>	<p>It absolutely is, CKLEAC was instrumental in bringing in Lake Management Plans and the Sustainability plan as well as a future Active Transportation Plan which is the works.</p>
<p>Natural Shorelines and Wetland Protection</p> <p>Increasingly, new construction or redevelopment of shoreline properties in our Municipality includes the removal of shoreline vegetation and clear cutting of trees. These actions can result in increased erosion, siltation, and nutrient migration that impact water quality and destroy wildlife habitat. In addition, we continue to lose wetlands in our Municipality through conversion to agriculture. The City of Kawartha Lakes recently initiated a project to consolidate the current 13 rural zoning by-laws.</p>	

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Pat Warren	The bylaw has not been passed yet so may need more tweaking.
Aggregate Extraction	
Aggregate extraction (quarries) can have significant impacts at both the site and broader landscape scales. Concentrations of aggregate operations in a local area, like Kawartha Lakes, can have cumulative impacts on the environment, including on surface and ground water, wildlife habitat (including species at risk), and quality of life (e.g. increased dust and traffic). Recently, the City of Kawartha Lakes undertook to update the City's Official Plan mineral aggregate policies through an Official Plan Amendment process.	
Do you think the updated aggregate policies will be sufficient to balance the need for aggregates with environmental protection? Why or why not?	
Pat Warren	Haul routes will be a huge issue if neighbouring aggregate developments come to fruition. New aggregate developments may not be needed. There needs to be more recycling of aggregate products and there needs to be cumulative impact studies before new developments can happen.