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County looks for community input to guide strategic plan]

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Dufferin County is calling on local residents, businesses, community groups and stakeholders to share their input on plans for the community's future, as the county works on developing a new Strategic Plan.

The Strategic Plan will set the county's top priorities and create a vision for the community's future, including the work needed to ensure Dufferin County continues to be a great place to live, visit, and do business.

?Dufferin County's Strategic Plan for the 2022 to 2026 term of council will be the guiding framework to help focus our priorities and budget as county council and staff continue to work to make our community a great place to live, do business, play and visit,? said Wade Mills, Warden of Dufferin County. ?Whether you're a long-time resident, new to the community, a business owner or community group, we value and need your feedback.?

Dufferin County is working with StrategyCorp to develop its strategic plan for the 2022 to 2026 term of council.

StrategyCorp's team will be gathering community input in-person on Feb. 24 at Centre Dufferin Recreation Complex from 4:30 p.m. to 6 p.m. and Grand Valley District Community Centre from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. as well as on Feb. 25 at the Orangeville Farmers' Market from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. and the Alder Recreation Centre from 2:30 p.m. to 4 p.m.

Individuals can also provide their feedback by taking part in an online survey.

The online survey covers questions such as; what's best about living, working in or visiting the community; which issues are most important for Dufferin's future; where should the county focus its attention over the four-year term of council; and the level of satisfaction with the services provided by Dufferin County

?Community feedback is vital to help us determine where to focus our priorities,? said Sonya Pritchard, chief administrative officer for Dufferin County. ?We look forward to hearing from our community and creating a Strategic Plan that reflects the diverse values and opinions of all in Dufferin.?

Those who provide their contact information at the end of the survey will be entered into a draw to win one of four $50 gift cards to a local business.

To find out more information about the Strategic Plan or to have your say, visit www.joinindufferin.com. The deadline to participate in the online survey is Mar. 7.