

# Area Rate for Sidewalks and Multi- Use Pathways in Rural Community Centres

## Porters Lake and Area Survey

This survey is open until February 15, 2024 will take approximately 10 minutes to complete.

Please fill out this survey if you own/ rent or lease property in one of these communities included in the Porters Lake area rate boundary for this project: Porters Lake, Middle Porters Lake; West Porters Lake; East Lawrencetown; Three Fathom Harbour; Lower Three Fathom Harbour; Seaforth; Grand Desert; West Chezzetcook; Head of Chezzetcook; East Chezzetcook; Lower East Chezzetcook; Conrod Settlement; and Gaetz Brook.

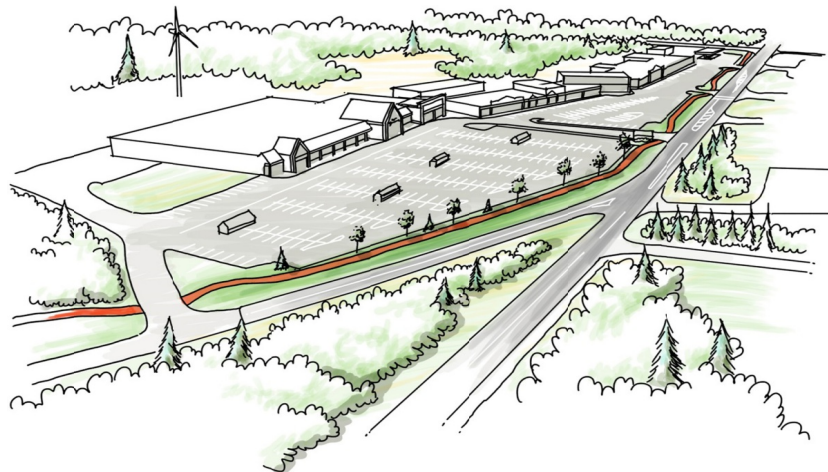
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### Porters Lake and Area Survey Questions

#### Question 1:

Based on community requests and prioritization of rural community centres, adding a sidewalk or multi-use pathway to a portion of Trunk 7 in Porters Lake is being considered



*(Concept design of sidewalk or multi-use pathway on Trunk 7 in Porters Lake. Source: Active Transportation Plan Porters Lake and Surrounding Communities (page 29) (2014). Prepared by WSP.)*

**What is your opinion on walking, rolling, cycling infrastructure (e.g. sidewalk or multi-use pathway) being added to a portion of Trunk 7 in Porters Lake?**

**(Choose any one option) (Required)**

- I support it
- I mostly support it, but I have concerns
- I do not support it
- I am not sure

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**Question 2:**

Please read below the options for question 2 and **only** respond to the one applicable to you.

2. If you have chosen the answer "**I support it**" for Question 1: Please provide more details as to why you are supportive of a new sidewalk or multi-use pathway on Trunk 7 in this community. (Required)

2. If you have chosen the answer "**I mostly support it, but I have concerns**" for Question 1: Please provide more details as to why you have concerns related to a new sidewalk or multi-use pathway on Trunk 7 in this community. (Required)

2. If you have chosen "**I do not support it**" for Question 1: Please provide more details as to why you are not supportive of a new sidewalk or multi-use pathway on Trunk 7 in this community. (Required)

2. If you have chosen **I am not sure** for Question 1: Please provide more details as to why you are not sure of a new sidewalk or multi-use pathway on Trunk 7 in this community. (Required)

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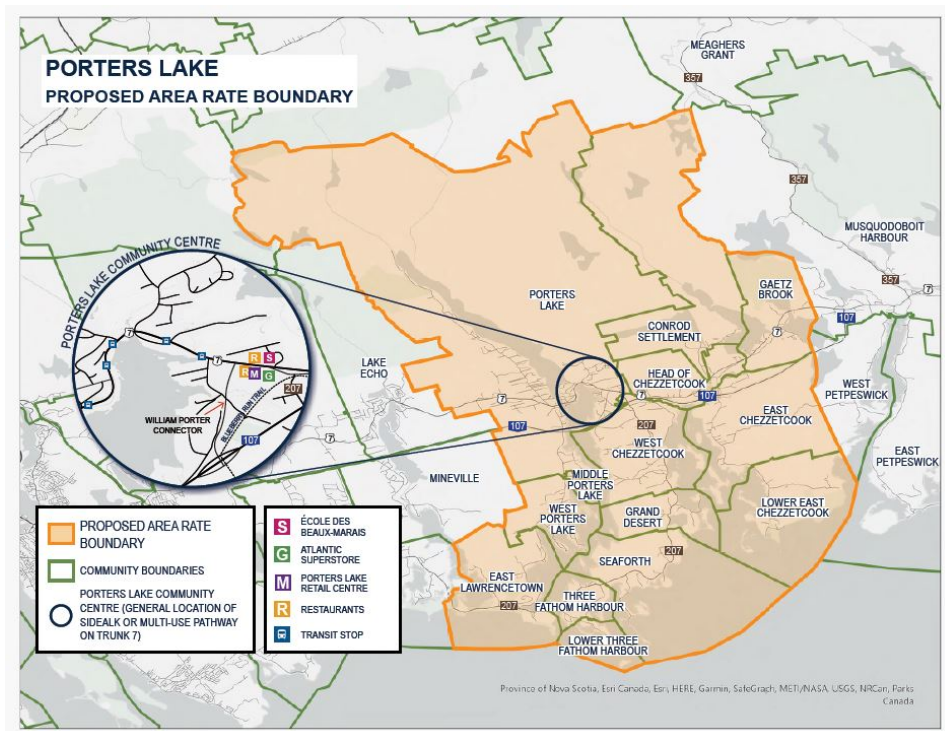
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Communities included in the suburban and rural tax rates are not eligible to receive sidewalks or (or multi-use pathways) parallel to their mainstreet. To become eligible, those prioritized communities would have an an area tax rate added to the property bills.

The following questions are providing details on the process and are asking for your feedback on the area tax rate, and proposed area rate boundary.

### Question 3:

The following communities are proposed to be within the area rate boundary: Porters Lake; Middle Porters Lake; West Porters Lake; East Lawrencetown; Three Fathom Harbour; Lower Three Fathom Harbour; Seaforth; Grand Desert; West Chezzetcook; Head of Chezzetcook; East Chezzetcook; Lower East Chezzetcook; Conrod Settlement; and Gaetz Brook.



**What is your connection to the proposed area rate boundary - Please select all that apply. (Choose any 6 options) (Required)**

- I live in a property I own (or co-own) within the proposed area rate boundary
- I run a business in a property I own (or co-own) within the proposed area rate boundary
- I live in a property I rent/lease within the proposed area rate boundary
- I run a business in a property I rent/ lease within the proposed area rate boundary
- I do not own, or rent, or lease a property within the proposed area rate boundary Other

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**Question 4:**

Please provide the postal code for the primary property you own (or co-own) within the proposed area rate boundary. [\(Required\)](#)

**Question 5:**

Please provide the postal code for the primary property you rent, or lease within the proposed area rate boundary.[\(Required\)](#)

**Question 6:**

Please provide the name of the community for the primary property you own (co-own)/ rent/ lease within the proposed area rate boundary.(e.g. Gaetz Brook) [\(Required\)](#)

**Question 7:**

Communities within the area rate boundary will have an area tax rate added in perpetuity to their property tax bill. This area rate is \$0.033 per \$100 (e.g., \$33 per \$100,000) of assessed property value. This area rate is applied to all communities within the area rate boundary in the fiscal year following the substantial completion of the sidewalk or multi-use pathway in Porters Lake.

**Do you support the addition of this area tax rate to make Porters Lake eligible for the construction and maintenance of a new sidewalk or multi-use pathway on a portion of Trunk 7?**

[\(Choose any one option\) \(Required\)](#)

- I support it
- I support it, but I have concerns
- I do not support it
- I am not sure
- Other (please specify)

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**Question 8:**

Please read below the options for question 8 and **only** respond to the one applicable to you.

8. If you have chosen the answer "**I support it**" for Question 7: Please provide more details as to why you are supportive of the area tax rate.(Required)

8. If you have chosen the answer "**I mostly support it, but I have concerns**" for Question 7: Please provide more details as to why you have concerns related to the area tax rate.(Required)

8. If you have chosen "**I do not support it**" for Question 7: Please provide more details as to why you are not supportive of the area tax rate.(Required)

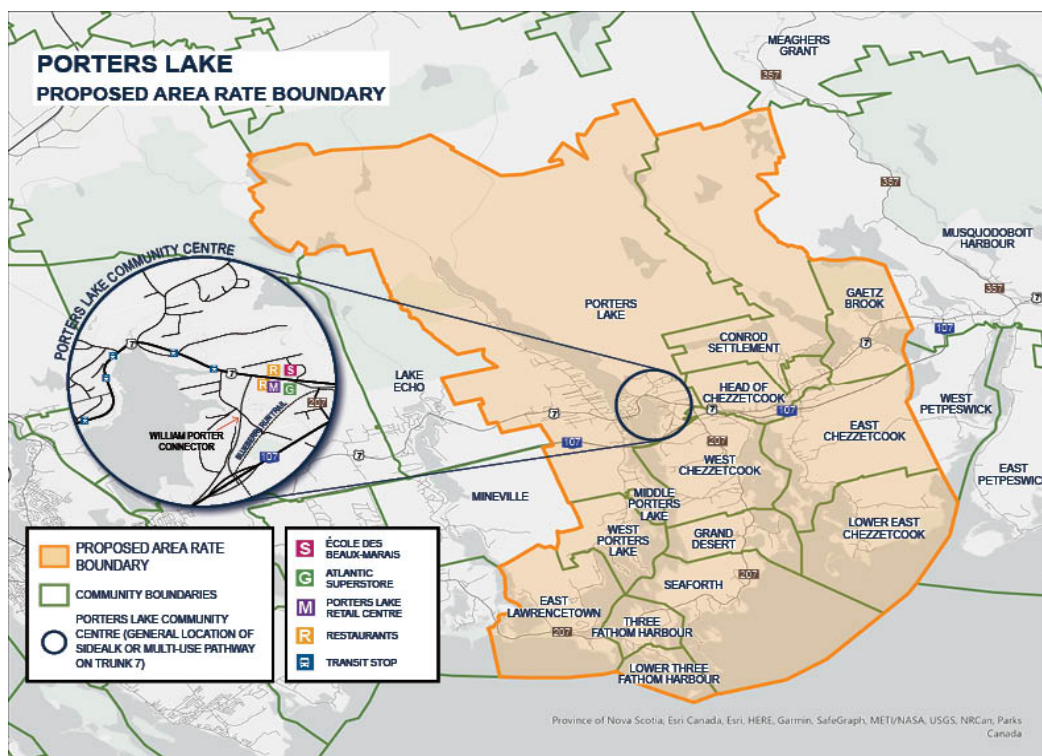
8. If you have chosen "**I am not sure**" for Question 7: Please provide more details as to why you are not sure of of the area tax rate.(Required)

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**Question 9:**

Using the data below, it was determined that the communities within the proposed area rate boundary utilize Trunk 7 in Porters Lake to access work, school, family and friends, and services (e.g., Porters Lake Commercial Centre, Atlantic Superstore, Lake and Shore Recreation Centre, Porters Lake Community Centre etc.):

- travel patterns as determined by travel monitoring data;
- school catchment boundaries; and
- concentration and use of community amenities.



**Do you agree that, as a member of a community within the proposed area rate boundary, you utilize Trunk 7 in Porters Lake to access work, school, family & friends, and services, and therefore you support the proposed area rate boundary?**

**(Choose any one option) (Required)**

- I support it
- I support it, but I have concerns
- I do not support it
- I am not sure
- Other (please specify)

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**Question 10:**

Please read below the options for question 8 and **only** respond to the one applicable to you

10. If you have chosen the answer "**I support it**" for Question 9: Please provide more details as to why you are supportive of the area rate boundary.(Required)

10. If you have chosen the answer "**I mostly support it, but I have concerns**" for Question 9: Please provide more details as to why you have concerns related to the area rate boundary.  
(Required)

10. If you have chosen "**I do not support it**" for Question 9: Please provide more details as to why you are not supportive of the area rate boundary.(Required)

10. If you have chosen "**I am not sure**" for Question 9: Please provide more details as to why you are not sure of the area rate boundary.(Required)

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**Question 11:**

What do you, or household members, do in Porters Lake? - **Please mark all that apply** (Required)

- I, or a household member, work and/ or go to daycare or school in this community I, or
- a household member, use commercial places in this community ( e.g. pharmacy, groceries, post office, retail store, gas station)
- I, or a household member, visit family and/ or friends in this community
- I, or a household member, use services in this community (e.g. library, community centre, hospital, medical clinic, church)
- I, or a household member, recreate in this community (e.g. parks, trails, community events, cafes, restaurants)
- Other (please specify)

**Question 12:**

Do you have any other comments related to adding sidewalks (or multi-use pathways) on Trunk 7 in Porters Lake, the tax area rate, and/or area rate boundary? (Required)

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Thank you for completing the AT Rural Area Rate Survey.

If you have any questions or feedback about this survey or the project in general, please contact **Emma Martin** at **902.490.4920** or [martinem@halifax.ca](mailto:martinem@halifax.ca).

Please consider participating in the upcoming in-person public engagement sessions listed on the project's public engagement page: [www.shapeyourcityhalifax.ca/rural-active-transportation](http://www.shapeyourcityhalifax.ca/rural-active-transportation)