

Share Your Thoughts: Governance Review

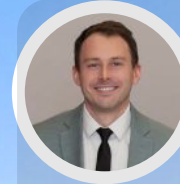
The Town of Cobourg, through the Legislative Services Division and Council are currently conducting a review of its governance by-laws and policies. As part of this review, Council is seeking resident input regarding what is working well and where improvements could be made, particularly on transparency, accountability and how residents are able to participate in municipal decision making.

Have Your Say! Visit EngageCobourg.ca to:

- ✓ Submit your answers to the survey
- ✓ Provide additional comments or insights in the forum

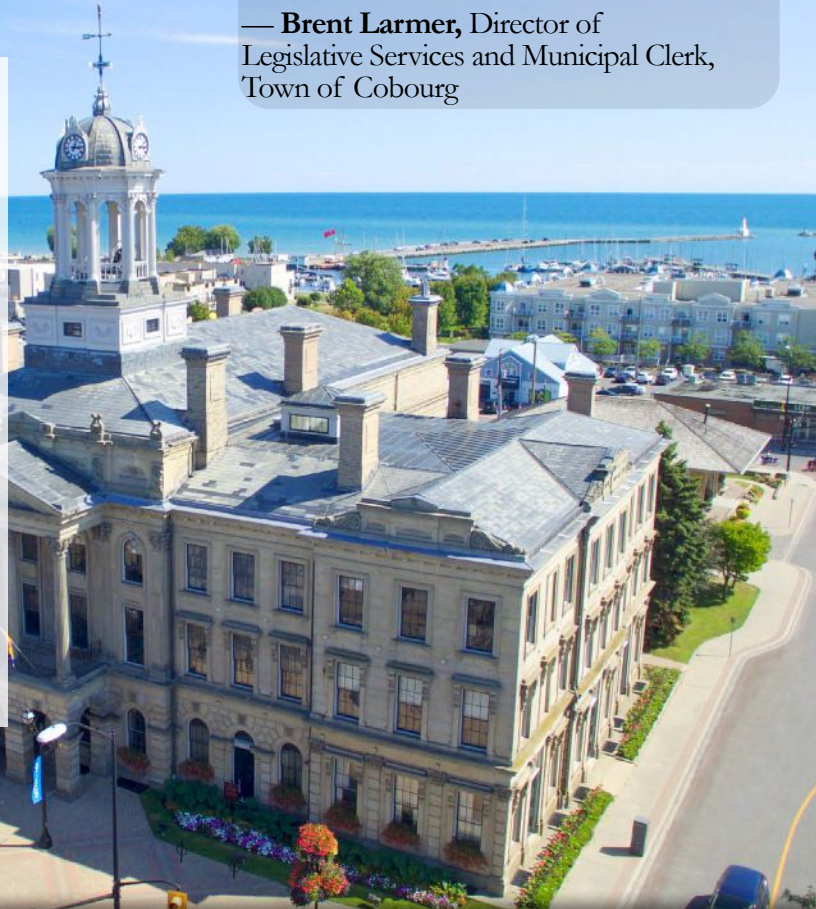


The survey is open until May 29, 2023.



“We appreciate the public taking a few minutes to give us valuable feedback into the Town’s governance structure.”

— **Brent Larmer**, Director of Legislative Services and Municipal Clerk, Town of Cobourg



Save the Date Wheel the Walk

Saturday, June 3, 2023
11 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Cobourg Farmers' Market



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Visit Cobourg.ca/accessibility.

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Resident Taxes are due June 1st

Have you paid your taxes?

Contact our Finance Department for more information or assistance.

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Engaging with Your Members of Council

Cobourg Municipal Council is committed to building a Town Hall that works through openness and transparency, and where positive relationships are built with the public, community organizations and other stakeholders. Council connects with our community members each month. To connect with Council please see their contact information below:



Mayor Lucas Cleveland

Mayor Cleveland is available for meetings with the community weekly, on Wednesdays. To meet with the Mayor, you can email him at lcleveland@cobourg.ca or connect with his Executive Assistant, Toni Galea at 905-372-4301 ext: 4102.

If you would like to hear more from the Mayor's Office, please sign up for his monthly eNewsletter. To register, visit www.Cobourg.ca/mayor.



Deputy Mayor Nicole Beatty

Deputy Mayor Nicole Beatty hosts open office hours, weekly in Victoria Hall.

Mondays: 9 a.m. - 11 a.m. Wednesdays: 12 p.m. - 2 p.m.

Location: Victoria Hall, 55 King Street West

Stay up to date on the day-to-day activity of Deputy Mayor Beatty by following her on social media

Facebook: [@NicoleBeattyCobourg](https://www.facebook.com/NicoleBeattyCobourg) Instagram: [@nicbea_xo](https://www.instagram.com/nicbea_xo)



Councillor Adam Bureau

Councillor Bureau is available for one-on-one meetings or is available to come and speak to community groups upon their request.

Stay up to date on the day-to-day activities of Councillor Bureau by following him on social media

Facebook: [@adam.bureau.1](https://www.facebook.com/adam.bureau.1) Instagram: [adam_bureau_](https://www.instagram.com/adam_bureau_)



Councillor Brian Darling

Councillor Brian Darling is an active presence in our community. If you do not run into him at a local event or celebration, walking downtown with his wife Lillian or at the Community Centre with his grandchildren, he is available for one-on-one meetings upon request. To reach Councillor Darling, you can email him at bdarling@cobourg.ca or phone 289-251-2177.



Councillor Aaron Burchat

Councillor Aaron Burchat is active in the community and attends numerous community events and open houses each month. If you would like to set-up a time to chat with Councillor Burchat, he is available to meet with members of the community in person or can connect over the phone.

To contact Councillor Burchat, you can email him at aburchat@cobourg.ca or phone 905-375-3535.



Councillor Miriam Mutton

Councillor Miriam Mutton appreciates engaging in discussion with residents and local businesses by phone, email or in person. Councillor Mutton stays actively connected with the community through her involvement with local organizations and attendance at local businesses and community events. To set-up a meeting with Councillor Mutton, you can email her at mmutton@cobourg.ca or phone 905-372-4301.



Councillor Randy Barber

Councillor Randy Barber appreciates engaging with members of the community in person, over coffee or on the phone.

To connect with Councillor Barber, you can reach him by email at rbarber@cobourg.ca or phone 905-207-4940.



Program FEATURE

Municipal Law
Enforcement

bylawenforcement@cobourg.ca
905-372-8380
Cobourg.ca/amp

Introducing AMPS

The Town of Cobourg is implementing the Administrative Monetary Penalty (AMP) system.

Later this month, the Town of Cobourg will be implementing the Administrative Monetary Penalty (AMP) system providing a local and accessible dispute resolution system for municipal parking bylaw infractions.

What is an AMP System?

The AMP system is a fast and flexible process for payment, appeal and collection of minor by-law infractions. Disputes are resolved by Screening and Hearings Officers who can modify, cancel, or affirm penalties.

In Ontario, municipal AMPs are legislated under the Municipal Act, 2001. This system helps the overburdened courts by streamlining the process and allowing municipalities to efficiently handle minor by-law infractions.

Any community member who has received a ticket or fine (an AMP), an Order, or a Licensing or Exemption Decision may request a review through the Town of Cobourg's appeal process.

Benefits of AMPS include:

- **Improved Customer Service:** regulatory matters can be resolved online with the Town of Cobourg without the requirement of courts, justice of the peace, the officer that issued the charge, etc.
- **Expediency and Convenience:** AMPS provides a fair, efficient and convenient alternative to the traditional court process of administering and adjudicating minor by-law offences. Wait time may be significantly reduced compared to the court system.
- **Improved Compliance:** AMPS decisions are made more quickly, improving wait times between date of issue and date of hearing.
- **Fiscal Efficiency:** AMPS doesn't require the same capital and operating investments of the traditional court system, operating with fewer staff and less administrative overhead. Administrative fees applied would be maintained by the municipality instead of going to the court system.



To speak with a Municipal Law Enforcement Officer in-person, visit their offices in the Market Building (201 Second Street, located behind Victoria Hall) between 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on weekdays.



2023 Parking Passes



Waterfront Parking Season Passes On Sale

From Victoria Day weekend to Thanksgiving, Waterfront parking is in effect in all waterfront parking areas. Waterfront parking season passes are on sale for residents and visitors who prefer to pay a flat rate to park in these areas all season long. Passes can be purchased online at parking.cobourg.ca or by visiting Victoria Hall at 55 King Street West. Prices are:

- Cobourg residents only, \$40/season (East Beach resident: \$20/season)
- Visitor season pass, \$150/season



Department SPOTLIGHT

An Inside Look at Environmental Services

Living in a beautiful community such as Cobourg, it can be easy to take for granted the daily amenities we depend upon each day. Our manicured parks and beautiful flowers, maintained streets and clean water don't happen by chance. They are the result of the hard-working Town employees who take great pride in ensuring our community is a charming, safe space for our community and their families.



We therefore want to take the opportunity to provide education to our community members on our Town departments. What they do and how they do it. This month, we sat down with staff from the Town of Cobourg Environmental Services Department for step-by-step instructions on how the Town's wastewater is treated.

What does your department do?

We treat approximately 15,000 m³ of sewage each day. In eight hours, sewage is cleaned to near drinking water quality and is discharged to the Cobourg Creek (Plant #1) and Lake Ontario (Plant #2).

How it all Works:

Wastewater enters the two wastewater plants from the town's five Sanitary Pump Stations. From point of entry, water transfers through five treatment processes before it is discharged into Cobourg Creek and Lake Ontario. (Note: stormwater from rain/melting snow does not go to wastewater treatment plants.)



The Town of Cobourg monitors area residential, commercial, and industrial discharges to ensure they comply with the Town's Sewer Use By-Law. Town staff serve as Risk Management Officials for Drinking Water Source Protection on behalf of the Town.





The Pollution Plants effluent (sewage discharge) must meet strict limits specified in our Environmental Compliance Approval issued by the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks. Staff conduct daily testing to ensure levels meet strict standards. An annual report is prepared for each facility and submitted to the MECP before the end of March each year.





The Town of Cobourg provides area farmers with biosolids free of charge to help increase their crop yields. The solid portion of the sewage is processed for 1-2 months to reduce the pathogen count and breakdowns the complex proteins, fats, carbohydrates into smaller compounds that can be readily absorbed by plants.


An Inside Look *Continued*

1  **Preliminary Treatment:** The incoming sewage is screened to remove toilet paper and other inorganic materials and settle out sand and grit.

2  **Primary Treatment:** The flow enters the Primary Clarifier where the velocity is slowed to allow solids to settle to the bottom and grease to the float to the top. Solids and grease are pumped into the Anaerobic Digester to be converted into Biosolids.

3  **Biological Treatment:** The Aeration Tanks contain a concentrated collection of microbes and the dissolved oxygen levels in the tanks are kept a specific level to support microbial respiration. During this stage, the organic material in the Aeration Tanks is reduced from several hundred mg/l to less than 10mg/l in roughly two hours.

4  **Secondary Treatment:** The microbes from the Aeration Tanks overflow into the Secondary Clarifiers where they settle to the bottom of the tank and the clear water overflows to the Final Contact Chamber.

5  **Final Contact Chamber:** Treated effluent (waste water) is disinfected to reduce E.coli levels to <200 cfu/100mL and discharged into the Cobourg Creek or Lake Ontario.

The three acceptable means of disinfecting effluent are chlorine, ozone and ultraviolet (UV) light. Both Water Treatment Plants in Cobourg currently use chlorine, but Plant #1 is currently changing over to ozone. Chlorine is a good disinfecting agent but is harmful to the environment. Environment Canada requires that all Plants that chlorinate must also 'dechlorinate' before discharging effluent to the local waterways. With ozone, there are no harmful residuals that need to be removed once water is treated.

You should only flush the 3-P's – Pee, Poop and (toilet) paper!

Household items that should never be flushed:

- ✘ **Moist towelettes** (Baby Wipes) – these wipes are not biodegradable and should never be flushed
- ✘ **Chemicals** – chemicals and pesticides should be taken to the Northumberland County Hazardous Waste Recycling Depot
- ✘ **Grease** – grease solidifies in your sewer between your house and the street. Allow it to solidify then scrape it into your green bin.



INTERESTING FACTS

As much as possible, municipalities rely on gravity, rather than pumping stations to pump wastewater to their treatment plants. That is why you will notice that the Town's two Wastewater Treatment Plants sit at the lowest part of the Town.

The Town of Cobourg purchased a backup power generator for Plant #1 following the 2004 blackout. During the power outage, staff used diesel and gasoline powered pumps to move sewage to prevent it from backing up into basements. Fortunately, LUSI was able to restore power within eight hours.

Economic Development



Economic News



First Annual Report

The Town of Cobourg Economic Development Department has created an inaugural Cobourg Economic Development Annual Report.

The new Annual Report showcases the 2022 success stories of Cobourg's business community as well as achievements in

innovation, investment attraction, marketing and promotion and partnerships. It is also a tool to communicate Cobourg as a destination for investment for future investors and business prospects while creating transparency for the taxpayers.

The economic development team enables a sustainable economy that provides employment opportunities that enhance the quality of life for its business community and residents. The department is focused on addressing the creation of more local jobs in the town's industrial and downtown commercial areas.

"Cobourg's first-ever, annual Economic Development Report is thanks to the hard work of our economic development and Venture13 Innovation and Entrepreneurship Centre team," says Daniel Van Kampen, Manager of Economic Development

Lucas Point Update

The Town of Cobourg has issued two separate Expressions of Interest for Lucas Point Industrial Park for the sale and development of municipal properties at 575 Dodge Street and 0 Thompson Street.

Pending Developments include:

- 560 Thompson Street - Dodger Investments
- 555 Dodge Street - Coda Steel
- 156 Willmott Street - Brock Street Holdings Inc.
- 585 Dodge Street - Cardinal Industrial Solutions
- 575 Dodge Street - LoadStar Trailers Expansion Site
- 565 Dodge Street - GVK Chemicals



Development News

Tannery District Secondary Plan

Council has adopted the Sustainable Neighbourhood Master Plan for the Tannery District. The Master Plan establishes a comprehensive vision for the evolution of the Tannery District. A 12-hectare brownfield site located just outside of downtown Cobourg. Stay tuned for more information to come as staff prepare the next steps in the development of the Tannery District.





Updates from DEVELOPMENT



Funding Opportunities



Digital Main Street

Offers qualified brick-and-mortar small businesses with a digital assessment, online training and a \$2,500 grant to implement their digital transformation plan.

Canadian Infrastructure Bank (CIB) - Building Retrofits Initiative (BRI)

Building Retrofits Initiative (BRI) provides financing for energy retrofit projects. The Initiative invests in the decarbonization of buildings and offers attractive financing to reduce investment barriers and drive carbon savings. Their team of experts work with public and private sectors and other market participants to modernize and improve the energy efficiency of existing buildings.

Ontario Trillium Foundation Resilient Communities Fund

The Resilient Communities Fund supports community-based organizations that deliver programs and services in Ontario and need funding to recover and build capacity, resilience and sustainability.

Ministry for Seniors and Accessibility: The EnAbling Change Program 2023-2024

The EnAbling Change Program is a shared-cost transfer payment program that provides funding to not-for-profit organizations to educate their stakeholders about accessibility, drive cultural awareness about the value and benefits of accessibility, and support regulatory compliance.

Eastern Ontario Development Fund (EODF)

The fund supports projects that help companies to grow their business, improve productivity, invest in innovation and skills development, pursue new and/or expand existing markets, generate positive regional impact and create jobs. This application intake is available until June 15th, 2023.



Start-Ups, Relocations & Expansions



Northumberland Nails

9A King Street East



Baboo Balloons

15 King Street East



Oxygen Yoga & Fitness

3 - 73 Strathy Road

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Cobourg Box Office

MAY 27 3M Dance Works presents Legends:
Their 7th Annual Dance Recital!
Concert Hall - 1:00 and 5:00 p.m.

MAY 28 A Les AMIS Concert
Concert Hall - 3:00 p.m.

Jun 2-4 Eye2Eye Third Annual International Film
Festival
Concert Hall - Various shows and times

Jun 10 AVATAAR in Concert
Concert Hall - 7:00 p.m.

Jun 15 Chris Janson Concert Presented by
Northumberland Rocks Back
Cobourg Community Centre - 7:00 p.m.

Jun 23 Medusa Chamber Folk Quartet
Concert Hall - 8:00 p.m.

Jun 24 Chicago Transit
Concert Hall - 8:00 p.m.

JUL 4 Paul Novotny and Robi Botos in Concert
Concert Hall - 8:00 p.m.

JUL 16 Diana Panton & Reg Schwager Jazz
Concert Hall - 3:00 p.m.

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E: concerthall@cobourg.ca



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2023 8:00pm

Concert Hall at
Victoria Hall

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Lenka Lichtenberg

Thieves of Dreams

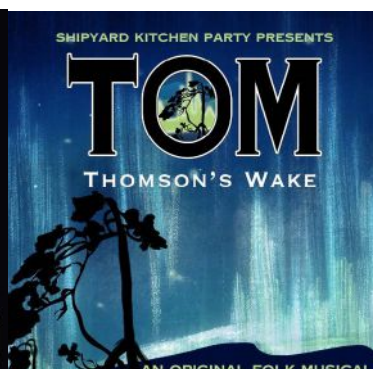
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June 2023

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Festivals & Events

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- JUN 2-3** **Downtown Cobourg Pride**
Downtown Cobourg parade
- JUN 4** **YMCA Northumberland Rainbow Run**
Cobourg Marina
- JUN 15** **Cobourg Highland Games**
Friday June 15 & Saturday 16, 2023
- JUN 24** **Northumberland Diversity Festival**
Victoria Park
- JUN 27** **NHF: Wine & Ale In The Park**
Victoria Park - 6:00-9:00 p.m.
- JUN 30** **Cobourg Waterfront Festival**
Friday June 30 - Sunday July 2, 2023
- JUL 1** **Canada Day**
July 1, 2023
- JUL 7** **Movies In the Park**
Shows on July 7 & 28 - Victoria Park
- JUL 8** **Lakeside Classic Car Show**
Victoria Park
- JUL 15** **Storm the Beach Volleyball**
Cobourg Beach

- JUL 16** **Bandit Run Car Show**
Victoria Park Cobourg 9:00-5:00 p.m.
- JUL 28** **Downtown Cobourg Side Walk Sale**
July 28 - July 30, 2023
- AUG 2-7** **Lake Yachting Racing Association Regatta**
Cobourg Yacht Club
- AUG 12** **Sandcastle Festival**
Victoria Beach
- AUG 17** **Northumberland Annual Ribfest**
August 17-20, 2023

SPRING & SUMMER 2023 COBOURG *Leisure Guide*

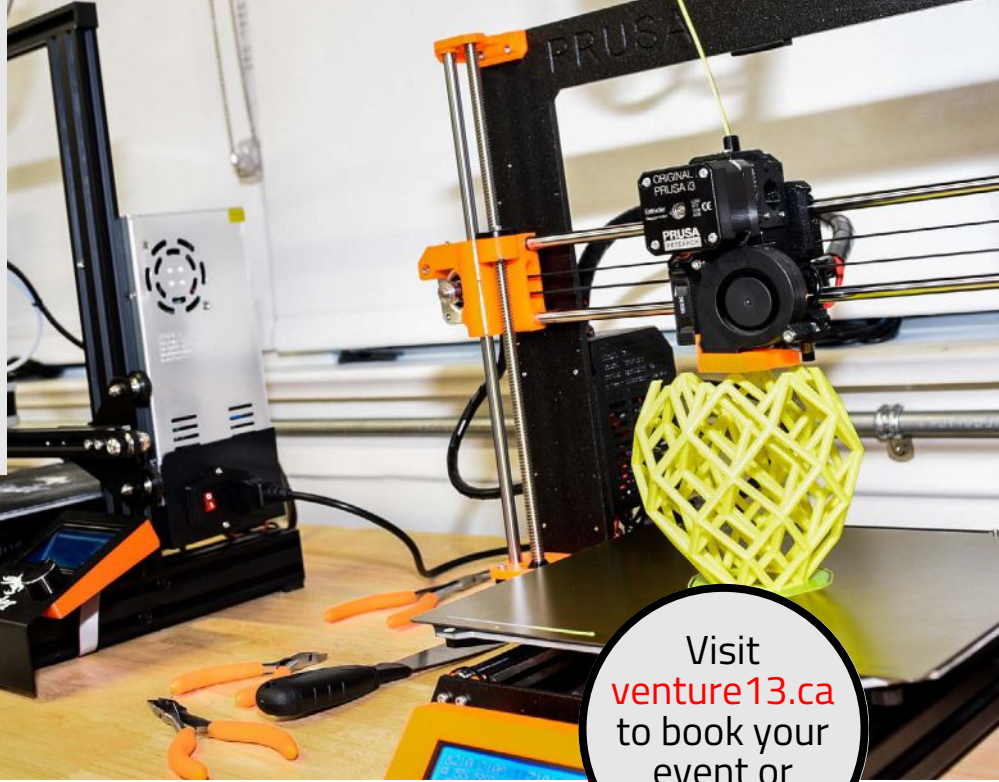


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News & Announcements



V13 Celebrates Five Years

On Friday, May 12, the partners of Venture13 celebrated five years of operation with an event which saw over 100 people, including politicians, staff, members of the innovation community and the general public, congregate to reflect on the accomplishments of the centre thus far while looking ahead to the future.



289-677-5490



info@venture13.ca



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739 D'Arcy Street



Introducing "The Business Blend"

Starting July 6, Venture13 will begin a monthly networking program called The Business Blend. Join us for coffee and conversation around relevant monthly topics related to business growth, technology, problem solving and more. Businesses outside Venture13 are welcome to join. Space is limited. Pre-Registration required.

Program Calendar

MAY 25	Employment Standards Act	JUNE 02	STEAM Storytime with Cobourg Public Library	JUNE 22	Workplace Sexual Harassment Policies
JULY 06	The Business Blend	JULY 12	Search Engine Optimization for Business	AUG 09	Improving Your Digital Storytelling



A Message from the Mayor

Since taking office I have been meeting with staff and senior leadership to learn more about our departments. How they were established based on community need and what their goals are for the future. This past week we celebrated the five-year anniversary of the Venture13 Innovation and Entrepreneurship Centre. Venture13 provides space and support for entrepreneurs in our community to grow and develop their businesses. It is an innovation hub and an accelerator for new ideas.

Venture13 is not only the innovation leader in Cobourg, but the facility itself is the by-product of progressive thinking on behalf of Cobourg Council. The two-storey, 30,000 square foot post-war building, dating back to 1954, was formerly the headquarters of No. 26 Ordnance Depot of the Royal Canadian Ordnance Corps. In 2017, the Town of Cobourg, in partnership with the Cobourg Police Service, NCFDC and with the support of FedDev Ontario, embarked on a project to transform the municipally owned 'Depot' into a thriving centre of opportunity for entrepreneurship and innovation.

Located in the Town of Cobourg's Northam Industrial Park, Venture13 and the 16 other buildings located on the 121-acre parcel of land were purchased from the Ontario Realty Corporation during Mayor Delanty's first term of Council. They had the foresight and resolve to purchase this fully tenanted property. The purchase price was \$16 million, which was a big ask for local taxpayers, but Council and senior staff knew the potential for Northam, and as Mayor Delanty once put it, "this would help the Town recognize a non-tax source of revenue and put us in control of our economic destiny." Today, all available space within the industrial park is fully occupied and the original debt for the purchase of the property has been paid off using income strictly provided by the park. The Town of Cobourg now enjoys that non-tax source of revenue envisioned back in 2003.

Since Venture13's grand opening in 2018, the founding partners and collaborators have provided programs focused on entrepreneurial development and skills training, pitch competitions for entrepreneurial start-ups, community discussion panels, mentoring and coaching, and technical and entrepreneurial programs for youth. Venture13 is a place and pathway for business growth synchronized with support services. The partner organizations seek to build the industries of the future, contributing to increased employment, economic activity, and innovation.

The creation of Venture13 was the perfect swan song for the big picture thinking of previous terms of Council who had the foresight and courage to make a business decision that would benefit generations to come. Thank you to Mayors Delanty and Brocanier. Without their strong vision, the Northam Industrial Park and Venture13 would not be the success stories they are today. Through our partnerships with NCFDC, Northumberland Manufacturers' Association and the PoliceTech Accelerator, the future of Venture13 is bright. I look forward to seeing what the next five years will bring.

Lucas Cleveland
Mayor, Town of Cobourg

Upcoming Meetings:

JUN 5 **Committee of the Whole**
Council Chambers
55 King St. W | 6:00 p.m.

JUN 12 **Regular Council Meeting**
Council Chambers
55 King St. W | 6:00 p.m.

Your Budget at Work



Council Strategic Plan

Council has awarded the Council Strategic Planning contract to Capital Park Consulting who will facilitate the 2022 – 2026 strategic plan process. Stay tuned to Cobourg.ca for more information



Boardwalk Replacement

The Town is currently in a Public Engagement process to replace the waterfront boardwalk. Visit [EngageCobourg.ca](https://www.cobourg.ca/EngageCobourg.ca) to learn more.

Hello

Get in Touch



Report a Problem

See a pothole or broken sign? Let us know.

☎ 905-372-9971

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Connect with Bylaw Enforcement

Have a concern regarding a bylaw infraction? Report it (confidentially).

☎ 905-372-8380

✉ bylawenforcement@cobourg.ca



Speak with Municipal Council

Speak at an upcoming Council meeting or contact a Councillor directly.

☎ 905-372-4301

💻 clerk@cobourg.ca



Apply for a Building Permit

Planning a renovation, relocation or project? Don't forget to check with our Building Department first.

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