

January 15, 2024

To: Northumberland County Councilors

Town of Cobourg Councilors

REFERENCE: 510 DIVISION STREET PROPOSED SHELTER

I am a resident of Cobourg and do not support the low barrier shelter the County is proposing for our downtown core.

I have read the submission by Ms. Allen and Mr. Crowley to the Town of Cobourg and to the County Council. I whole heartedly support the policies listed should the 310 Division Street building become a shelter.

I no longer feel comfortable walking the downtown core or Cobourg waterfront on my own. 4 years ago I had no hesitation to walk at dusk in the Division / George Street areas of our town. In addition I went to enter a business near Division and Spencer Streets this week only to find the door locked. I assumed the business to be closed but a staff member came and unlocked the door to let me in. When I questioned the reason for the door being locked I was told there were too many people "hanging" around and they didn't feel comfortable working with just 2 staff on duty. What a very, very sad occurrence for our once friendly inviting town.

Please give serious review and your support to the request put forward by Ms. Allen and Mr. Crowley mimicking Whitby's approach to a low barrier shelter.

Cathy Krentz

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