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Good morning,

We are writing on the topic of 310 Division. We understand the building is proceeding as a shelter and additional considerations for its usage are no longer in discussion.

While we understand the need for shelter space in the County, the selection of 310 Division Street without community consultation in advance of the purchase and mortgage agreement with Transition House, has left members of the town of Cobourg with questions about transparency. We have read through the letter the County sent back to us regarding its high-level plans for and goals for the building this spring, as well as its 6-month drug treatment pilot program. We imagine this letter (received last week) was a standard letter sent to those who sent questions and concerns to the County back in December.

We are submitting a formal request asking County Council to work with the town of Cobourg to ensure an agreement is in place on the matters of safety (and policing), distribution of costs (County vs. Town, across various topics), shelter policies/rules (eligibility, compliance, etc.), and space utilization (strict capacity limits). Whitby/Durham recently agreed upon terms and arrangements when proceeding with a shelter on Dundas in Whitby. Whitby Town Councillors (and ultimately Durham Region) saw the reality of costs and issues that would arise and advocated proactively - negotiating an agreement that tackled complications in advance of a shelter opening. Establishing and communicating these terms also provides clarity to the Cobourg community.

We hope that County Council is willing to negotiate an agreement with Cobourg Council, just as Durham Region did with the town of Whitby this fall.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Ann & James Grozier