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Hi Madison.

I am writing to you with regards to the plans for 310 Division Street. I have lived in Cobourg for 20 years and the plans for the development of a larger transition house in that location is very concerning to me. I currently work at [REDACTED] and have been there for over 5 years. I have seen first hand the increase in crime in the area. A staff member had their bike stolen within minutes of leaving it unattended. We have had patients that feel unsafe heading to their vehicles after receiving treatment. People doing drugs on the side walk right on Division street almost daily. These are just a few examples of how this model is not working well for home and business owners in the area. There are many more.

I would like to implore Northumberland County to look into entering an agreement similar to what was laid out in The Town Of Whitby. It would give the business owners and house owners in the area some piece of mind that issues will be addressed in a timely fashion. I would say the majority of Cobourg residents do not want this building converted into low barrier housing. This has been pushed through with very little community input. There is vacancy at the current location to this day, so I fail to see the benefits of a larger location in the first place. However, at the very least this needs to work for the whole of Cobourg and Northumberland residents. Having a legally binding agreement in place that puts accountability on the management outside of "working hours" for the low barrier housing is a must. We see daily how not having that in place at the current Transition House is negatively affecting the whole area, business and peoples own enjoyment of their homes.

I hope that there can be an agreement similar to what Durham region put in place in order to help everyone in the area with the current concerns and what will surely be more with a huge increase in beds available. This can not be managed the way the current Transition House is being managed without a significant drain

on county/town resources such as fire and police services. As well as negatively affecting all business owners in the area.

I ask that you consider this when making future decisions regarding next steps with regard to 310 Division Street..

Thank you for your time.

Tara Cunningham.

