

MUNICIPALITY OF

PORT HOPE

Community Profile

Environment/Economy/Social/Culture

“PORT HOPE IS A BEAUTIFUL COMMUNITY TO DISCOVER EXPERIENCE AND GROW”

Located on the North shore of Lake Ontario, about 109 km east of Toronto. It has a population of about 18,000. It is a great community with a lot to offer. Some of the best fishing in Ontario is located here, right on the Ganaraska River. You can watch the fish runs (rainbow trout in April, salmon in the fall), at Corbett’s Dam. You can take a walk or shop in Port Hope’s historic downtown which has been named best preserved Main Street in Ontario. The downtown is also known for the Cameco Capitol Arts Centre which puts on a variety of live shows throughout the year. Port Hope is a host to a variety of festivals as well: Arts Festival, Candlelight Festival and the Cultivate Festival. You don’t want to miss the famous **“Float your Fanny down the Ganny”** which commemorates the historic downtown flood of the year 1980, and is held each April.



The largest population of Port Hope is the age group between 65 and 69 years old. Our median age is 50.8, so generally we have a mature demographic, some very well to do with many others struggling.

Grace Church has been an avid supporter of a special organization called Green Wood Coalition. The Coalition was created to help those who are hungry, homeless and hurting in Northumberland County. Grace Church has participated in supplying weekly diners, organizing and running the “Coldest Night of the Year” as well as renting out our old parsonage to the Coalition as Green Wood’s new community centre. It has been a good partnership that has been going on for many years.

“Personally my family and I have been part of the community for over 30 years. It has been a great place to raise kids and to enjoy the small town feeling you get from Port Hope.”

Doug Koke

Places of worship

The Municipality of Port Hope is home to several places of worship, represented by many denominations. Annually, Grace Church has gotten together with three of the other local churches, Calvary Pentecostal Church, First Baptist Church, and Kingdom Life for a combined service.

Clean up project in Port Hope

The Port Hope Area Initiative (PHAI) is the Government's commitment to the cleanup, and safe management, of the historic low-level radioactive waste in the municipalities of Port Hope and Clarington.



Schools in Port Hope

Elementary Schools

- Beatrice Strong Public School (JK - 6)
- Ganaraska Trail Public School (JK – 6 and French Immersion)
- North Hope Central Public School (JK - 6)
- Dr. M. S. Hawkins Public School (7-8)
- St. Anthony's (JK - 8)

Secondary Schools

- Port Hope High School (9 - 12)
- St. Mary's Secondary (9 -12)

Private Schools

- Trinity College School (TCS), boarding and day school for approximately 500 students (5-12)
- Scriven Christian Academy school for Grades (JK – 12).

Joseph Scriven (1819 – 1886)

Joseph Scriven was an Irish poet, best known as the writer of the poem which became the hymn "What a Friend We Have in Jesus". He worked in Port Hope as a tutor and a preacher. His Monument in Port Hope's Memorial Park was refurbished, and a Dry Stone Wall erected around it in 2009.

Farley Mowat (1921–2014)

Farley Mowat was an award-winning Canadian author and a passionate environmental advocate. Lived his final years in Port Hope. A monument to him is located on the east side of the Ganaraska River. It is a reproduction of a boat-roofed house mentioned in his book 'The Farfarers' (1998).



Demographics

Population growth rate comparison (2011 to 2016)

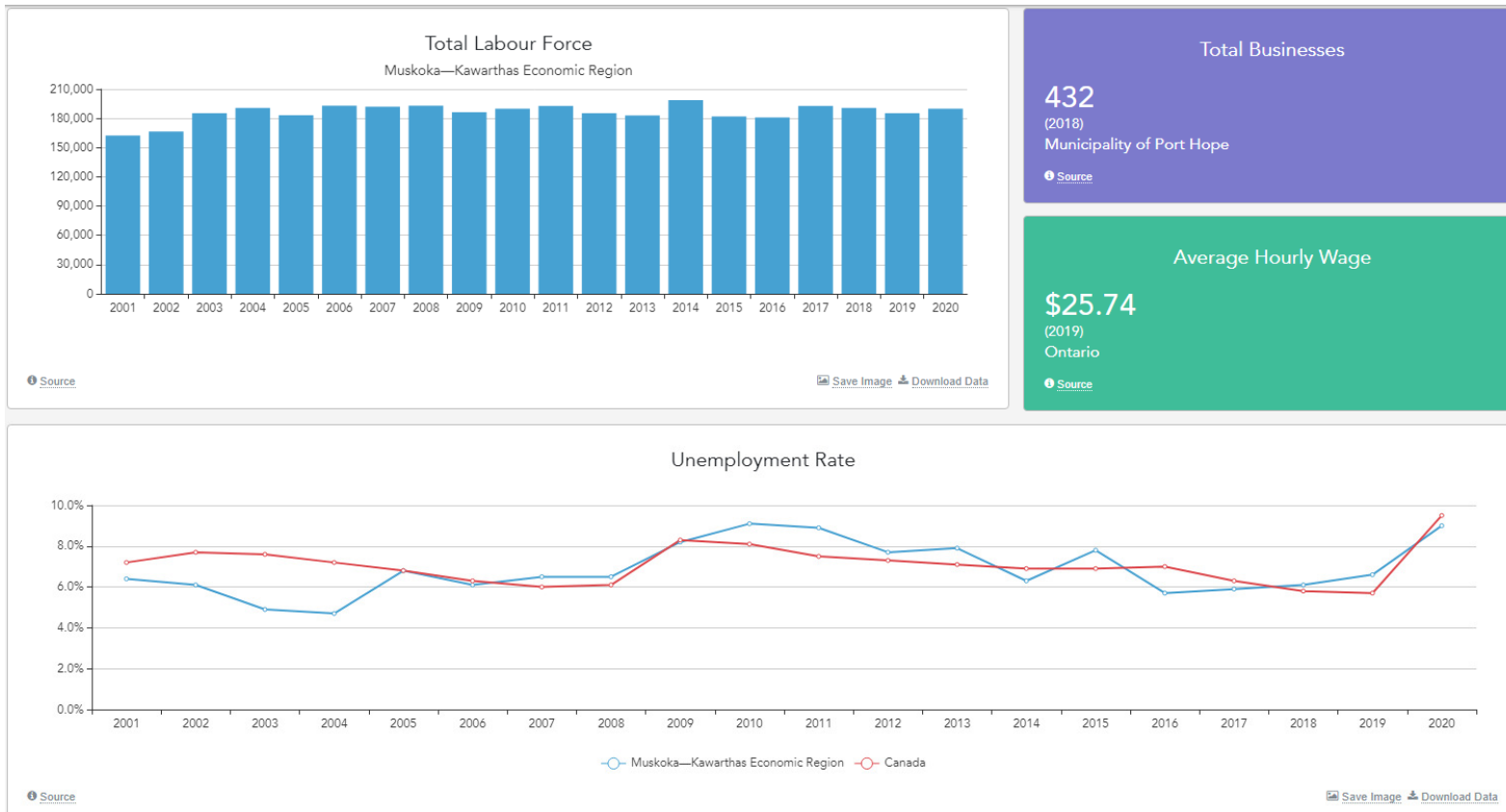
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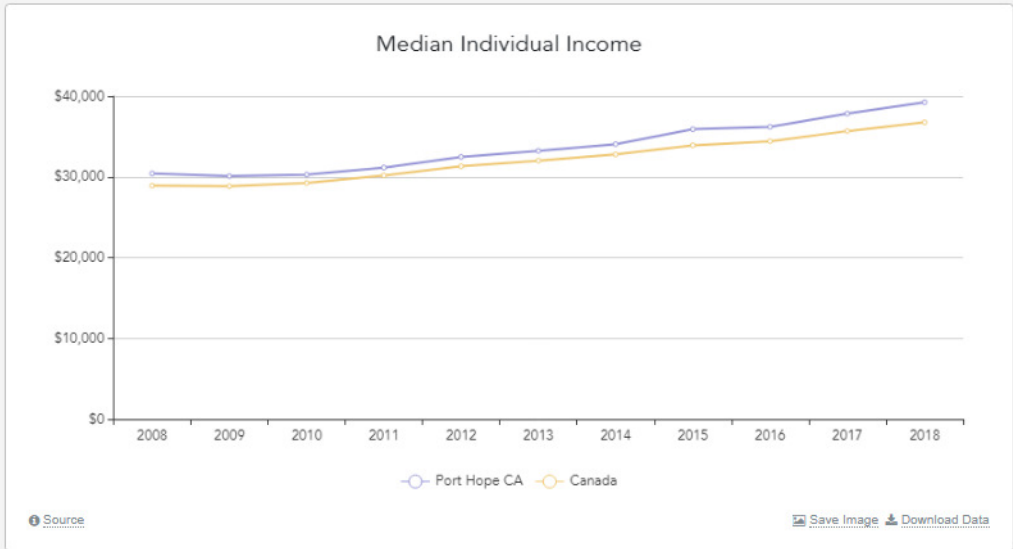
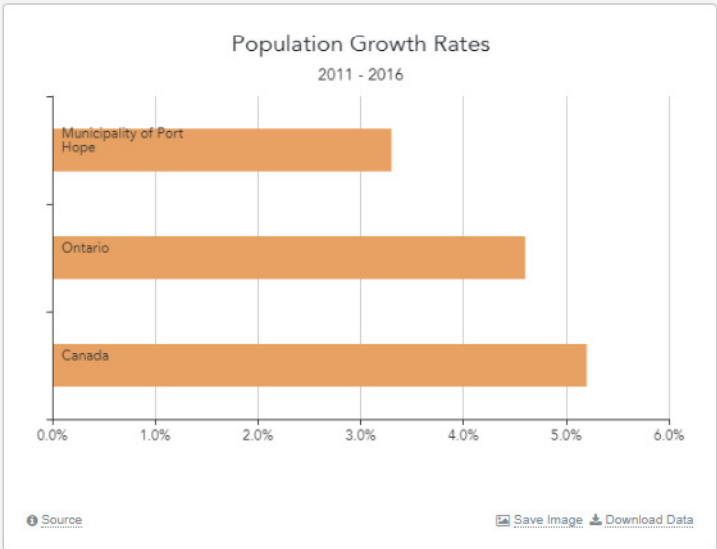
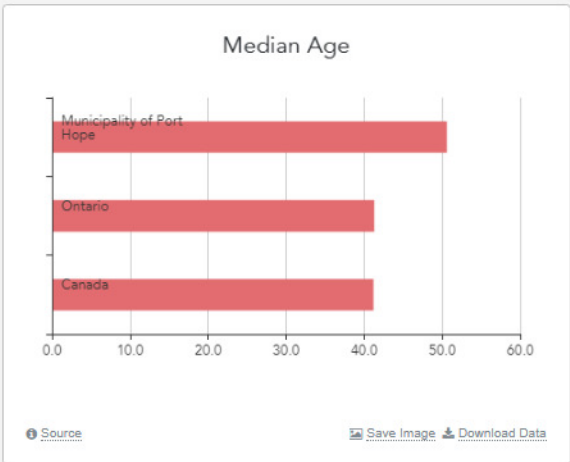
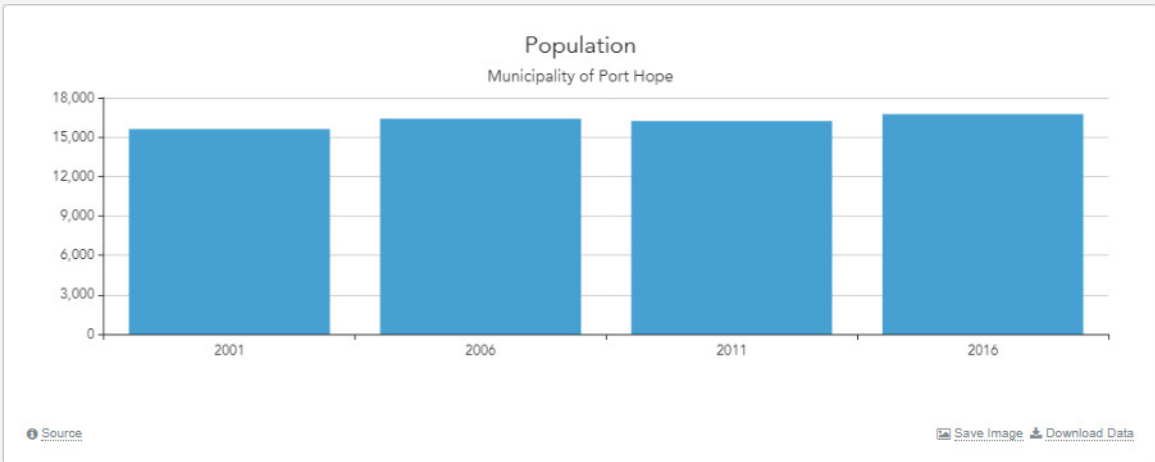
Port Hope Population

2006 = 16,390 2011 = 16,214 2016 = 16,753

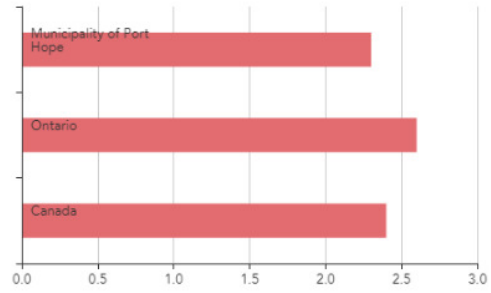
Median age comparison

Port hope = 50 Ontario = 41 Canada = 41





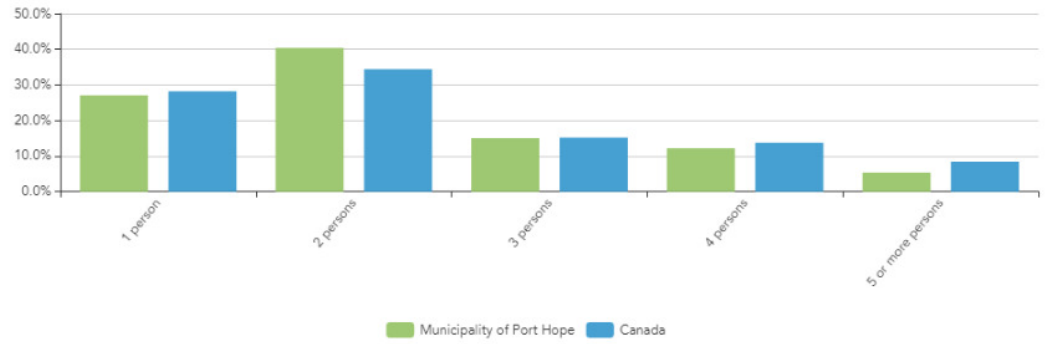
Average Household Size



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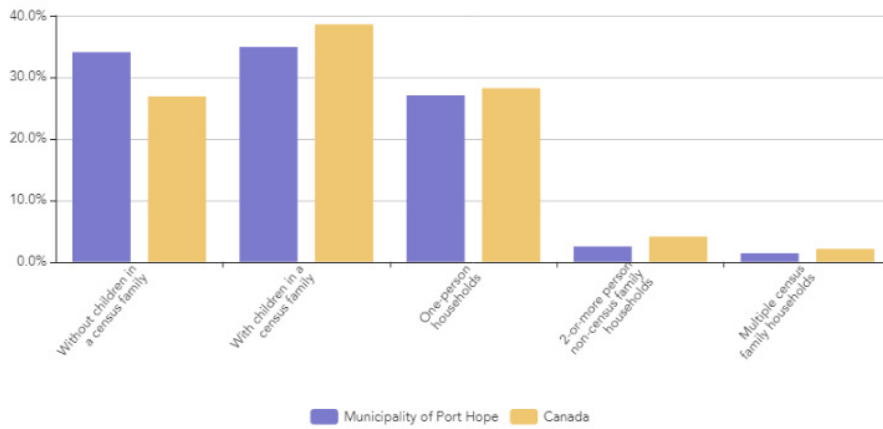
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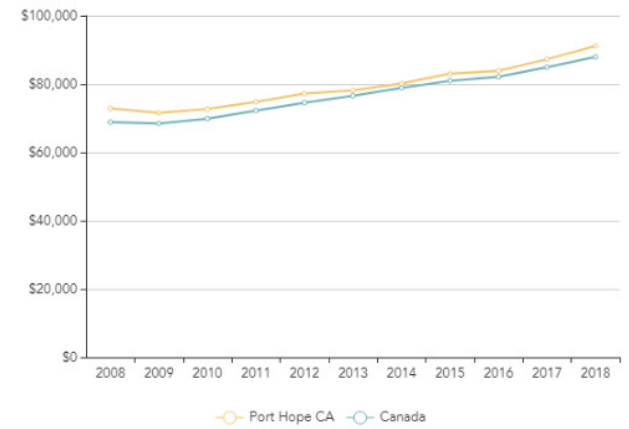
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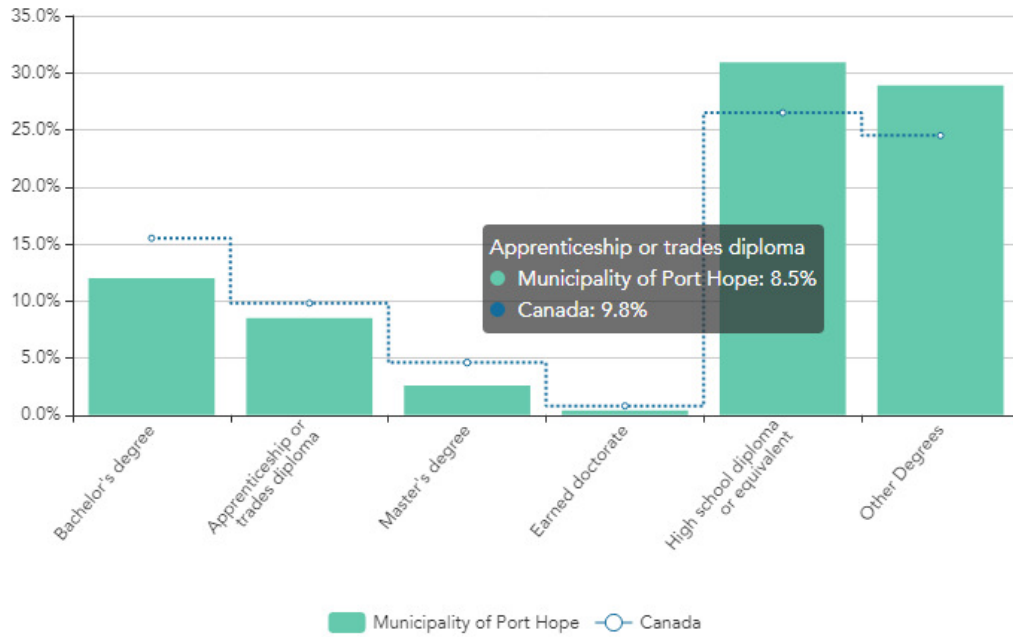
Household Type



Median Household Income



Education Attainment of Residents

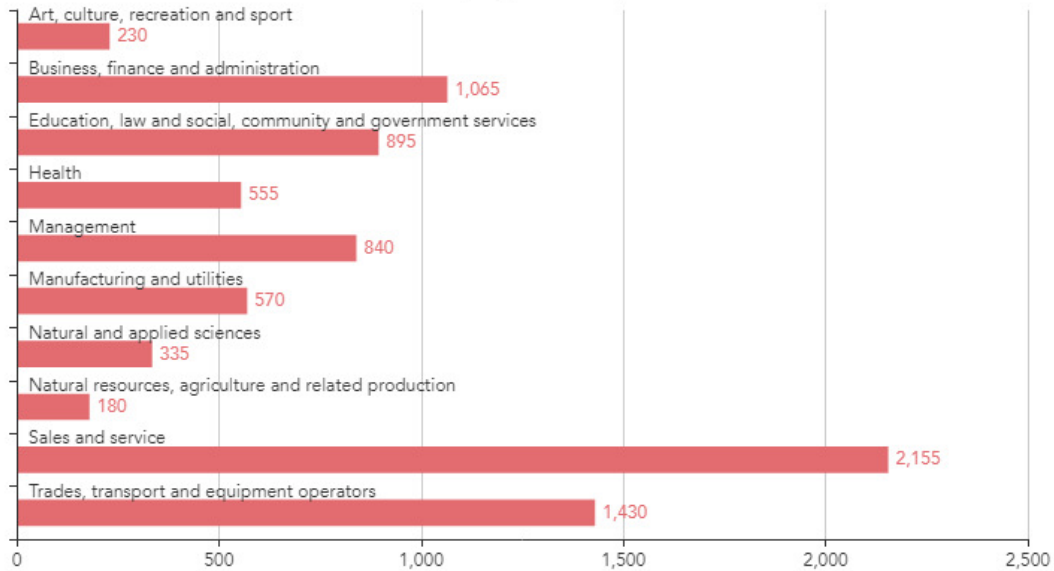


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Occupation of Residents

Municipality of Port Hope



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Port Hope being along the shores of Lake Ontario, the waterfront offers a wide variety of recreational opportunities including hiking, swimming, boating, and leisure. Things to do in Port Hope or nearby:

- Visit East Beach
- Try Canada's best burger at Olympus Burger, featured on "You gotta eat here"
- Horseback Trail Riding at Trickle Creek Farms
- Live show at the Cameco Capitol Arts Centre
- Visit Haute Goat Farm
- Check out unique products at Primitive Designs. You can't miss them, you'll see their giant dinosaurs and transformers from the road as you drive up Hwy 28
- The Department of Parks, Recreation and Culture creates a bi-annual leisure guide.
<https://www.porthope.ca/en/things-to-do/leisure-guide.aspx>

The municipal **transit system** offers easy access throughout town and we are conveniently located along the 401, with regular VIA Rail service along the Quebec City-Windsor corridor.

Cobourg is Port Hope's neighbour 7 km to the east. Throughout the summer, they attract many visitors who come to enjoy outdoor movies, theatre performances and concerts at the Victoria Park pavilion. The amazing Victoria Beach is the perfect setting for the Waterfront Festival in July or the Sandcastle Festival in August. Cobourg is also home to the Northumberland Hills Hospital and Northumberland Mall.



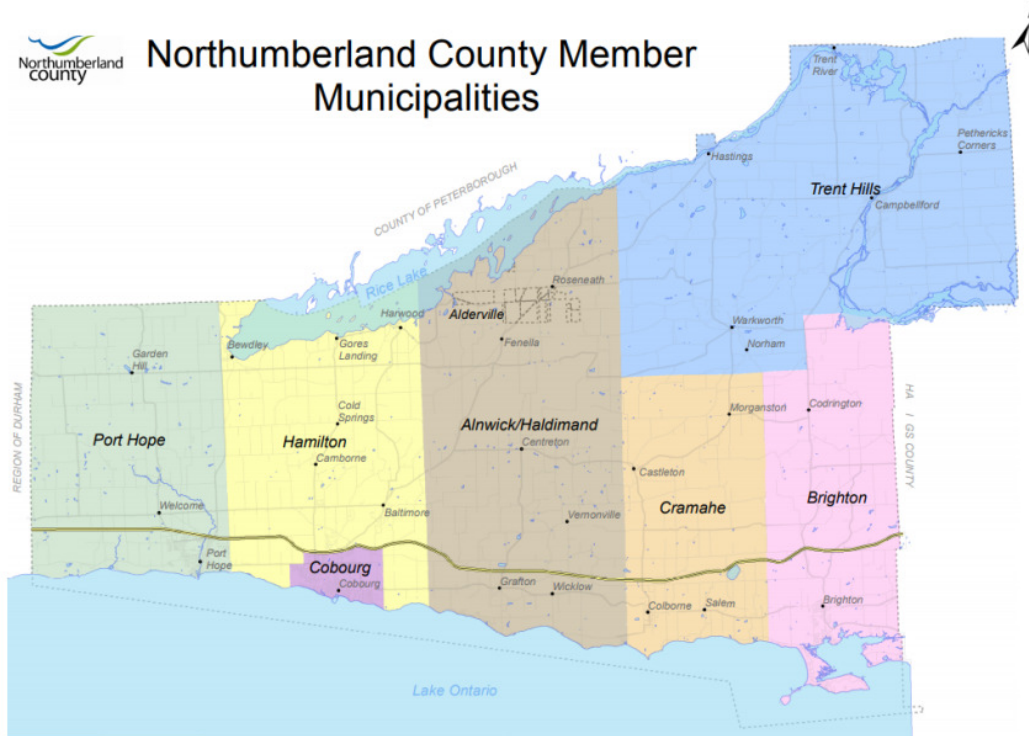
Northumberland County is an upper-tier level of municipal government made up of seven municipalities including Port Hope and Cobourg (Township of Alwick/Haldimand, Municipality of Brighton, Town of Cobourg, Township of Cramahe, Township of Hamilton, Municipality of Port Hope, Municipality of Trent Hills).

There are two provincial parks in Northumberland County: Presqu'ile Provincial Park in Brighton, and Ferris Provincial Park in Campbellford. Within Northumberland, there are also the Ganaraska Forest, Northumberland County Forest, Goodrich-Loomis Conservation Area, and Peter's Woods.

The Northumberland County Forest offers various trails available for hiking, cycling, horseback riding, ATVing, off-road motorcycling, cross-country skiing, snowmobiling, as well as snowshoeing.



Northumberland County Member Municipalities



“15 years ago my wife moved from Toronto to Port Hope to start our new chapter as a married couple. She was reluctant to move from a big city to a small town, but shortly after moving here, she realized what a beautiful place it is to live and work...!!!!”

Michael Brousseau

WELCOME TO PORT HOPE!

Our Community provides residents and visitors with a variety of activities and programs with something for everyone. Come meet the friendly people of Port Hope, and make yourself at home.



**Please make sure to visit Grace Church on Sunday mornings at 10:30 a.m.
Located at 2 Centennial Drive, Port Hope, Ontario.**