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## **Mayor Ortt Announces Contract Agreement Reached With City of North Tonawanda PBA**

NORTH TONAWANDA—Mayor Robert G. Ortt has announced the City has reached a contract agreement with the North Tonawanda Police Benevolent Association (“NTPBA”). The members of the NTPBA have already ratified the agreement, and the Common Council is expected to vote on the collective bargaining agreement at Tuesday’s Council meeting.

Mayor Ortt stated, “There were substantive changes with healthcare benefits for the PBA, resulting in significant savings to the taxpayers of North Tonawanda.” Specifically, the City will be saving over \$160,000 as a result of the healthcare changes, which included moving from a single tier, prescription co-pay, to a three tier co-pay structure. In addition, the City will also encounter a savings when a current PBA member reaches age 65 and enrolls in a Medicare supplement plan instead of remaining with their current healthcare plan, an approximate savings of up to \$12,000 for a single plan, and up to \$53,000 annually for a family plan. The new deal begins January 1, 2012 and runs until December 31, 2015.

“The message from the taxpayers across the country has been clear: public employees must recognize that concessions have to be made to reduce the burden on the private sector. I am proud to say that our police officers stepped up and made concessions that will save our residents money,” said Ortt.

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