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Ric McGee, Mayor

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Frank Klees, M.P.P.
Legislative Assembly
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Sent via email to fklees@frank-klees.on.ca

Dear M.P.P. Klees,

The City of Kawartha Lakes would like to thank you for your letter requesting a Council proclamation for May 1 as "First Responders Day in Ontario".

There have been legal challenges against Municipal Councils and individual members of Council alleging that decisions on proclamations put Council in a position of being arbitrary judges of the community's values. The City of Kawartha Lakes Council does not want the possibility of being put in this legal position and for that reason Council has made the decision to not consider requests for proclamations.

Council is very supportive of all organizations and the work they do within the City of Kawartha Lakes. The Acting Mayor announced May 1 as "First Responders Day in Ontario" at the Council session on April 23, 2013 to aid in raising awareness.

Warmest regards,

Ric McGee, Mayor
City of Kawartha Lakes