

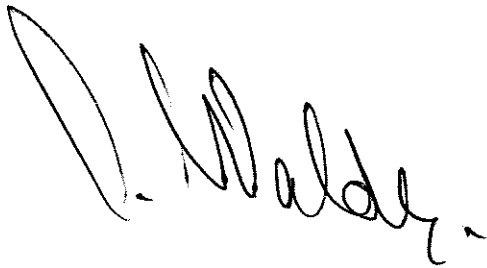
Wednesday, March, 20, 2019

Mr. Mayor, with your permission, I wish to make a statement.

Both the previous and the current Councils have appointed me to be their representative on the Board of Directors of East Ontario Trails Alliance.

Since late afternoon of this past Monday, I have corresponded with Hastings Highlands' Integrity Commissioner, but we have been unable to complete our communications. I will continue to pursue the matter to receive a definitive opinion for the future, and will advise the Council of the same.

Therefore, in order to avoid any possibility or even an appearance or of a Conflict of Interest, I choose to err on the side of caution and will remove myself from my seat for today's presentation of Hastings Trails Inc.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "D. Walder". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "D" and a long horizontal stroke.