



**The Corporation of the County of Northumberland
County Council
Minutes**

**October 16, 2024, 9:30 a.m.
Council Chambers
555 Courthouse Road, Cobourg, ON K9A 5J6
Hybrid Meeting (In-Person and Virtual)**

Members Present: Warden Brian Ostrander
 Deputy Warden Olena Hankivsky
 Councillor Lucas Cleveland
 Councillor Scott Jibb
 Councillor John Logel
 Councillor Mandy Martin
 Council Alternate Michael Metcalf

1. Notices

1.a Accessible Format

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1.b Meeting Format

This Council Meeting was held using a hybrid meeting model. The public were invited to attend in-person in Council Chambers, view the meeting via the live stream, or join online or by phone using Zoom Conference Technology.

2. Call to Order

Warden Brian Ostrander called the meeting to order at 9:31 a.m.

2.a Territorial Land Acknowledgement

3. Approval of the Agenda

3.a Agenda dated October 16, 2024

Council Resolution 2024-10-16-715

Moved by Councillor John Logel

Seconded by Councillor Scott Jibb

"**That** the County Council Agenda for Wednesday, October 16, 2024 be approved, as amended to include the following time sensitive item:

- Closed Session Item 16.b regarding matters pertaining to a proposed or pending acquisition or disposition of land by the municipality or local board regarding affordable / supportive housing (Community & Social Services)."

Carried

4. Declarations of Interest

- No declarations

5. Presentations

5.a Presentation of Paramedic Medals

Warden Brian Ostrander

Susan Brown, Chief Northumberland Paramedics

6. Adoption of Minutes

6.a County Council Minutes

Council Resolution 2024-10-16-716

Moved by Deputy Warden Olena Hankivsky

Seconded by Councillor Mandy Martin

"**That** the Minutes of the County Council Session of September 18, 2024 and Special County Council of September 24, 2024 be approved as distributed and the determinations contained therein be deemed those of Council."

Carried

7. Business arising from the Minutes

N/A

[Councillor Cleveland joined the meeting at 9:39 a.m.]

8. Communications

N/A

9. Determination of Items Requiring Separate Discussion

**9.a September 30, 2024 and October 1 and 2, 2024 Standing Committees
'Recommendations to Council - Summary Chart'**

**9.b Community Health Committee
- October 1, 2024**

**9.c Corporate Support Committee
- October 1, 2024**

**9.d Economic Development, Tourism and Land Use Planning Committee
- October 2, 2024**

**9.e Finance & Audit Committee
- October 1, 2024**

**9.f Public Works Committee
- September 30, 2024**

**9.g Social Services Committee
- October 2, 2024**

10. Adoption of Items Not Requiring Separate Discussion

Council Resolution 2024-10-16-717

Moved by Councillor John Logel

Seconded by Council Alternate Michael Metcalf

"**That** Council adopt all recommendations from the six Standing Committees, as contained within the Committee Minutes (meetings held September 30, 2024 and October 1 and 2, 2024), with the exception of the following items (referenced from the Standing Committee Minutes), that will be held for discussion:

- Economic Development, Tourism and Land Use Planning Committee, Item 9.b, Correspondence, Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing 'Request to Repeal Official Plan Amendments Adopting By-law' – **Held by Councillor Logel**
- Public Works Committee, Item 9.a, Report 2024-122, 'Transfer of Thompson Bridge from Northumberland County to the Municipality of Trent Hills' – **Held by Council Alternate Michael Metcalf**
- Social Services Committee, Item 5.a, Delegation, James Bisson 'Homelessness and Encampment Response Report' – **Held by Deputy Warden Hankivsky**
- Social Services Committee, Item 8.a(1), Delegation, Vivian Vandenhazel 'Encampment Response and Progress on 310 Division Street, Cobourg Update – Presentation' – **Held by Councillor Cleveland**
- Social Services Committee, Item 8.a(2), Encampment Response and Progress on 310 Division Street, Cobourg Update - Presentation – **Held by Councillor Cleveland**

And Further That the items listed above and held for separate discussion each require a separate resolution."

Carried

11. Consideration of Items Requiring Separate Discussion

11.a Items from Standing Committees Requiring Separate Consideration

11.a.1 Corporate Support Committee Meeting (October 1, 2024), Closed Session Item 4.a, 'Matters pertaining to the security of the property of the municipality (Information Technology)'

[Item postponed to the November 20, 2024 Closed Session County Council meeting]

11.a.2 Economic Development, Tourism and Land Use Planning Committee Meeting (October 2, 2024), Closed Session Item 4.a, 'Matters pertaining to confidential negotiations regarding broadband'

[Item postponed to the November 20, 2024 Closed Session County Council meeting]

**11.a.3 Social Services Committee Meeting (October 2, 2024), Item 8.e
'Childcare Spaces'**

Lesley Patterson, Early Years Services Manager

Council Resolution 2024-10-16-718

Moved by Deputy Warden Olena Hankivsky

Seconded by Councillor Scott Jibb

"**Whereas** the Social Services Committee received the verbal update regarding 'Childcare Spaces' at the October 2, 2024 Committee meeting noting that staff will bring forward a report to the October 16, 2024 County Council meeting for further discussion;

Now Therefore Be It Resolved That County Council receive Report 2024-134 'Canada-wide Early Learning and Child Care Expansion Plan' for information."

Carried

11.b Motion(s) for Held Item(s)

**11.b.1 Economic Development, Tourism and Land Use Planning
Committee (October 2, 2024), Item 9.b. Correspondence,
Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing 'Request to Repeal
Official Plan Amendments Adopting By-law'**

Dwayne Campbell, Acting Director Planning and Economic Development

Council Resolution 2024-10-16-719

Moved by Councillor Mandy Martin

Seconded by Councillor John Logel

"**Whereas** Item 9.b, from the October 2, 2024 Economic Development, Tourism & Land Use Planning Committee was held by Council for separate discussion at this meeting, the item being, Correspondence, Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing 'Request to Repeal Official Plan Amendments Adopting By-law';

Now Therefore Be It Resolved That County Council adopt the following:

- **That** County Council direct staff to prepare a response letter to Minister Calandra to suggest an alternative approach wherein Northumberland County will draft modifications for Adopted Official Plan Amendment No. 1 to ensure alignment with the new Provincial Planning Statement, 2024, for the Minister's consideration; and
- **Further That** County Council direct staff to prepare a report outlining the modifications required for Adopted Official Plan Amendment No. 1 for Council's consideration; and
- **Further That** County Council direct staff to hold a public meeting to present the draft modifications and provide the public and interested parties the opportunity to provide input; and
- **Further That** County Council direct staff to respectfully request the Minister's approval for Adopted Official Plan Amendment No. 1, as proposed to be modified in a manner that considers both the Provincial Planning Statement, 2024, and any comments received from the public and interested parties."

Carried

**11.b.2 Public Works Committee (September 30, 2024), Item 9.a.
Report 2024-122, 'Transfer of Thompson Bridge from
Northumberland County to the Municipality of Trent Hills'**

Denise Marshall, Director Public Works

Council Resolution 2024-10-16-720

Moved by Council Alternate Michael Metcalf

Seconded by Councillor Scott Jibb

"Whereas Item 9.a, from the September 30, 2024 Public Works Committee was held by Council for separate discussion at this meeting, the item being, 9.a, Report 2024-122 'Transfer of Thompson Bridge from Northumberland County to the Municipality of Trent Hills';

Now Therefore Be It Resolved That County Council adopt the following:

- **That** County Council defer this item and adoption of the by-law to the November 20, 2024 County Council meeting.”

Carried

**11.b.3 Social Services Committee (October 2, 2024), Item 5.a.
Delegation, James Bisson 'Homelessness and Encampment
Response Report'**

[Item was considered in Closed Session]

**11.b.4 Social Services Committee (October 2, 2024), Item 8.a (1),
Delegation, Vivian Vandenhazel 'Encampment Response and
Progress on 310 Division Street, Cobourg Update –
Presentation'**

Council Resolution 2024-10-16-721

Moved by Deputy Warden Olena Hankivsky

Seconded by Councillor John Logel

“Whereas Item 8.a (1), from the October 2, 2024 Social Services Committee was held by Council for separate discussion at this meeting, the item being ‘Delegation, Vivian Vandenhazel regarding ‘Encampment Response and Progress on 310 Division Street, Cobourg Update – Presentation’;

Now Therefore Be It Resolved That County Council adopt the following:

- **That** County Council receive the verbal update regarding the delegation from Vivian Vandenhazel regarding ‘Encampment Response and Progress on 310 Division Street, Cobourg Update – Presentation’ for information.”

Carried

**11.b.5 Social Services Committee (October 2, 2024), Item 8.a (2)
'Encampment Response and Progress on 310 Division Street,
Cobourg Update - Presentation'**

Council Resolution 2024-10-16-722

Moved by Councillor Lucas Cleveland

Seconded by Deputy Warden Olena Hankivsky

“Whereas Item 8.a (2), from the October 2, 2024 Social Services Committee was held by Council for separate discussion at this meeting, the item being ‘Encampment Response and Progress on 310 Division Street, Cobourg Update - Presentation;

Now Therefore Be It Resolved That County Council adopt the following:

- **That** County Council postpone this item to after item 12.c ‘310 Division Street, Cobourg Update – Presentation’ of the October 16, 2024 County Council meeting.”

Carried

12. New Business

[Council recessed at 10:45 a.m. until 10:55 a.m.]

12.a Report 2024-135 'Forest By-Law Enforcement Officer Appointment'

Lisa Ainsworth, Director Corporate Services
Darrell Mast, Municipal Solicitor

Council Resolution 2024-10-16-723

Moved by Deputy Warden Olena Hankivsky

Seconded by Councillor John Logel

“That County Council having considered Report 2024-135 ‘Forest By-law Enforcement Officer Appointment’, refer the enactment of a by-law to Appoint Municipal Law Enforcement Officers for the County of Northumberland as Authorized Under the Provision of the Community Safety and Policing Act, 2019 to Enforce By-law 21-10 and to Repeal By-Law 23-2024, to the Enactment By-laws portion of the October 16, 2024 County Council agenda.”

Carried

12.b Homelessness Addictions and Recovery Treatment (HART) Hub Letter of Commitment- Presentation

Rebecca Carman, Associate Director Housing & Homelessness
Kim Wilkinson, Community Paramedic Coordinator

Council Resolution 2024-10-16-724

Moved by Councillor Scott Jibb

Seconded by Deputy Warden Olena Hankivsky

"**That** County Council, having considered the presentation regarding 'Homelessness Addictions and Recovery Treatment (HART) Hub Letter of Commitment', direct staff to execute a letter of commitment for the HART Hub based on the information outlined in the October 16, 2024 Council presentation; and

Further That the hub does not include any organizations that attempt to normalize or help to provide the use of toxic and illegal drugs including any other organization that does not work towards recovery and sobriety."

Carried

12.c 310 Division Street, Cobourg Update - Presentation

Rebecca Carman, Associate Director Housing & Homelessness
Bill Smith, Manager of Homelessness Services

[Council recessed at 12:30 p.m. until 1:01 p.m.]

Council Resolution 2024-10-16-725

Moved by Councillor Scott Jibb

Seconded by Councillor Mandy Martin

"**That** County Council direct staff to Request an Administrative Review of the exemption and request Cobourg staff to meet with County Council at a future Committee / Council meeting.

Recorded vote requested by Councillor Cleveland

Carried

12.c.1 Motion(s) for Held Item(s)

12.c.1.1 Social Services Committee (October 2, 2024), Item 8.a (2)
'Encampment Response and Progress on 310 Division Street, Cobourg Update - Presentation'

Council Resolution 2024-10-16-726

Moved by Councillor John Logel

Seconded by Deputy Warden Olena Hankivsky

“Whereas Item 8.a (2), from the October 2, 2024 Social Services Committee was held by Council for separate discussion at this meeting, the item being ‘Encampment Response and Progress on 310 Division Street, Cobourg Update - Presentation; and

Whereas this item was postponed at the October 16, 2024 County Council meeting to after item 12.c regarding ‘310 Division Street, Cobourg Update – Presentation’

Now Therefore Be It Resolved That County Council adopt the following:

- **That** County Council direct staff to bring forward a feasibility report to a future Committee / Council meeting regarding next steps for sheltering services once 310 Division Street, Cobourg is fully operational, including options and financial resources available for expanding shelter services and other social services across Northumberland County’s Member Municipalities, and also include an accounting of the costs incurred by the Town of Cobourg.”

Carried

12.d Quarter 3 (Q3), 2024 Financial Update - Presentation

Matthew Nitsch, Director Finance / Treasurer

Council Resolution 2024-10-16-727

Moved by Council Alternate Michael Metcalf

Seconded by Councillor Lucas Cleveland

"That County Council receive the Quarter 3 (Q3), 2024 Financial Update for information."

Carried

12.e Northumberland CAOs' Committee Update

CAO Jennifer Moore

Council Resolution 2024-10-16-728

Moved by Councillor John Logel

Seconded by Deputy Warden Olena Hankivsky

"**That** County Council receive the verbal update regarding the Northumberland CAOs' Committee for information."

Carried

13. Enactment By-laws

13.a A By-law to Transfer Ownership of and Jurisdiction over the Thompson Bridge from the Corporation of the County of Northumberland to the Corporation of the Municipality of Trent Hills

[Item deferred to the November 20, 2024 County Council meeting]

13.b A By-law to Appoint Municipal Law Enforcement Officers for the County of Northumberland as Authorized Under the Provision of the Police Services Act to Enforce By-law 21-10 and to Repeal By-Law 23-2024

Council Resolution 2024-10-16-729

Moved by Deputy Warden Olena Hankivsky

Seconded by Councillor John Logel

"**That** By-law 37- 2024 being a By-law to appoint Municipal Law Enforcement Officers for the County of Northumberland as Authorized Under the Provision of the Police Services Act to Enforce By-law 21-10 and to Repeal By-Law 23-2024 be introduced, deemed to be read a first, second and third time, passed, signed and sealed this 16th of October, 2024."

Carried

14. Proclamations

Council Resolution 2024-10-16-730

Moved by Deputy Warden Olena Hankivsky

Seconded by Councillor Mandy Martin

"**That** County Council proclaim the following proclamations at the October 16, 2024 County Council meeting:

- Proclamation, 'Transgender Awareness Week (November 13 to 19, 2024) and Transgender Day of Remembrance (November 20, 2024)';
- Proclamation 'Child Care Worker and Early Childhood Educator Appreciation Day' - October 24, 2024;

- Proclamation 'Dress Purple Day' - October 25, 2024."

Carried

14.a Proclamation, 'Transgender Awareness Week (November 13 to 19, 2024) and Transgender Day of Remembrance (November 20, 2024)'

An application for the community flag pole was also submitted for 'Transgender Awareness Week'

- Transgender Awareness flag raised on November 13, 2024 to November 19, 2024
- Provided for information only

"Whereas Transgender Awareness Week takes place every year from November 13 to 19 – a week to recognize and centre the voices, contributions, and accomplishments of our gender diverse community, including Transgender, Two Spirit, Non-Binary, and Intersex people; and

Whereas Transgender Awareness Week leads up to the Transgender Day of Remembrance on November 20 – a day to remember and honour those who have lost their lives because of violence and oppression against transgender people; and

Whereas the stories of transgender people highlight the social and systemic challenges that transgender and gender-diverse communities still face nationwide; and

Whereas Northumberland County is dedicated to continued education and fighting transphobia to support diversity and create safe, inclusive communities;

Now Therefore Be It Resolved That I, Warden Brian Ostrander, on behalf of Northumberland County Council do hereby proclaim November 13 – 19 to be Transgender Awareness Week and the day of November 20 as Transgender Day of Remembrance in Northumberland County."

14.b Proclamation, 'Child Care Worker and Early Childhood Educator Appreciation Day' - October 24, 2024

"Whereas years of research confirms the benefits of high-quality early learning and child care for young children's intellectual, emotional, social and physical development and later life outcomes; and

Whereas child care promotes the well-being of children and responds to the needs of families and the broader community by supporting quality of life so that citizens can fully participate in and contribute to the economic and social life of their community; and

Whereas trained and knowledgeable Registered Early Childhood Educators are the key to quality in early learning and child care programs – in licensed child care, EarlyON Child and Family programs, and full day kindergarten and are champions for children; and

Whereas Registered Early Childhood Educators and child care workers will be vital to the success of the Canada-Wide Early Learning and Child Care system;

Now Therefore Be It Resolved That I, Warden Brian Ostrander, on behalf of Northumberland County Council do hereby proclaim October 24th, 2024 to be designated the 24th Annual 'Child Care Worker and Early Childhood Educator Appreciation Day' in Northumberland County in recognition of the educations, dedication and commitment of child care workers to children, their families, and quality of life to the community.”

14.c Proclamation, 'Dress Purple Day' - October 25, 2024

Whereas during the month of October, Children's Aid Societies across the province raise awareness about the important role that individuals and communities play in supporting vulnerable children, youth, and families through the provincially recognized Dress Purple Day campaign (formerly known as Child Abuse Prevention Month); and

Whereas Dress Purple Day is marked by a purple ribbon; and

Whereas every child is entitled to be loved, cared for, nurtured, and secure and to be free from neglect, as well as from verbal, emotional, sexual and physical abuse; and

Whereas Northumberland County faces a continuing need to support community-based programs to prevent child abuse and neglect; and

Whereas it is the responsibility of every adult who comes in contact with a child to protect that child's unconditional right to a safe, nurturing childhood; and

Whereas Northumberland has dedicated individuals and organizations who work daily to counter the problem of child abuse and neglect and to help parents obtain the assistance they need; and

Whereas our community is stronger when all citizens become aware of child abuse and neglect prevention, and, become involved in supporting parents to raise their children in a safe, nurturing environment;

Now Therefore Be It Resolved That I, Warden Brian Ostrander, on behalf of the Northumberland County Council, do hereby proclaim October 25, 2024 as 'Dress Purple Day' in Northumberland County, and encourage all citizens to help spread the word that keeping children safe is everyone's responsibility, and to show your support and help raise awareness by wearing purple on Dress Purple Day."

15. Media Questions

16. Closed Session

16.a. Litigation or potential litigation matters, advice that is subject to solicitor client privilege including communications necessary for that purpose and confidential County infrastructure negotiations (Public Works) (Item going directly to Council)

Municipal Act, Sections 239.(2.e), (2.f) and (2.k)

***16.b. Matters pertaining to a proposed or pending acquisition or disposition of land by the municipality or local board regarding affordable / supportive housing (Community & Social Services) (Item going directly to Council)**

Municipal Act Section 239.(2.c)

16.c. Corporate Support Committee Meeting (October 1, 2024), Closed Session Item 4.a, 'Matters pertaining to the security of the property of the municipality (Information Technology)' (Item from Standing Committee Requiring Separate Discussion)

Municipal Act Section 239.(2.a.)

[Item 16.c. was postponed to the November 20, 2024 Closed Session County Council Meeting]

16.d. Economic Development, Tourism and Land Use Planning Committee Meeting (October 2, 2024), Closed Session Item 4.a, 'Matters pertaining to confidential negotiations regarding broadband' (Item from Standing Committee Requiring Separate Discussion)

Municipal Act Section 239.(2.k)

[Item 16.d. was postponed to the November 20, 2024 Closed Session County Council Meeting]

[Councillor Martin left the meeting in Closed Session at 2:33 p.m.]

16.e. Social Services Committee (October 2, 2024), Item 5.a. Delegation, James Bisson 'Homelessness and Encampment Response Report' (Item from Standing Committee Requiring Separate Discussion)

Municipal Act Section 239.(2.b) and (2.f)

Council Resolution 2024-10-16-731

Moved by Councillor Lucas Cleveland

Seconded by Deputy Warden Olena Hankivsky

"That County Council postpone the following Closed Session items to the November 20, 2024 County Council meeting:

- Closed Session item 16.c Corporate Support Committee Meeting (October 1, 2024), Closed Session Item 4.a, 'Matters pertaining to the security of the property of the municipality (Information Technology)' (Item from Standing Committee Requiring Separate Discussion); and
- Closed Session item 16.d Economic Development, Tourism and Land Use Planning Committee Meeting (October 2, 2024), Closed Session Item 4.a, 'Matters pertaining to confidential negotiations regarding broadband' (Item from Standing Committee Requiring Separate Discussion)."

Carried

Council Resolution 2024-10-16-732

Moved by Councillor Mandy Martin

Seconded by Deputy Warden Olena Hankivsky

"That this Council proceed with the next portion of the meeting being closed to the public at 2:02 p.m.; and

Further That the meeting is closed to the public as permitted under the Municipal Act Sections 239.(2.e), (2.f) and (2.k) in order to address matters pertaining to litigation or potential litigation matters, advice that is subject to solicitor-client privilege, including communications necessary for that purpose and confidential County infrastructure negotiations (Public Works), and that Jennifer Moore, Denise Marshall, Darrell Mast, Matthew Nitsch, Cheryl Sanders and Matthew Stergios remain present; and

Further That the meeting is closed to the public as permitted under the Municipal Act Sections 239.(2.c) in order to address matters pertaining to a proposed or pending acquisition or disposition of land by the municipality or local board regarding affordable / supportive housing (Community & Social Services), and that Jennifer Moore, Glenn Dees, Rebecca Carman, Denise Marshall, Willie Reynolds, Carol Coleman, Emily Corkery, Rob O'Neil, Cheryl Sanders and Matthew Stergios remain present; and

Further That the meeting is closed to the public as permitted under the Municipal Act Section 239.(2.b) and (2.f) in order to address matters pertaining to personal matters about an identifiable individual including municipal or local board employees and advice that is subject to solicitor-client privilege, including communications necessary for that purpose (Item Held from Standing Committee Requiring Separate Discussion), and that Cheryl Sanders remain present."

Carried

17. Motion to Rise and Results from Closed Session

[Councillor Martin returned to the meeting at 2:50 p.m.]

17.a Matters pertaining to litigation or potential litigation matters, advice that is subject to solicitor client privilege including communications necessary for that purpose and confidential County infrastructure negotiations (Public Works)

Council Resolution 2024-10-16-733

Moved by Deputy Warden Olena Hankivsky

Seconded by Councillor John Logel

"That this Council rise at 2:50 p.m.; and

Further That the confidential resolution moved in Closed Session regarding matters pertaining to litigation or potential litigation matters, advice that is subject to solicitor-client privilege, including communications necessary for that purpose and confidential County infrastructure negotiations (Public Works), is hereby referred to this open session of Council for adoption."

Carried

17.b Matters pertaining to a proposed or pending acquisition or disposition of land by the municipality or local board regarding affordable / supportive housing (Community & Social Services)

- County Council deferred the Closed Session item pertaining to a proposed or pending acquisition or disposition of land by the municipality or local board regarding affordable / supportive housing (Community & Social Services) to a future Council meeting.

17.c Closed Session Items from Standing Committees Requiring Separate Consideration

17.c.1 Motion(s) for Held Item(s)

17.c.1.1 Social Services Committee (October 2, 2024), Item 5.a. Delegation, James Bisson 'Homelessness and Encampment Response Report' (Item from Standing Committee Requiring Separate Discussion)

Council Resolution 2024-10-16-734

Moved by Deputy Warden Olena Hankivsky

Seconded by Councillor John Logel

"**That** the confidential resolution moved in Closed Session regarding matters pertaining to personal matters about an identifiable individual including municipal or local board employees and advice that is subject to solicitor-client privilege, including communications necessary for that purpose (Item Held from Standing Committee Requiring Separate Discussion), is hereby referred to this open session of Council for adoption."

Carried

18. Closed Session Business – Public Updates

N/A

19. Confirming By-law

19.a A By-law to confirm the proceedings of a meeting of County Council held on October 16, 2024

Council Resolution 2024-10-16-735

Moved by Councillor John Logel

Seconded by Deputy Warden Olena Hankivsky

"That By-law 38-2024 being a By-law to confirm the proceedings of a meeting of County Council held on October 16, 2024 be introduced, be deemed to be read a first, second and third time, be passed, signed and sealed."

Carried

20. Adjournment

Council Resolution 2024-10-16-736

Moved by Councillor John Logel

Seconded by Council Alternate Michael Metcalf

"That Council adjourn at 2:53 p.m."

Carried

Brian Ostrander, Warden

Cheryl Sanders, Deputy Clerk



Letter of Commitment – Homelessness and Addiction Recovery Treatment (HART) Hub

Rebecca Carman, Associate Director, Housing and Homelessness
Kim Wilkinson, Deputy Chief, Northumberland Community Paramedics

October 16, 2024

Provincial Funding of HART Hubs

- ▶ 3-year Demonstration Project supporting 10 Homelessness and Addiction Recovery Treatment (HART Hubs)
- ▶ Goal of the HART Hub is to provide low-barrier access to wrap around services that best meet the complex needs of vulnerable individuals including those experiencing one or more of:
 - Homelessness
 - Substance use issues
 - Mental health challenges
 - Social service support needs
 - Unemployment

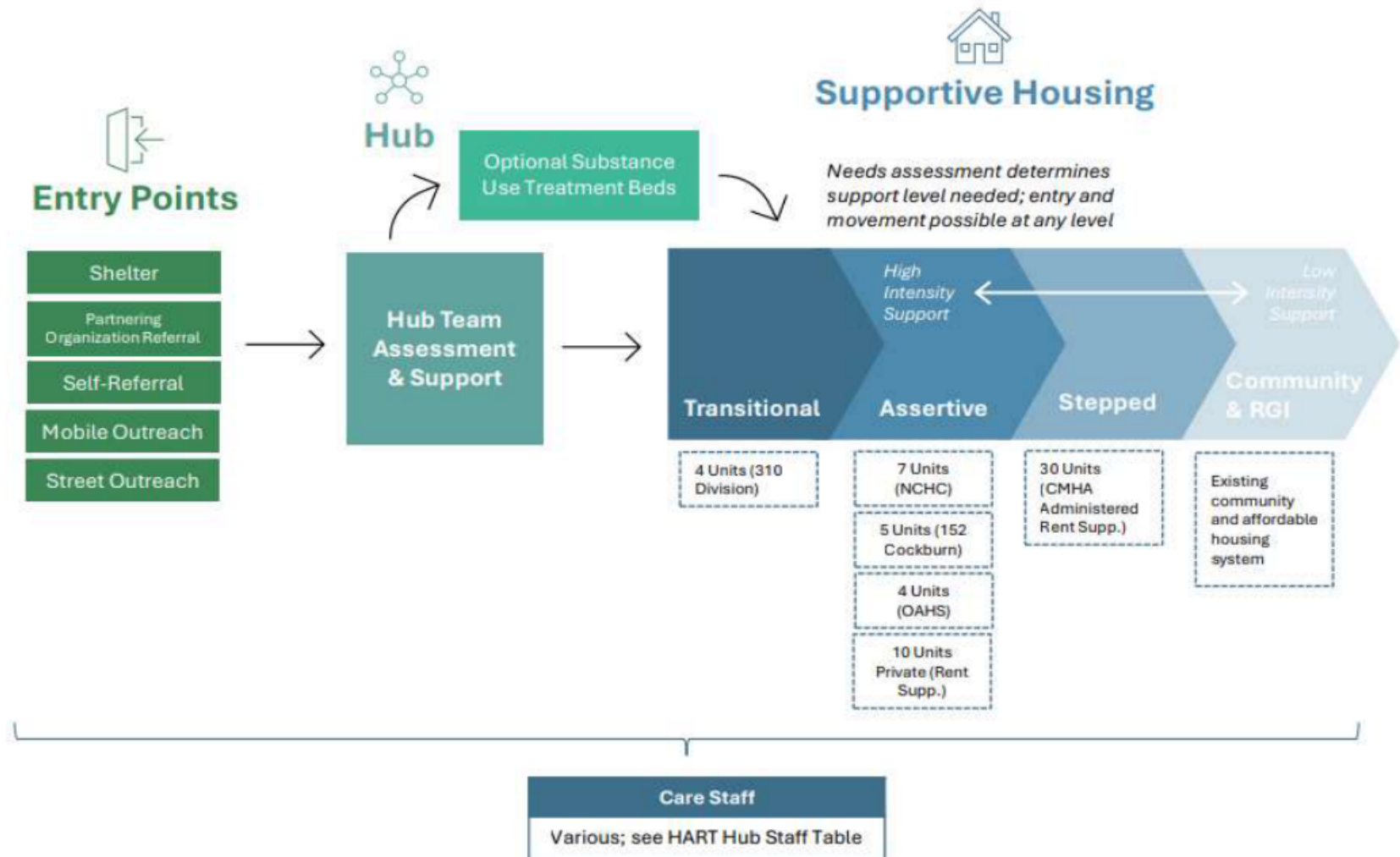
Project Scope

- ▶ Primary care
- ▶ Mental health services
- ▶ Addiction care and support
- ▶ Mobile outreach
- ▶ Social services and employment support
- ▶ Shelter and transitional housing beds
- ▶ Supportive housing
- ▶ Other services including, on-site showers, security, beds and bedding, and food, etc.

Northumberland's Approach

- ▶ Hub and Spoke model
 - ▶ Hub
 - ▶ Mobile Outreach to supportive housing units
 - ▶ Mobile Street Outreach
 - ▶ Various housing opportunities
- ▶ 10 Operational Partners including Northumberland County Community & Social Services and Community Paramedics
- ▶ 9 Endorsing Partners
- ▶ Northumberland County and Northumberland Hills Hospital will be co-leading the project

Client Journey



Northumberland County's Commitment



- ▶ 310 Division facility – up to \$660,000 / year
- ▶ Rent Supplement – up to \$59,200 / year
- ▶ Treatment beds – up to \$241,000 / year
- ▶ Others – up to \$24,179.98 / year

Total in-kind contribution of \$984,379.98 / year

Hiring & managing HART Hub supporting staff:

- ▶ Community Paramedics – 5 FTE
- ▶ Housing Retention Worker – 1 FTE

Questions and comments

Rebecca Carman

Associate Director, Housing and Homelessness

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Update on 310 Division Street

Rebecca Carman, Associate Director, Housing and Homelessness
Bill Smith, Manager, Homelessness Services

October 16, 2024

Progress on Opening 310 Division

- ▶ Occupancy permit obtained for phase one (ground floor)
 - ▶ Main Floor – Resource Centre and 24/7 Drop-in Centre/warming hub
- ▶ Building permit issued for phase two – anticipated completion in 2024
 - ▶ Emergency Shelter beds and Transitional Housing units
- ▶ Acquiring furniture for Drop-in Centre
- ▶ Staffing is in place
- ▶ Phase one ready to open by October 18, 2024
 - ▶ Winter Ready

310 Division Street: A collective effort



- ▶ Since July, there has been a substantial coordination and support to getting to this point of ready to open:
 - ▶ **Community Engagement since December 2023**
 - ▶ Community Engagement Sessions
 - ▶ Community Liaison Committee
 - ▶ Building relationships with neighbouring property owners and demonstrating good neighbour practices
 - ▶ **Funding**
 - ▶ County purchase of property
 - ▶ Province funding construction
 - ▶ Other grants sought by Transition House for operations
 - ▶ **Shifting ownership model and partnership structure**
 - ▶ Transition House and County – signed a revised MOU for the operation of a shelter out of 310
 - ▶ Occupancy Licensing Agreement signed
 - ▶ Service Agreement for new location ready to go
 - ▶ Bringing together of support services for opening
 - HART Hub connection and support
 - ▶ **Construction**
 - ▶ Expedited construction schedule
 - ▶ Contractors and Consultants – instrumental in prioritizing the completion of 310
 - ▶ Cost-savings support from in-house staffing expertise – electricians, locksmiths, project managers

Community Liaison Committee

- ▶ Training Session – September 25
 - ▶ Nearly 30 people attended
 - ▶ Dedication from attendees to understand the issues and see 310 as a success

- ▶ Interviews for selection scheduled for week of October 22
 - ▶ Currently 22 community members have expressed interest to serve

- ▶ Working toward first meeting early November

Emergency Care Establishment By-law - Exemptions

- ▶ Application submitted August 16, 2024
 - ▶ Response on September 23 – Town not reviewing the application and offer refund for exemption request and license fee
- ▶ Resubmission on October 1, 2024
 - ▶ Reduced request to 4 exemptions including proposed conditions that could be considered
- ▶ Town responded to exemption requests on October 7, 2024
- ▶ County staff sought meeting with Director of Legislative Services and CAO to discuss exemption requests on October 11.
 - ▶ No meeting was held – staff directed to Manager of By-law or to procedures under the by-law (i.e. Hearings Officer)
 - ▶ County staff spoke to Manager of By-law on October 15 to seek understanding of applicability

Emergency Care Establishment By-law – Status of Exemptions

By-law Reference	County Rationale for Exemption	Town Response	Considerations for County Council
Section 6.1 (d) (iii) – requires the provision of mobile security to address “circumstances involving shelter residents in the surrounding 500-meter radius”.	<p>Exemption was sought in relation to mobile security. (onsite security 24.7 will be provided)</p> <p>The County nor private security contracted by the County has a mandate or legal authority to respond to issues off its property.</p>	<p>“Granted with Condition”</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Requires intervention with known shelter residents within sightlines of the property - 500 metre radius response required for an incident directly related to ECE activities 	<p>An exemption has not been granted, condition provided is a term of the by-law. As an employer, Transition House cannot have staff leave property. Despite attempts, County staff remain unclear on the process that the Town will use to determine activities ‘directly related to ECE’.</p>

Emergency Care Establishment By-law – Status of Exemptions

By-law Reference	County Rationale for Exemption	Town Response	Considerations for County Council
Section 6.1 (d) (iv) – lot maintenance plan including responsibility for the waste and debris from the activities of the ECE or its shelter occupants within a 500m radius of the site.	<p>The County and Transition House outlined the waste management plan for onsite activities at 310 Division Street.</p> <p>The County cannot be responsible for waste and debris within 500m radius of site.</p>	<p>“Granted”</p> <p>Notes that the 500 metre radius requirement “is directly related to activity for which litter, waste and debris can be proven to be directly related to ECE activities.</p>	<p>A full exemption has not been granted, condition provided is a term of the by-law. Despite attempts, County staff remain unclear on the process that the Town will use to determine activities ‘directly related to ECE’.</p>

Emergency Care Establishment By-law – Status of Exemptions

By-law Reference	County Rationale for Exemption	Town Response	Considerations for County Council
<p>Section 6.1. (i). A statement by applicant attesting to the accuracy of application including: compliance with various legislation as required by Town of Cobourg</p>	<p>County provided a slightly modified form with the following changes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Clarifying it is a statement not an agreement - Present tense shifted to future tense (upon full operational status) - Limit indemnity of the Town to activities solely resp. of the Town - Added that the County did receive zoning compliance prior to purchase 	<p>“Denied”</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - By-law allows the Director or Manager to refuse to accept an application unless it is submitted on forms approved by the Director or Manager 	<p>The County cannot make a false statement. The County has demonstrated substantial reasonability its resubmission in narrowly limiting the Town’s indemnity. Without this exception, the County would be stating that it will indemnify the Town against all claims related to the operation of 310 division street, even if the Town itself is solely responsible for such claims</p>

Emergency Care Establishment By-law – Status of Exemptions

By-law Reference	County Rationale for Exemption	Town Response	Considerations for County Council
Section 4.3. – an agent trustee or representative of persons operating an ECE will be personally liable for compliance – failure to do so is an offence S. 24.2 – each director or officer of a corporation who knowingly concurs in contravention of By-law is guilty of an offence for each day it continues.	As a municipal corporation – the County cannot dissolve or become insolvent and therefore the intent of the by-law that the entity most responsible under any license is maintained with respect to the County without recourse to personal liability.	<p>“Denied” The County’s submissions rely upon proposed statements of law rather than factual information and reasons for an exemption request.</p> <p>Providing an exemption would not maintain the general intent and purpose of the by-law.</p>	<p>Liability applies to <u>all</u> employees/councilors of Northumberland. Municipal Act Subsection 448 (1) – no proceeding may be commenced against officers/agents for any act done in good faith.</p> <p>Situations where the by-law contravenes with provincial and federal legislation – how do employees/councilors navigate with threat of personal liability under by-law.</p>

Emergency Care Establishment By-law - Application

- ▶ Town of Cobourg have provided initial comments on the application – mostly minor and can be addressed
- ▶ While requirements can be met, some are onerous and not equitably considered for other businesses, services or residents
- ▶ With all concerns being addressed (including exemptions) conditional license will be issued

Moving forward – 310 Division Street opening



Direction from Council on how to move forward:

- ▶ Exemption Conditions
- ▶ Next Steps with the Town of Cobourg's ECE By-law
- ▶ Options to support individuals who are experiencing homelessness in the imminent cold weather

Questions and comments

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Emergency Care Establishment Exemption Request

DECISION

Applicant: Northumberland County

Location: 310 Division Street, Cobourg

Exemption Request:

The Town of Cobourg is in receipt of your Emergency Care Establishment Licensing Application and Exemption Request(s) for specific provisions under the Emergency Care Establishment Licensing By-law No.018-2024 (ECE) By-law.

The decisions below identify the exemptions requested with the decision noted, and where necessary specific conditions and any supporting information included.

Exemption Request #1:

Reason for Exemption Request:

The County is requesting an exemption from this section insofar as it requires the provision of mobile security to address "circumstances involving shelter residents in the surrounding 500-meter radius." Neither the County, nor any private security contracted by the County, has a mandate or legal authority to respond to issues off its property, other than the enforcement of County By-laws. The responsibility as a service manager under the Housing Services Act, 2011 to develop and implement strategies and services to support that plan, does not include a broader mandate, responsibility or authority to control, police, or monitor the conduct or activities of individuals who may be accessing those services when they are not at the property or actively engaged accessing those services. In the County's submission the intent of the By-law can be met by the provision of security at the property itself, as well as through education of residents of applicable by-laws, including the Town's nuisance By-law.

Emergency Care Establishment Licensing By-law No.018-2024

Section 6.1 (d) (iii)

d) An operational plan outlining specific measures to comply with Town By-laws and applicable law including but not limited to;

iii) The provision of both on-site and mobile security 24 hours/7 days per week to manage issues involving shelter occupants on the property and such circumstances involving shelter occupants in the surrounding 500 meter radius.

Director Decision: GRANTED WITH CONDITION

The ECE Applicant has provided clarification through recommended conditions related to on-site security which is delivered by staff and through existing infrastructure and utilizing other areas of requirements within the ECE By-law. These include the code of conduct, communicating the Town's Nuisance By-law, and addressing issues raised by the community within the Community Liaison Committee.

In keeping with the general intent and purpose of the By-law, the Town is looking for confirmation from the County of Northumberland to confirm that the Owner and Operator will work to assist with good neighbor practices and to intervene and remind known shelter residents within the property vicinity of the various by-laws and rules in place within public spaces within sightlines of the property and become compliant with those by-laws and rules in addition to contacting emergency services when necessary.

Reference to 500-meter radius **is directly related to activity for which a security response is necessary for an incident which can be proven to be directly related to ECE activities**. For clarification an individual's actions unrelated to an ECE activity or its programs and services would not be the responsibility of the ECE.

In addition, the ECE Applicant should add to their contact list for those working within the ECE, the Municipal Law Enforcement Department phone number 905-372-8380 (daytime & afterhours response), who can also report incidents directly to a Municipal Law Enforcement Officer seven (7) days a week and 24/7 to be addressed and responded to as it relates to any municipal enforcement infraction and complaints.

Action:

The ECE Applicant shall confirm that the Owner and Operator will work to assist with good neighbor practices and to intervene and remind known shelter residents within the property vicinity of the various by-laws and rules in place within public spaces within sightlines of the property and become compliant with those by-laws and rules in addition to contacting emergency services when necessary. ECE Applicant will only be responsible for the 500-meter radius which is proven to be directly related to ECE activities.

Exemption Request #2:

Reason for Exemption Request:

The County requires a partial exemption from this submission requirement. The County and its operator will ensure that there are adequate waste receptacles and garbage facilities on site and submit a lot maintenance plan identifying the locations of such infrastructure. The County will also take steps to ensure that the shelter operator has commercially reasonable

policies are in place to limit waste generated at the site from shelter activities, such as avoiding the use of disposable products and packaging wherever possible and encouraging any waste to be deposited on site. The County cannot be responsible for waste and debris from the activities of shelter occupants within a 500m radius of the site and believes the intent of the by-law to reduce and control waste from shelter operations is met by minimizing waste from shelter services and ensuring adequate facilities to dispose of such waste on site.

Emergency Care Establishment Licensing By-law No.018-2024

Section 6.1 (d) (iv)

d) An operational plan outlining specific measures to comply with Town By-laws and applicable law including but not limited to;

iv) A lot maintenance plan identifying locations of waste receptacles, garbage facilities and the frequency or maintenance schedule to address litter, waste accumulation and debris arising from the activity of the E.C.E. or its shelter occupants on the property and in the surrounding 500 meter radius;

Director Decision: GRANTED

The ECE Applicant has provided clarification on lot maintenance procedures and obligations and oversight on the operator, and that the property owner and tenant must comply with Town's Property Standards, Lot Maintenance and Waste Collection By-laws consistent with general intent and purpose of the By-law.

The reference to the 500-meter radius **is directly related to activity for which litter, waste and debris can be proven to be directly related to ECE activities.** For clarification an individual's actions unrelated to an ECE activity or its programs and services would not be the responsibility of the ECE licensee.

Action:

No action needed, other than understanding of the Towns' By-laws on Lot maintenance. The ECE Applicant will only be responsible for the 500-meter radius which is directly related to activity for which litter, waste and debris can be proven to be directly related to ECE activities.

Exemption Request #3:

Reason for Exemption Request:

The County requires exemptions from section 6.1 (i) and proposes to submit an alternative sworn statement to the one included in the application form.

As the proposed shelter at 310 Division Street is not yet operational and design and renovations to the building are ongoing, the County cannot confirm that it currently meets the requirements of the applicable laws listed in subsection 6.1(d)(ii), but can confirm that it intends to meet these requirements upon occupancy and commencing shelter operations. Changes to the standard statement are also required due to the various required exemptions outlined in this schedule.

The Town or its agents will have final approval of the design and renovations of the building, including under the Building Code Act, 1992, which will satisfy the intent of the By-law.

Emergency Care Establishment Licensing By-law No.018-2024

Section 6.1 (i)

i) A statement by the applicant attesting to the accuracy, truthfulness and completeness of the application and other items, including but not limited to, that:

ii) the E.C.E. is in compliance with various legislation as required by the Town of Cobourg, including the Building Code Act, 1992, S.O. 1992, c. 23 or any regulations made under it, including the Building Code O. Reg. 332/12; all Town of Cobourg municipal by-laws, including Property Standards Bylaw 18-99, as amended, and Zoning By-law 085-2003, as amended; and the Fire Protection and Prevention Act, 1997, S.O. 1997, c. 4, or any regulations made under it, including the Fire Code, O. Reg. 213/07;

Director Decision: DENIED

Pursuant to 6.1 of the ECE By-law No. 018-2024, the Director or Manager may refuse to accept an application for an E.C.E. Operator license unless the application is submitted on forms approved by the Director or Manager. The Town requires that the Applicant use the forms approved by the Director or Manager which formulates part of the Application Package when applying for an ECE License. By completing the Declaration (Attestation) on page 4 and 5 of the application is keeping with the general intent and purpose of the By-law confirming compliance with the requirements of the Emergency Care Establishment Licensing By-law.

Action:

The ECE Applicant shall complete and submit the Town's Declaration (Attestation) Form as the required form that has been approved by the Director or Manager.

Exemption Request #4:

Reason for Exemption Request:

As a municipal government, the County understands that there are circumstances where a municipal by-law must be able to "pierce the corporate veil" to ensure individual responsibility and accountability cannot be avoided through corporate dissolution or insolvency. Such authorities must, of course, be used sparingly and only where it would not be possible or appropriate to hold the responsible corporation liable.

The County requires an exemption from this section due to its nature as a municipal corporation. The County is not prone to dissolution or insolvency, and therefore the intent of the by-law that the entity most responsibility under any licence is maintained with respect to the County without recourse to personal liability.

It is also noted that subsection 448(1) of the Municipal Act, 2001 applies with respect to the Councilors, officers, and agents of the County, and provides that no proceeding may be commenced against such an individual for any act done in good faith performance of a duty or authority.

Emergency Care Establishment Licensing By-law No.018-2024

Section 4.3, 24.2

4.3 An agent, trustee or representative of persons operating an E.C.E. in the Town for which a licence is required shall also be personally liable for the compliance of his principal, beneficiary or persons he represents in connection with this bylaw. Failure by such a person to comply with this section constitutes an offence.

24.2 Each director or officer of a corporation who knowingly concurs in the contravention of this By-law by the corporation is guilty of an offence for each day or part of a day that the contravention occurs or continues

Director Decision: DENIED

The County's submission for its Exemption Request #4 effectively requests two exemptions. The first Exemption Request is for an exemption from section 4.3 of the E.C.E. By-law and the second Exemption Request is for an exemption from section 24.2 of the E.C.E. By-law. Both submissions rely upon proposed statements of law from the County rather than upon factual information and reasons for an exemption request. The decision in response to each exemption request is as follows.

The Section 24.2 Exemption Request

Section 24.2 of the E.C.E. By-law reads as follows:

24.2 *Each director or officer of a corporation who knowingly concurs in the contravention of this By-law by the corporation is guilty of an offence for each day or part of a day that the contravention occurs or continues.*

In support of this Exemption Request, the County refers to subsection 448(1) of the *Municipal Act, 2001*. The Town of Cobourg is fully aware of the immunity provisions set out in subsection 448(1) of the *Municipal Act, 2001*. For ease of reference, section 448 of the *Municipal Act, 2001*, reads as follows:

Immunity

448 (1) *No proceeding for damages or otherwise shall be commenced against a member of council or an officer, employee or agent of a municipality or a person acting under the instructions of the officer, employee or agent for any act done in good faith in the performance or intended performance of a duty or authority under this Act or a by-law passed under it or for any alleged neglect or default in the performance in good faith of the duty or authority.*

Liability for torts

(2) *Subsection (1) does not relieve a municipality of liability to which it would otherwise be subject in respect of a tort committed by a member of council or an officer, employee or agent of the municipality or a person acting under the instructions of the officer, employee or agent.*

That is, immunity is provided under this section “for any act done in good faith in the performance or intended performance of a duty or authority under this Act or a by-law passed under it”. The E.C.E. By-law was passed under the *Municipal Act, 2001*.

Based on that, please take note that section 425(1) and (3) of the *Municipal Act, 2001*, reads as follows:

Authority to create offences

425 (1) *A municipality may pass by-laws providing that a person who contravenes a by-law of the municipality passed under this Act is guilty of an offence.*

Directors and officers

(3) A by-law under this section may provide that a director or officer of a corporation who knowingly concurs in the contravention of a by-law by the corporation is guilty of an offence.

Accordingly, section 24.2 of the E.C.E. By-law is consistent with and in conformity to section 425 of the *Municipal Act, 2001*, and its scope will be interpreted by the Town of Cobourg in accordance with governing principles.

Section 20.1 of the E.C.E. By-Law permits the Director to “exempt any person from all or any part of the Emergency Care Establishment By-law where the Director is satisfied that the granting of the exemption would maintain the general intent and purpose of the By-law”. This Director is not satisfied that the granting of an exemption to section 24.2 of the E.C.E. By-law to the Applicant would maintain the general intent and purpose of the By-law because section 24.2 was passed in accordance with the language set out in section 425 of the *Municipal Act, 2001*, under which the E.C.E. By-law was expressly passed. Therefore, this Exemption Request is not granted.

The Section 4.3 Exemption Request

Section 4.3 of the E.C.E. By-law reads as follows:

4.3 An agent, trustee or representative of persons operating an E.C.E. in the Town for which a licence is required shall also be personally liable for the compliance of his principal, beneficiary or persons he represents in connection with this bylaw. Failure by such a person to comply with this section constitutes an offence.

As stated above, Section 20.1 of the E.C.E. By-Law permits the Director to “exempt any person from all or any part of the Emergency Care Establishment By-law where the Director is satisfied that the granting of the exemption would maintain the general intent and purpose of the By-law”.

The County makes this Exemption Request based on a legal position that the E.C.E. By-law should not “pierce the corporate veil”. The E.C.E. By-law makes no reference to piercing the corporate veil in section 4.3 of the E.C.E. By-law.

The general intent and purpose of the Town of Cobourg’s E.C.E. By-law (including section 4.3) is to be consistent and compliant with governing legislation, including the *Municipal Act, 2001*, and the *Provincial Offences Act*, RSO 1990, c P.33, and consistent and compliant with governing common law, including the Supreme Court of Canada’s decision rendered in the case of [R. v. Sault Ste. Marie](#), 1978 CanLII 11 (SCC), [1978] 2 SCR 1299.



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Accordingly, an Exemption Request based on the scope of the concept of “piercing the corporate veil” does not satisfy this Director that such an exemption requested on that basis would maintain the general intent and purpose of the by-law and, therefore, this Exemption Request is not granted.

Action:

No action required, exemption request denied, and the County must comply as with the general intent and purpose of the by-law as written.

Summary:

In summary, out of the four (4) exemption requests submitted, one (1) exemption request has been granted, one (1) request granted with condition, and two (2) exemption requests denied. All exemption decisions have been described and actions of the ECE Applicant noted.

Option for Hearing Officer Appeal:

With respect to the By-law, the ECE By-law provides that where a person is denied an exemption by the Director or is dissatisfied with any condition imposed by the Director in relation to an exemption, the person may request a review by the Hearings Officer of the Director’s denial or condition.

The person’s right to request a review expires on the tenth (10th) day after notice of the Director’s decision is given to the person at which time the Director’s decision is final and not subject to review.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Brent Larmer".

Brent Larmer

Municipal Clerk/Director of Legislative Services

Legislative Services Division, Town of Cobourg



County Council – Recorded Vote

Resolution: 2024-10-16-725 Date: October 16, 2024

Item 12.c) 310 Division Street, Cobourg Update

Municipality	Councillor	Votes	YES	NO	Absent	Other
Town of Cobourg	Cleveland, L.	6		✓		
Municipality of Trent Hills	Metcalfe, M. (Council Alternate)	4	✓			
Municipality of Port Hope	Hankivsky, O.	5				✓
Township of Hamilton	Jibb, S.	3	✓			
Township of Alnwick/Haldimand	Logel, J.	2	✓			
Township of Cramahe	Martin, M.	2	✓			
Municipality of Brighton	Ostrander, B.	4	✓			
TOTALS		26				

Absent: _____ Representing: 26 Votes YES: 15 NO: _____ TOTAL (26)

14 = carried

13 or less = defeated

Carried

Warden's Signature

Defeated

Warden's Signature

Financial Update

- Fall 2024



Q3 Financial Update



2024 Budget (cash basis – as approved Dec 2023):

Operating	\$141.8M
Capital	\$67.4M
Debt Principal Repayment	\$1.1M
Change in Reserves	<u>(\$9.3M)</u>
	\$201.0M

As at September 30th, County is on budget with a total favourable variance of \$32,889K.

Q3 Operating Statement



	Actual	Budget	Variance
Revenue	\$133,529K	\$129,650K	\$3,879K
Expenditures	\$114,292K	\$119,177K	(\$4,885K)
Investments (TCAs)	\$36,739K	\$58,711K	(\$21,972K)
Financing (Debt and Transfers from reserves)	(\$39,403K)	(\$37,250K)	(\$2,153K)
Surplus/(Deficit)	\$21,900K	(\$10,989K)	\$32,889K

Significant Non-Timing Variances



Items	\$k	Comment
GPL Subsidy	(2,715)	2023 Adjustment (641K), One-time Funding (384K), High Intensity Needs (666K), Other subsidies (1,024K)
Interest	(2,688)	Interest on investments (2,206K), Project construction financing (482K)
Salaries/Wages/Benefits - Gapping	(1,997)	Estimate
Construction/Repair Costs – 310 Division St	543	Will be covered by Provincial funding
Total Non-timing	(6,857)	

Note: Negative numbers are favourable

Significant Timing Variances



Items	\$k	Comment
Capital Purchases	(13,606)	NCHC (1,878K), Housing (6,155K), Transportation (5,424K)
GPL & NCAM Project	(7,239)	Timing of works (8,808K), net of construction financing 1,569K
Long Term Debt	(3,181)	Debenture for Elgin Park Phase 1
External Services	(1,536)	Timing of Projects
WSIB Claims	762	Paramedics
Total Timing	(24,800)	

Note: Negative numbers are favourable

2024 Financial Update



- The Bank of Canada (BOC) has made three (0.25%) reductions in 2024 to its overnight lending rate which now sits at 4.25%.
- The BOC maintains that monetary policy is working to reduce price pressures in Canada and that inflation will gradually ease and return to the 2% target in the second half of 2025. CPI 1.6% Sept 2024 (12-month change); Non Residential Building construction price index 4.8% (GTA Q2 2023 to Q2 2024)
- Higher interest rates are a significant concern for the County with the GPL & NCAM project funded mostly by debt. As of Oct 15th, the Infrastructure Ontario rate for a 25-year debenture was 4.52%

2024 Financial Update



- The BOC predicts that the global economy will grow around 3% in 2024 and 2025.
- Canadian economic growth has been relatively weak but is expected to strengthen in the second half of 2024.
- BOC Canadian GDP forecast growth of 1.2% in 2024 and 2.1% in 2025.
- NOTE: The Bank of Canada has not released an updated Monetary Policy Report since July 2024 so some numbers are the same as the summer update.



By-law 36-2024

A By-law to Transfer Ownership of and Jurisdiction over the Thompson Bridge from the Corporation of the County of Northumberland to the Corporation of the Municipality of Trent Hills

Whereas Section 11 of the Municipal Act, 2001, S.O. 2001, c.25 provides broad authority to municipalities to pass by-laws respecting certain matters, subject to certain restrictions, including by-laws respecting public assets, highways, and structures; and

Whereas Subsection 52(4) of the Municipal Act, 2001, S.O. 2001, c.25 provides an upper-tier municipality may remove a highway, including a boundary line highway, from its system; and

Whereas Subsection 52(5) of the Municipal Act, 2001, S.O. 2001, c.25 provides that if a highway is removed from an upper-tier highway system, it is under jurisdiction of the lower-tier municipality in which the highway is located; and

Whereas the Municipality of Trent Hills is a lower-tier municipality forming part of the County of Northumberland, which is an upper-tier municipality; and

Whereas the County of Northumberland is presently the owner of Thompson Bridge, a public structure including the 30 m of roadway in each direction from the end of the deck, located on Skinkle Road, approximately 1.55 km north of County Road 29 in the Municipality of Trent Hills, located in lot 24 concession 4 of Trent Hills, forming a part of PIN 51189-0051; and

Whereas the County has recently completed the replacement of the Thompson Bridge to restore the bridge back to good condition and the County deems it appropriate and necessary to transfer the ownership of and jurisdiction over Thompson Bridge to restore connectivity to the Municipality of Trent Hills' road network; and

Now Therefore Be It Enacted as a by-law of the Council of the Corporation of the County of Northumberland as follows:

1) That Thompson Bridge, a public structure including the 30 m of roadway in each direction from the end of the deck, located on Skinkle Road, approximately 1.55 km north of County Road 29 in the Municipality of Trent Hills, located in lot 24 concession 4 of Trent Hills, and forming a part of PIN 51189-0051; is hereby transferred to the Municipality of Trent Hills and added to the Municipality's highway system.

2) That this By-law shall come into force and take effect on October 16, 2024.

That By-law No. 36-2024 be introduced and be deemed to be read a first, second and third time and passed, signed and sealed this 16th day of October 2024.

Brian Ostrander, Warden

Cheryl Sanders, Deputy Clerk