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CTA Releases 2015 Cobourg Council Report Card *Darling, McCarthy and Rickerby Score Highest*

The Cobourg Taxpayers Association (CTA) has released its' 2015 Report Card on Cobourg Council.

Spokesperson Ken Strauss said ratings from the CTA's six directors were based on the weighted average of six criteria:

1. Attendance
2. Understands the needs of constituents
3. Furthers CTA goals of increased transparency, accountability and lower costs of government
4. Accessible by constituents – prompt replies to emails and phone calls without excessive political spin
5. Out-of-the-box thinking – proposes innovative solutions to provide superior services while reducing costs to taxpayers
6. Well informed on issues in their Co-ordinator portfolio – reasoned discussions of issues, alternatives and impact. Challenges other Councillors to justify proposals

The ratings for each criterion for each member of Council can be found on the CTA's website at www.cobourgtaxpayers.ca.

Supporters also were asked to provide an overall rating of each Council member.

"Councillors Darling, McCarthy and Rickerby received the highest scores, Councillor Sherwin scored the lowest; while Mayor Brocanier, Deputy Mayor Henderson and Councillor Rowden were rated average", said Strauss.

Council Member	Supporters	CTA Directors	Total Average
Gil Brocanier	C	C	C
John Henderson	C	B	C
Brian Darling	B	B	B
Debra McCarthy	B	B	B
Theresa Rickerby	B	B	B
Forrest Rowden	C	C	C
Larry Sherwin	D	D	D

A - Excellent; B - Good; C - Average; D - Minimal; F - Fail