

Mayor Cleveland – Community Updates for Council Meeting

November 26, 2025

Town Updates:

- **October 29** | At our last regular council meeting, our “Mayor for the Day” contest winner Sreenand (Shree-nand) Naik joined us to open the meeting after a fun-filled day learning more about municipal operations, facility tours, and a behind-the-scenes look of what it’s like to be Mayor!
- **October 30** | Myself and members of Council attended the Parks and Recreation Master Plan Community Workshop to engage with community members and discuss more about the future of parks and recreation in Cobourg.
- **November 8** | The Art Gallery of Northumberland hosted their 46th Juried Exhibition. Members of council joined community members to honour the artists that contributed thoughtful & inspiring works of art for this exhibit.
- **November 9** | Members of Council including Deputy Mayor Beatty and Councillors Mutton and Barber attended Alderville First Nation to take part in their Remembrance Day Service.
- **November 9** | This day is proclaimed by Cobourg Council as “Marie Dressler Celebration Day”. This year, the Marie Dressler Foundation hosted a reception and a screening of one of Marie’s vintage films in the Citizen’s Forum to honour her legacy and contributions to Hollywood and film.
- **November 11** | Myself, members of Council, and senior leadership walked alongside members of the Royal Canadian Legion – Branch

133 and the Cobourg Legion Pipes and Drum Band to honour and remember those that made the ultimate sacrifice, as well as those who continue to serve for our freedom.

- **November 12** | I had the honour of emceeing the Grand Opening of Cobourg's new Elevated Tank and Booster Pumping Station. Senior leadership and members of Council, along with LUSI directors and staff, were joined by MPP David Piccini to mark the occasion. This facility represents a forward-thinking approach to efficient service delivery and sustainable community development, strengthening the reliability and safety of our drinking water system while supporting the continued growth and prosperity of our community.
- **November 13** | Myself and Councillor Barber attended the GLSLCI Ontario Water Leaders Summit hosted by Halton Region. This event brought together more than 100 municipal, Indigenous, corporate, and environmental leaders from across the province to explore community-based solutions for strengthening our economy, climate resilience, and freshwater stewardship.
- **November 17-18** | I had the pleasure of attending the CCSA: Issues of Substance Conference in Halifax as the representative of Northumberland County Council. This conference was extremely valuable and shared important insights that we can apply to the future of Cobourg, as it was centered around the unique challenges faced by smaller towns and the complex interplay between substance use issues and local economies, and the need for strategic, community-focused solutions.
- **November 20** | Myself, members of Council, senior leadership and staff participated in the Tim Horton's Smile Cookie Campaign at various locations throughout Cobourg, to help support the Northumberland Humane Society – who were this year's beneficiary of the campaign.

- **November 21** | The Town's annual Christmas Magic event was a huge success! It was an honour to kick off the event with our emcee, York Bell-Smith, and to see so many community members come out to celebrate and enjoy the festivities, support Downtown shops, and the local vendors at the Holiday Market.
- **November 25** | Myself and members of Council joined Northumberland Hills Hospital for a mini light-up ceremony for patients and staff, as an extension to *Christmas Magic*, and to help bring the magic of the holiday season to the Rotary Club of Cobourg Courtyard at the hospital.

Miscellaneous Updates:

- The Town of Cobourg is very proud to welcome Lacricia Turner as the new Director of Community Services – effective November 24th. Ms. Tuner has over two decades of public-sector experience in recreation and leisure, including serving in senior leadership positions with the City of Kingston. We're thrilled to have her join our team and extend our sincere congratulations.
- **FIRE:** The Cobourg Fire Department is collecting new, unwrapped toys in support of the Salvation Army and the Giving Tree. From now through December 5, drop off your gift donations at the Cobourg Fire Hall (111 Elgin St. E.) and help make a child's Christmas truly magical this year.
- As a reminder, Winter parking regulations came into effect on November 1st. To keep our streets clear for snow removal, parking is not permitted on any major designated roadways or streets between **2am-7am until March 31st**. You can find more detailed information on Winter parking on the Town of Cobourg website.

- This Saturday, the CPKC Holiday Train will be stopping in Cobourg for the *very first time* at 12:05pm at the Columbus Community Centre. This will be an exciting event full of holiday cheer, live music and performances. If you're able, please bring a non-perishable food item to donate to the Fare Share food bank to help families in need.
- Also happening on Saturday is Cobourg's annual Santa Claus Parade! This year's theme is: ***Once Upon a Christmas: A Storybook Christmas Parade***. There will be activities running from 4-5pm, and the parade will officially begin at 6pm at William Street and King Street – by the Cobourg Library. Gentle reminder that there will be no parking on King Street on November 29th, beginning at **3pm** to prepare for the parade.

County Updates:

- Northumberland County has agreed to conditionally sell four acres of its Westwood Drive property in Cobourg to Omni Quality Living, which plans to build a long-term care home, ultimately helping to expand access to high-quality, compassionate care for seniors across Northumberland and surrounding communities. The proposed sale will also help offset a portion of the County's original \$3 million investment and free up the remaining 10 acres for future housing development.
- Northumberland County's 10th annual Survivor Night celebrated a decade of lifesaving teamwork, recognizing 85 first responders for helping resuscitate 14 people who suffered out-of-hospital cardiac arrests in 2024. The event reunited survivors with the community members, dispatchers, firefighters, and paramedics who saved them, highlighting how every link in the Chain of Survival turns tragedy into hope.

- Northumberland County Council has approved the draft 2026 County Budget. This updated budget, originally presented in 2024 as part of a multi-year budget process, reflects a pragmatic, needs-based approach to governance in response to ongoing financial pressures facing both the municipality and residents. Council and staff focused on near-term stability, affordability, and essential service continuity during a period of high costs and economic uncertainty. The approved draft budget will come back to Council December 17th for final by-law enactment.
- County Council has authorized the opening of an overnight warming room for the 2025/2026 winter season to provide safe, warm respite for individuals experiencing homelessness. Once operational, the warming room will operate out of Northumberland County headquarters and will be open 7 nights a week until March 31, 2026. With 310 Division Street shelter operating at-or-near capacity, the warming room will help ensure more residents have access to warmth and safety as the temperatures drop. County staff are moving quickly on preparations and are now working with the Town of Cobourg to finalize any ECE by-law requirements. Pending all necessary approvals, the goal is to open the doors as soon as possible.