



The Corporation of the Town of Cobourg

Mayoral Directive

Directive Number: DIR-2025-005

Date: July 22, 2025

Subject: External Consultant – 2026 Operating and Capital Budget Consultation Process

Under the authority of Part VI.1 (Special Powers and Duties of Head of Council) of the Municipal Act, 2001 Sections 284.3 & 284.4 (Direction to Employees) the Mayor may direct staff:

I, Mayor Lucas Cleveland, in accordance with subsections 284.3 and 284.16 of the *Municipal Act, 2001* (the "Act"), hereby directs the Chief Administrative Officer and the Director, Corporate Services and Treasurer to:

1. Enter into an Independent Consultant Agreement with David Dexter, with consultation and final approval with the Mayor to lead and engage in a 'Community Led Task Force' that will review all financial options, with the outcome to recommend a "community formed" set of recommendations to be presented to the Mayor as part of the process to support the creation of the Final 2026 Operating and Capital Budget.
2. Authorize and remit funding to be paid to the consultant for the work in the amount of \$20,000 to be funded through the Staff Contingency Funding Reserve Account upon completion of the consultants' work through successful completion of the 'Community Led Task Force' subject to the terms set out by the consultant by October 1, 2025

This Directive takes effect on July 22, 2025, and remains in effect unless and until it is revoked in writing by the Mayor in writing and filed with the Town Clerk.

Sincerely,

Original Signed and Filed with the Town Clerk

Mayor, Lucas Cleveland