

Town Remains Focused on Serving Community & Keeping Staff Safe during COVID-19

The Town of Cobourg is carrying out extra precautionary measures to slow the risk of spread of COVID-19 by allowing some staff to work remotely whenever and wherever possible.

Managers have identified an approach that is flexible and also ensures critical municipal government services continue. Although most municipal buildings remain closed, staff are answering emails and responding to phone calls while also continuing to deliver services safely and effectively.

The Town also offers in-person appointments where necessary in order to continue conducting municipal business. Please contact the appropriate department to discuss this option.

"Since the pandemic we've taken extra safety precautions to reduce the potential risk of spread of COVID-19 within our municipal buildings by not only closing to the public but by also allowing staff to work from home. Staff that are in a role and situation that enables them to work from home have proven that they can effectively do so. Our focus on serving our community and moving the business of the municipality forward has never wavered."

— Tracey Vaughan, Chief Administrative Officer



COVID-19 News & Updates



Town Staff Contact Directory



List of Program and Service Updates

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Dog licenses must be renewed every year.

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Taxes were due October 29th

Questions?
☎ 905-372-8944



Town of Cobourg Financial Statements

The 2020 Financial Statements are now available to view on our Municipal website.

cobourg.ca/finance



A Message from Councillor Nicole Beatty

As we welcome a new season we do so by continuing to care for one another. I truly do miss connecting with you on the street, at events and public meetings. But I'm inspired by your resilient nature and how businesses, organizations, families and volunteer groups continue to contribute to a thriving Cobourg.

Planning & Development staff continue to work through a high volume of applications – a sign that developers are investing here, homeowners are committed to preserving our built heritage and folks are choosing to relocate for the next chapter of their lives.

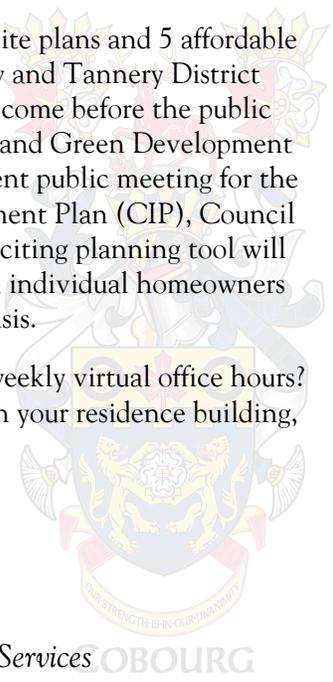
We have numerous active files, including 13 subdivisions, 22 site plans and 5 affordable housing projects. The Comprehensive Zoning By-Law Review and Tannery District Sustainable Neighbourhood Master Plan are both expected to come before the public in early 2021. The Integrated Community Sustainability Plan and Green Development Standards project is in the RFP phase. Finally, following a recent public meeting for the Town's Affordable and Rental Housing Community Improvement Plan (CIP), Council will receive the final framework in the coming weeks. This exciting planning tool will create new financial incentives for developers, non-profits and individual homeowners to initiate projects that address our local affordable housing crisis.

I invite you to reach out anytime! Did you know that I hold weekly virtual office hours? Contact me at nbeatty@cobourg.ca to set up a coffee hour with your residence building, your business/organization or to book a 1:1 conversation.

Be well and take good care,



Nicole Beatty
Councillor, Town of Cobourg
Coordinator of Planning and Development Services



Upcoming Meetings:

NOV 2 **Regular Council Meeting**
Zoom Videoconference
cobourg.ca/escribe | 6:00 p.m.

NOV 16 **Committee of the Whole**
Zoom Videoconference
cobourg.ca/escribe | 6:00 p.m.

NOV 23 **Regular Council Meeting**
Zoom Videoconference
cobourg.ca/escribe | 6:00 p.m.



Watch LIVE Meetings
All council meetings are streamed live on our eSCRIBE page:
cobourg.ca/escribe

In the Community



Fern Blodgett Sunde Statue

On October 17th we honoured Fern Blodgett Sunde, Canada's first female wireless radio operator, by unveiling a life-size bronze monument that perfectly symbolizes Fern's remarkable journey.



Great Lakes Plastic Clean-Up

The Town of Cobourg joined the Great Lakes Plastic Cleanup initiative by installing innovative technology to capture plastic litter using [Seabins](#) and [LittaTraps™](#) in our harbour thanks to both federal and provincial grants.



Fall Food Drive with MPP Piccini

Mayor John Henderson, Councillor Adam Bureau and Councillor Aaron Burchat supported MPP David Piccini's Fall Food Drive event on October 17th by donating a bag of non-perishable food in exchange for a free pumpkin. [#SupportLocal](#)



Council Meeting Highlights

Resolutions



2019 Financial Statements for the Town of Cobourg
Council approved, adopted and published the 2019 Consolidated Financial Statements. [Learn more.](#)



Municipal Parking and Transit Fare Update
Council directed staff to re-implement the collection of downtown parking and transit fares and give residents two-weeks' notice. [Learn more.](#)



Downtown Seasonal Decorative Lights
Council approved the entering of a three-year contract with Blanchere Illumination for the seasonal decorative lights in Downtown Cobourg. [Learn more.](#)

Bylaws



Amend Zoning Bylaw 85-2003 for 66 Strathy Road
Council adopted bylaw 062-2020 to remove the Holding (H) symbol from the subject lands. [Learn more.](#)



Authorize the Development of Lonsberry Drive
Council adopted bylaw 064-2020 to authorize the development of Stalwood Homes on Lonsberry Drive. [Learn more.](#)



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Access past and upcoming meeting minutes and agendas.
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Department Services Spotlight



Did you know?

The Cobourg Fire Department has been proudly serving the residents of Cobourg since 1832.

Cobourg Fire Department

About Your Fire Services

For over 180 years, the Cobourg Fire Department has been dedicated to providing residents, visitors and businesses with protection against loss of life, property and the environment from the effects of fire, illness, accidents, and all other hazards through preparedness, prevention, public education, and emergency response.

The Fire Department also provides information to residents on emergencies, fire regulations, home inspections, smoke alarms and carbon monoxide alarms.

Meet Chief Vilneff



Mike Vilneff is the current Fire Chief of the Cobourg Fire Department, and has been with Cobourg Fire for over 23 years now.

"Serving the community of Cobourg and working with the many dedicated members of the Fire Department is truly something I enjoy doing every day. We continue to respond to emergencies while promoting fire prevention and preparedness all in an effort to keep our residents safe." -- Fire Chief Mike Vilneff

Members of the Cobourg Fire Department Receive Service Medals



-  **Beverly Martin**
Administrative Personnel Service Award
20 years of service
-  **Firefighter Steve Koomen**
Exemplary Service Medal
20 years of service

-  **Captain Bryan Blaind**
The Fire Services Long Service Medal
25 years of service
-  **Captain Scott MacDonald**
The Fire Services Long Service Medal
25 years of service
-  **Firefighter Jeff Briggs**
Exemplary Service Medal
20 years of service



Giving Back

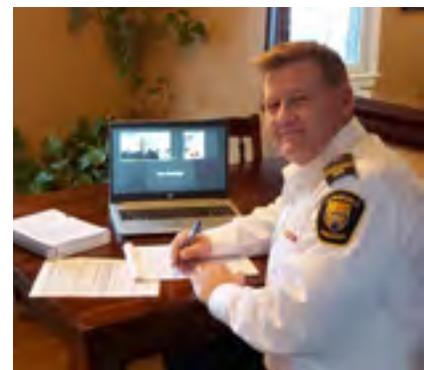
The Cobourg Fire Department recently donated retired firefighter equipment to [Firefighters Without Borders Canada](#), an organization that equips firefighters around the world to respond to emergencies.

Fire Prevention & COVID-19

In an effort to reduce the risk of exposure and limit the spread of COVID-19 for staff, business owners and residents, the Cobourg Fire Department has started virtual fire inspections and fire drills for vulnerable occupancies.

"It's important that we take a balanced approach towards fire safety while helping to control the spread of COVID-19. Fire safety continues to be of utmost importance as we adapt and overcome the challenges we are faced with to ensure our residents are safe."

-- Aaron Blair,
Chief Fire Prevention Officer



Chief Fire Prevention Officer Aaron Blair and Firefighter/Inspector Steve Koomen conduct a virtual fire inspection and fire drill with Sherrie Brown and staff of Christian Horizons.

Serve Up Fire Safety in the Kitchen





Cobourg Launches eSCRIBE Meeting Management Software

The Town of Cobourg is pleased to launch eSCRIBE, a leading provider of cloud-based meeting management solutions providing an enhanced video streaming platform.



Visit cobourg.ca/escribe to learn more.

Ask the Staff



Can you explain the light pattern at Elgin and Ontario Street? — *Resident via phone call*



This intersection spans a creek, which prevents easily widening it to include left-turn lanes. Previously, "blind" left turning increased the risk of collisions. As a result, the new setup allows one direction of traffic at a time, adding about an extra 30 seconds of wait time for drivers.

— Laurie Wills, Public Works Director

Have a question?

Email communications@cobourg.ca



@townofcobourg



Change your clock + check the batteries in your smoke alarms and carbon monoxide detectors.

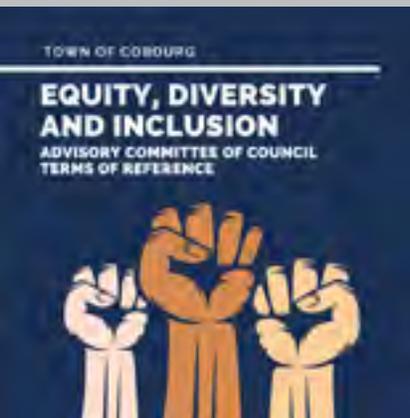
Visit the [National Fire Protection Association](#) to learn more.



Have Your Say! Engage Cobourg

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The Town of Cobourg's public engagement platform.



Multi-Year Accessibility Plan 2020-2024

View and provide feedback on the draft version of the Multi-Year Accessibility Plan 2020 to 2024.



Equity, Diversity and Inclusion Committee

Share feedback on the structure and mandate of the new Equity, Diversity and Inclusion Advisory Committee Terms of Reference.

Join the forums, take the poll and share your ideas!

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Please contact accessibility@cobourg.ca for any questions.

GETTING TO KNOW US



Dave Johnson
Heritage Planner,
Town of Cobourg

Q: How long have you worked for the Town of Cobourg?

A: I have been with the Town of Cobourg for 2.5 years plus two contracts in 2015 and 2016.

Q: What is the best part of your job?

A: The best part of my job is being able to advocate for heritage preservation and meeting the people of Cobourg.

Q: What does your typical day involve?

A: My typical day involves lots of emails and phone calls, while advocating heritage issues in the Town and of course Heritage Permit applications.

Q: What inspired you to become a heritage planner?

A: My love of history and architecture. I have also been fascinated with urban planning in general, and heritage planning seems like a good fit.

Q: What are some fun facts about you?

A: I own a cabin in the woods. I have 3.5 dogs, one is a part-timer. I am a movie buff and I try to go to the film festival every year. I love to travel and look at the architecture of cities.



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Congratulations to our winners!

- Marc Venema
- Luca De Ciccio
- Taryn Ovens

Experience COBOURG



Join the Fall Photography Contest: experiencecobourg.ca

Community Calendar



- NOV 5** ART **Art Gallery of Northumberland**
Open Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday • 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.
**By Appointment Only*
- NOV 11** REMEMBRANCE **Virtual Remembrance Day**
LIVE Streamed Ceremony • 11 a.m.
- NOV 16** KIDS **Fall Scavenger Hunt for Kids**
Cobourg Library • Search for 12 items outdoors.
- DEC 21** CONTEST **Fall in Love with Cobourg Challenge**
Rediscover Cobourg and win great prizes.



Employment Opportunities

- Crossing Guards
- Parks Manager

Visit cobourg.ca/jobs for more details.



Transit Stop Temporarily Moved

The transit stop at the Northumberland Mall has been temporarily moved to west of the main entrance, near Royal LePage Realty.

Visit cobourg.ca/transit for more details.



420 Division St.



Lodging and Meals



40 Beds



Administrative Offices



Zoning Bylaw Amendment Application

An application for re-zoning to permit the conversion of the existing inn, known as the Woodlawn Inn, into an 18 room, 40 patient private "Residential Treatment Facility" has been submitted to the Town of Cobourg.



Get in Touch



Report a Problem

See a pothole or broken sign? Let us know.

☎ 905-372-9971

🌐 cobourg.ca/report-it



Connect with Bylaw Enforcement

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

☎ 905-372-4301

✉ bylawenforcement@cobourg.ca



Speak with Municipal Council

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

☎ 905-372-4301

🌐 clerk@cobourg.ca



Winter Parking Regulations Begin

Winter parking regulations began November 1st to allow for safe and efficient snow removal.

Visit cobourg.ca/news for more details.



Protect Yourself with the Flu Vaccine

Many local pharmacies and clinics are now offering the FREE flu vaccine. Check our local list online.

Visit cobourg.ca/covid19 for more details.

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News & Announcements



Health Canada Approved ThermoScans

Alex Papanicolaou and Nisha Sarveswaran rose to the challenge back in May, 2020, and have been working in collaboration with the V13 Policetech Accelerator and the Cobourg Police Service on a smart thermal imaging technology that can accurately measure temperatures in real-time called ThermoScans. venture13.ca

289-677-5490



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RE3 Program Supports Women Entrepreneurs

With the support of FedDev Ontario and the Government of Canada's Regional Relief and Recovery Fund (RRRF), RE3 provides non-repayable performance-based contributions of up to \$5,000 to assist women-led small and medium-sized enterprises to rebuild, reopen and revive their businesses. www.financingandstrategy.com



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Meet Your Mentors!



Curtis Colbary

Staff Accountant, *BDO Canada*

Areas of expertise include general accounting principles, business taxes, ideation, business development, internal operation and growth.

[Book a 1:1 Mentorship](#) [View all our Mentors](#)

Program Calendar

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Go ENG Girl

A free annual program for female students in grades 7 to 10 that brings the excitement of engineering to life
Virtual Event • venture13.ca

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GIS Day 2020

Learn how to analyze, visualize and map open data to support sustainable development goals.
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