



Community Consultation Continues with Upcoming Open House Sessions

February 18, 2014

PORT HOPE, ON – At their meeting this evening, the Committee of the Whole received a report from David Baxter, Director of Finance, which included community input from the first phase of a two-stage consultation process on Area Rating.

As approved by Council in January, the first component of the comprehensive consultation approach was a survey distributed by mail to all Port Hope residences and businesses. The survey asked respondents to review a number of services as identified by the Area Rating Focus Group and indicate whether they would consider each service as common or special for the purpose of property taxation.

As of February 11th, the Municipality had received 818 responses (33% from Ward 1, 66% from Ward 2, and the remaining 1% undeclared) representing strong public participation in the process. All responses were provided to Council, posted on the Municipal website and made available for viewing in hard copy at Town Hall.

The direction given by the Committee this evening will be included the second stage of community consultation and reviewed at four Open House sessions to be led by a facilitator:

Wednesday, March 5, 2014
Canton Municipal Office (5325 County Rd 10)
2 pm to 4 pm and 7 pm to 9pm

Thursday, March 6, 2014
Town Park Recreation Centre (62 McCaul Street)
2 pm to 4 pm and 7 pm to 9 pm

Any additional community input received by March 21, 2014 will be included in a report to Committee of the Whole on April 1, 2014. For more information visit www.porthope.ca under Quick Links.

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