

## PHELPS LAND SEVERANCE VOTING RESULTS

Many of you took the time to provide input, feedback and your vote regarding whether to proceed with the Phelps Land Severance Working Committee (PLSWC) recommendations, and we wish to express a big thank you for your support of our work.

### **Here are the results:**

**Voting turnout** (in person, mail and email) was 20% of Phelps Township's 534 properties – a total of **102 votes!**

**Votes in favour** of proceeding per the recommendations were 75% , or **78 votes** for Yes.

**Votes not in favour** were 25%, or **24 votes** for No.

Given the solid feedback and support from the community, the PLSWC will continue with the next steps as per the last presentation on May 12 (which is posted on the [phelpstownship.ca](http://phelpstownship.ca) website). This includes notification to East Ferris Township of our intent, and then working with them through the process (an East Ferris Town Council resolution to the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing (MMAH); followed by an assessment and recommendations by MMAH to the Minister for the establishment of a new Planning Board for East Ferris and Phelps – again, emphasizing this is not part of their municipality but a separate and distinct Board; and eventually the development of an Official Plan for Phelps which would enable future land severances). As we mentioned several times, we anticipate this process may take anywhere from 1-2 years – we want to ensure we set realistic expectations.

We apologize for any confusion regarding accessibility of the new website for Phelps Township. To reiterate, for those who have not yet been able to access it:

- Do not use the web search feature of your browser to find the new site. You will only find the old site which has no Land Severance information on it.
- **Do** key the new site address directly into the Address Bar: <http://phelpstownship.ca>

Note the new site is '.ca' vs '.com'. This confusion is caused because browsers develop histories of frequently used sites, and as our new Phelps site has just been established (the old site expired), they think you are asking for the old site – until we use the new one frequently enough. Many thanks to

Mickey Sandula for his work in establishing and maintaining the Phelps Township site for all of our services in the community. It is a great tool and place to go to find out what's happening!

Again, thank you for your support and engagement, no matter what the outcome. It has been a very worthwhile, productive and informative 8 months from start to where we are now, and we have tried to proceed with open communication and engagement within our community while doing a lot of legwork and analysis.

The Phelps Land Severance Working Committee (PLSWC)