

Town of Cobourg Joins the Coalition of Inclusive Municipalities

Mayor Henderson signed the declaration to continue to foster a welcoming and inclusive community.

Cobourg, ON (January 4, 2021) – Mayor John Henderson has signed a declaration to have Cobourg join the [Coalition of Inclusive Municipalities \(CIM\)](#), to continue to support diversity and inclusion and to work against racism and discrimination locally. The declaration was unanimously endorsed by Council at the Committee of the Whole meeting today which is also World Braille Day.

“By joining this UNESCO-led initiative our town can exchange information with other signatory cities across Canada on how they work against racism and discrimination locally,” said Mayor John Henderson for the Town of Cobourg. “I am thrilled that this motion has passed and that we are putting plans in motion to continue to foster a welcoming and inclusive community.”

The Canadian Commission for UNESCO’s (CCUNESCO) Coalition of Inclusive Municipalities brings together municipalities that want to improve their policies against racism, discrimination, exclusion, and intolerance. Together, municipalities undertake initiatives to eliminate all forms of discrimination with a goal to building open and inclusive societies. The Town of Cobourg has joined 83 municipalities across Canada that are committed to respecting, protecting, and promoting human rights and diversity.

“The Town of Cobourg is proud to become a member of the Coalition of the Inclusive Municipalities and to continue to support equity, diversity, and inclusion within our community,” said Jamie Kramer, Accessibility Coordinator for the Town of Cobourg. “Becoming a signatory is also a commitment to developing a Plan of Action to fulfill the 10 Common Commitments of the coalition.”

The Town of Cobourg is committed to a Plan of Action to fulfill the 10 Common Commitments for CIM members and will continue to roll out action plans in the coming years. One of the ways the Town has already started to implement these commitments is by providing printed materials in multiple formats, incorporating a Google translate option on all pages of the municipal website and the most recent Council adoption of a [Multi-Year Accessibility Plan](#).

For more information on the Coalition of Inclusive Municipalities and what it means to become a member watch their [video](#).

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About The Town of Cobourg

The Town of Cobourg is a lakeside community (population 19,500) located on the north shore of Lake Ontario halfway



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between Toronto and Kingston and has been recognized multiple times by MoneySense Magazine as “One of Canada’s Best Places to Live” in populations under 25,000.

Founded in 1798, Cobourg is rich in heritage offering a vibrant downtown, sophisticated small town atmosphere and renowned waterfront that serves as a popular getaway destination. As the largest town in Northumberland County, Cobourg is personified by historic Victoria Hall, hosts a 27.4 million community centre, an educated and skilled labour force, flourishing commercial sector and supportive municipal government. Cobourg has received the Federation of Canadian Municipalities Sustainable Communities Award, accolades from the Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act Alliance, and multiple heritage, environmental, and event awards.

