

DO CITY SERVICES MATTER TO YOU?

The City's BUDGET COMMITTEE is considering:

- Increasing user fees;
- Contracting out city jobs;
- Cutting financing to Our Space, Exhibition Board, Social Services Division, and more.

If you value your City Services, tell your Mayor and get more information from the Coalition for a Better Peterborough.

CONTACT YOUR MAYOR to defend quality public services:

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Peterborough
Municipal Workers



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Public services matter. What citizens of Peterborough are saying on municipal services?

"City Workers best insurance for stormy days."

"I want to thank city council for the prompt and professional way in which the city's public works crew responded to the damage on my street Wednesday night as a result of the wind storm." ... "Most of the debris was gone that day. If this is the level of service my tax dollars are funding, then please keep up the good work for it is money well spent."

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PUBLIC investment is an investment in our future

- Every dollar invested in child care pays back an estimated \$2.54 in economic benefits.
- Every dollar invested in public infrastructure provides an annual return of 17 per cent in cost savings.



GET THE FACTS - **PRIVATIZATION delivers less**

The City has already tried contracting out and privatization – but the evidence shows public services work better and are more accountable.

In 2007, grass cutting within the parks was contracted out to a private contractor. The quality of the work was inferior and the cost was higher. Continuing with this plan would not bring savings. The City realized the overrun and brought back this service as a public contract to City Employees. Should we allow our City to repeat this type of mistake?

In 2008, after operating the Peterborough Municipal Airport for years, the City decided to contract out its operations. The contractor left part way through the term of the contract and the service suffered and cost more. There are more examples of contractors leaving because of too many complaints.

In 2010, Peterborough examined privatizing garbage collection. CUPE reported that the City's costs were actually low, when compared to other jurisdictions of Peterborough's size. In the end, CUPE and Peterborough worked together to find real cost efficiencies and service improvements, which resulted in the continuation of quality public services and taxpayer value.

The current Mayor is looking at “alternative service delivery”, which means contracting out and privatization, as well as increasing user fees. This means services will be harder to access and likely become more expensive. Public services offer the highest levels of quality, accountability and value – tell Council public employees deliver more and cost less.

Should we allow this Mayor to bring users fees?



Members of the Coalition for a better Peterborough,
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Jeffrey Lershaw; Second row: Marissa Guiliani, Darlene Trotter.

We need a well thought out VISION OF PETERBOROUGH!

- We want affordable, accountable, public services.
- We don't want user fees, which make it harder for people to access services.
- We want to preserve jobs in Peterborough, which residents can raise a family on.