

DELEGATION TO NORTHUMBERLAND COUNTY SOCIAL SERVICES STANDING COMMITTEE

Social Services Standing Committee,

Northumberland County

July 6, 2022 | 1:00 P.M.

Councillor Nicole Beatty, Councillor Aaron Burchat

Tracey Vaughan, CAO and Brent Larmer, Director
Legislative Services/Municipal Clerk



Municipal Council

Town of Cobourg





Cobourg Traditional Land Acknowledgement

The Town of Cobourg respectfully acknowledge that we are located in the traditional and treaty territory of the Michi Saagiig (Mississauga) and Chippewa Nations, collectively known as the Williams Treaties First Nations, which include: Curve Lake, Hiawatha, Alderville, Scugog Island, Rama, Beausoleil, and Georgina Island First Nations.

The Town of Cobourg respectfully acknowledge that the Williams Treaties First Nations have been stewards and caretakers of these lands and waters, and that today remain vigilant over their health and integrity for generations to come. We are all Treaty people.





How we got here today -

- **June 27, 2022 Regular Council Meeting – Cobourg**
Council heard a delegation from seven (7) Cobourg/Northumberland County Residents on concerns with Homelessness and Sheltering in Cobourg and in Northumberland County and spoke about individuals impacted by homelessness, the lack of shelters in the community.
- **June 27, 2022 Regular Council Meeting – Council**
approved the following direction – *THAT Council receive the delegation from the June 27, 2022, regular Council meeting from Jane Lawson, Amiee Johnston, Chris Kneilands, Virginia Bailey, Brad Bridges, Angela Turpin and Meghan Sheffield, Cobourg Residents, regarding Homelessness and Sheltering in the Town of Cobourg, for information purposes; and THAT Council request that a full report on the enforcement of municipal by-laws through engagement with Northumberland County, HKPRDHU, Cobourg Fire, and Cobourg Police, be brought forward for Council consideration on for the July 4, 2022, to be held at 4 PM, Special Council Meeting.*



June 27, Regular Council Meeting



How we got here today – continued

- **July 4, 2022 – Special Council Meeting** – At the June 27, 2022 Regular Council Meeting, Council called the Special Meeting on Sheltering and Homelessness and the Enforcement of Municipal By-laws in Cobourg.
- As part of the Special Council meeting, Town Council heard delegations from ten (10) Cobourg/County Residents on the Sheltering and Homelessness and provided Council with some comments and considerations to consider.
- **July 4, 2022 – Special Council Meeting** – Council received a Staff Report on Sheltering and Homelessness and the Enforcement of Municipal By-laws which included two options for Council consideration as well as the role of the County of Northumberland and some programs and a revised detailed Encampment Enforcement Response Plan on the first engagement with persons sleeping rough in Cobourg Municipal Parks.
- **July 4, 2022 – Special Council Meeting** – Council also received a Notice Motion from Councillor Beatty on the development of a Encampment Response Plan for the Town of Cobourg.



July 4, 2022 Special Council Meeting

Municipal Council passed Two (2) Resolutions at this Meeting, including the direction to be a delegation at County Council.



Cobourg Council Resolution #1

As part of the approved Resolution, Municipal Council and Staff are looking for support from the County to:

- Collaborate with the Town of Cobourg to establish a coordinated response through and already established response Team where services groups can be consulted where persons that are found to be sleeping rough in Cobourg Municipally owned land.
- Pg. 12 of the Staff Report provides a more detailed overview of the collaboration the Town is seeking...



The Corporation of the
Town of Cobourg

Special Council Resolution

Moved By Deputy Mayor Suzanne Séguin Resolution No: 239-22
Last Name Printed SÉGUIN

Seconded By Councillor Nicole Beatty Council Date:
Last Name Printed BEATTY July 4, 2022

THAT Council receive the Staff Report for information purposes; and

FURTHER THAT Council maintain the enforcement of Municipal By-laws currently in place conducted by Municipal Law Enforcement Officers; and

FURTHER THAT Council endorse a revised Encampment Response Plan by the By-law Department for coordination with the County of Northumberland Homelessness Coordinated Response Team (HCRT) in order to establish a coordinated systemic multi-agency response to those sleeping rough in the Town of Cobourg to facilitate person-centered engagement opportunities and individualized connections to community-based supports, including dignified housing/shelter options; and

FURTHER THAT in the event of an encampment site being cleaned up, everyone's personal belongings are stored for a period of two weeks and notification provided for pick up; and

FURTHER THAT Council direct the CAO to provide an oral report to Municipal Council on Homelessness in the Town of Cobourg as a standing report under General Government Services.

Recorded Vote Request By: Deputy Mayor Suzanne Séguin

Vote Results:

Council Member	YES	NO
Councillor Nicole Beatty	X	
Councillor Adam Bureau	X	
Councillor Brian Darling	X	
Councillor Emily Chorley	X	
Councillor Aaron Burchat	X	
Deputy Mayor Suzanne Séguin	X	
Mayor John Henderson	X	
RESULTS	7	

CARRIED



Cobourg Council Resolution #1..Continued

Pg.12 – "This response could be a team of coordinated individuals and agencies that could be ingrained in the initial visit to the encampment location called the Encampment Response Team. When a complaint is lodged, the Encampment response team will conduct an assessment of the health and social needs of individual with consent, and their name be added to the By-Name List (BNL) if it isn't already which will allow for the understanding of their needs and connect them to services, supports, and available housing and also to connect with other community partner agencies who can provide a wide variety of supports."



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Councillor Adam Bureau	X	
Councillor Brian Darling	X	
Councillor Emily Chorley	X	
Councillor Aaron Burchat	X	
Deputy Mayor Suzanne Séguin	X	
Mayor John Henderson	X	
RESULTS	7	

CARRIED



Cobourg Council Resolution #2

As part of the approved Second Resolution, Municipal Council and Staff are looking for support from the County to:

- Call on Northumberland County Council, staff and its service providers to work with the Town of Cobourg to establish an immediate solution to increasing the supply of indoor accommodation and providing street outreach support through the implementation of an Encampment Response Plan.
- Council direct staff to engage with Infrastructure Ontario and MPP David Piccini and Northumberland County to repurpose, refurbish or rebuild a small portion of the former Brookside property to explore immediate housing options in response to the local housing crisis



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Special Council Resolution

Moved By Councillor Nicole Beatty
Last Name Printed BEATTY

Resolution No.: 242-22

Seconded By Councillor Aaron Burchat
Last Name Printed BURCHAT

Council Date:
July 4, 2022

THAT Council call on Northumberland County Council, staff and its service providers to work with the Town of Cobourg to establish an immediate solution to increasing the supply of indoor accommodation and providing street outreach support through the implementation of an Encampment Response Plan.

AND FURTHER THAT Council direct senior staff based on availability and two (2) members of Council to make a delegation to Northumberland County Community Social Services Standing Committee on July 6, 2022 at 1:00 P.M. and at their next scheduled Regular Council meeting on July 20th, 2022 or through the procedures of the County Procedural By-law for the next cycle of County Council Meetings; and

FURTHER THAT Council direct staff to engage with Infrastructure Ontario and MPP David Piccini and Northumberland County to repurpose, refurbish or rebuild a small portion of the former Brookside property to explore immediate housing options in response to the local housing crisis

Recorded Vote Request By: Councillor Nicole Beatty

Vote Results:

Council Member	YES	NO
Councillor Nicole Beatty	X	
Councillor Adam Bureau	X	
Councillor Brian Darling	X	
Councillor Emily Chorley	X	
Councillor Aaron Burchat	X	
Deputy Mayor Suzanne Séguin		X
Mayor John Henderson	X	
RESULTS	6	1

CARRIED



Questions for Enhanced Government Collaboration

How can the Town of Cobourg and other member municipalities engage and liaise with the Homelessness Coordinated Response Team (HCRT)?

What does community outreach to support folks who are unhoused in Cobourg currently look like?

When folks who are unhoused cannot access Transition House or overflow motel rooms where can they go?

What funding is available for a multi-level government x community response?





Recommendations:

These are the three (3) Recommendations that will be brought forward to County Council for Staff Direction:

1. Collaboration with Enforcement Staff with the Town's Encampment Response Plan by the By-law Department for coordination with the County of Northumberland Homelessness Coordinated Response Team (HCRT) in order to establish a coordinated systemic multi-agency response to those sleeping rough in the Town of Cobourg to facilitate person-centered engagement opportunities and individualized connections to community-based supports, including dignified housing/shelter options.
2. Council call on Northumberland County Council, staff and its service providers to work with the Town of Cobourg to establish an immediate solution to increasing the supply of indoor accommodation and providing street outreach support through the implementation of an Encampment Response Plan.
3. Northumberland County Engage with the Town of Cobourg, with Infrastructure Ontario and MPP David Piccini, to repurpose, refurbish or rebuild a small portion of the former Brookside property to explore immediate housing options in response to the local housing crisis.

Recommended Action for the Social Services Standing Committee today:

THAT the Northumberland County Social Services Standing Committee endorse the Town of Cobourg Delegation be heard at the July 20, 2022 Regular County Council Meeting to be heard by all County Councillors.