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Budget Protest Rally Scheduled For April 25th

Taxpayers concerned that Cobourg Council is headed in the wrong direction

The Cobourg Taxpayers Association (CTA) today announced that it will be holding a Budget Protest Rally on April 25th starting at 6:00 p.m. outside Victoria Hall so taxpayers can voice their disapproval of a 2.7% increase in 2016 municipal taxes and numerous unnecessary expenses in the Operating and Capital Budgets", said CTA spokesperson Dennis Nabieszko.

Concerned citizens will then move to Council chambers at 6:50 p.m. where a Special Meeting of Council is scheduled following the Committee of the Whole to approve the 2016 Town of Cobourg Operating and Capital Budgets including Water and Wastewater services.

Nabieszko said that taxpayers care about the Town of Cobourg and are both enraged and engaged with the direction that Council is taking with its fiscal policy.

"It sends a terrible message to fixed income seniors and hard working middle and low income families and it tells new businesses thinking of relocating here to think again", said Nabieszko.

"As a Town, our economic development strategy of taxing and spending our way to prosperity is wrong headed and guaranteed to backfire".

Nabieszko said that taxpayers should brace themselves for next year because the Town's Budget to be approved by Council on April 25th shows it plans to grow property taxes by a staggering \$4.5 million or 20% in 2017.

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