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Cobourg, ON –

Capacity crowd attends first CTA supporter's meeting *Six key issues presented by CTA directors*

The Cobourg Taxpayers Association held its first meeting for supporters on Saturday, November 21 in the Seniors' Room of the Cobourg Community Centre. CTA directors welcomed a capacity crowd as they presented six key issues the group is currently working on.

CTA Advisory member Warren McCarthy gave a brief history of how the CTA came into existence and introduced President Lydia Smith who remarked, "This meeting came about when one of our supporters told us he had friends who had been to the CTA web site and had been following our activities, but they felt as if they didn't really know us. Who are the people behind the face of the CTA? And what do we stand for – really?"

Dennis Nabieszko, CTA Secretary, asked supporters to identify their issues and help to prioritize the ones the CTA is working on. He also said that the CTA is limited in time and resources, and asked for supporters to become volunteers to help out.

Immediately following were six presentations by members of the CTA Advisory Committee. They were: Transparency of Holdco operations and finances; High cost of police and fire protection; Cost/Benefit justification for town spending; Cobourg Community Centre operating costs; Downtown Vitalization and CIVI, Town governance and Coordinator Syndrome.

Visitor feedback forms were handed out and there were many questions from the crowd. Details on all the presentations are available on the CTA website at www.cobourgtaxpayers.ca.

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