



COBOURG

Office of the Mayor

TOWN UPDATES:

- **April 23** | On April 23rd we welcomed delegates from Sri Lanka who are part of the Partnerships for Municipal Innovation – Women in Local Leadership. I want to thank Town staff who worked countless hours to ensure there were meaningful activities planned for our visitors and that the visit went smoothly. Overall, this was a successful event and one I was happy to be a part of!
- **April 25** | April 25th was the last day to participate in the 16th annual Mayors' Keep the County Clean Challenge. Thank you to everyone that stepped up and participated in the cleaning this year.
- **April 27** | I had the honour of attending a reception in celebration of King's Day, the national day of the Netherlands on April 27th. This was an opportunity to celebrate the friendship between Canada and the Netherlands and to recognize the strong ties that unite our governments, businesses, and communities.
- **April 28** | April 28th was the National Day of Mourning, recognizing all of those who have lost their lives or suffered an injury or illness on the job. Flags across the Town were lowered to half-staff to commemorate the day.
- **April 28-30** | I attended the Canadian Nuclear Association Conference and Trade Show in Ottawa from April 28th – 30th. This was a great opportunity to connect with officials and learn more about the industry and future developments.
- **May 1** | On May 1st I was pleased to attend and speak at the grand opening of the Dink Den. This indoor pickleball facility is a fantastic addition to Cobourg, and I encourage everyone to visit if you haven't already.
- **Municipal Matters Interview**
I also took part in a Municipal Matters interview to discuss national volunteer week, the passing of OPP Srgnt Malcolm, the tannery lands, transit updates, swatting incidents, and events such as the Mayor's clean-up day, the Greenhouse's Open House, Battle of the Badges, Election Sticker and Essay contest and the Sri Lankan delegation

- **May 2** | It was a true joy to attend and speak at the 2026 season opening of the Farmer's Market on May 2nd. This is always an exciting time of the year, and a great opportunity to support local farmers and vendors.
- **Cookie Decorating in support of NHH**
That same day, I also volunteered at one of our local Tim Horton's to decorate smile cookies in support of Northumberland Hills Hospital. This was a great opportunity to get involved with our community and raise funds that directly support the purchase of medical equipment for our local Emergency Department. Thank you to all volunteers and those that purchased a smile cookie.
- **May 3** | On May 3rd I had the honour of presenting the opening remarks at the Ladies Auxiliary Convention hosted here in Cobourg. It was my true pleasure to be in attendance and to connect with so many dedicated individuals.
- **May 4** | International Firefighters Day was on May 4th. Thank you to all the men and women at the Cobourg Fire Department. We appreciate your courage and dedication to keeping our town safe.
- **May 7-8** | Myself and Councillor Barber attended the Great Lakes St. Lawrence Cities Initiative's 2026 Annual Conference in Hamilton on May 7th – 8th. This was an excellent opportunity to learn from keynote speakers, attend workshops and connect with officials from across Ontario.
- **May 9** | Myself and Council members attended the season opening of the Lawn Bowling Club to wish them a successful season. I opened the event with words of welcome and recognized the Ontario Trillium Fund for supporting the club's efforts to replace its aging equipment shed – A great addition.
- **Resident's 90th Birthday Celebrations**
I had the pleasure of celebrating Adam, a local resident's 90th birthday. It was an absolute honour to attend and speak at the celebration.
- **May 17-23** | National Public Works Week was May 17th – 23rd which recognizes the essential services provided by public works professionals and highlights the vital role of infrastructure, maintenance, and municipal services in keeping our communities running smoothly. Thank you to all the hard-working and dedicated staff.
- **May 20** | The Cobourg Police Service Board announced its new Chief Superintendent, Chris Leather, as the new Chief of the Cobourg Police Service. Chief Leather has more than 36 years of policing experience and has held senior leadership positions at both provincial and national levels. Chief Leather will begin on June 1st.

- **May 22** | I attended the Northumberland Players 50th Anniversary Gala on Friday, May 22nd. This was a wonderful evening celebrating 50 years of service to the community. Thank you to everyone who attended and continues to contribute to our community.
- **May 23** | I had the opportunity to attend the 2026 St. John Ambulance Honours and Recognition Celebration on May 23rd. This was a chance to recognize the hard work and dedication of volunteers, first responders, therapy dog handlers, instructors and staff and to thank them for their continued dedication and commitment to helping others.
- **May 25** | There was a special Open House hosted by the Town of Cobourg Community Services Division. This was a chance to review and give feedback on the draft Parks and Recreation Master Plan. The input of residents is important to us and is a vital part in shaping the future of parks and recreation in our community. Thank you to those that came out and shared their feedback.
- **May 28** | I was a guest speaker at Palisade Gardens, where I had the pleasure of meeting with residents, participating in discussion and addressing any questions.
- **May 29** | The Town of Cobourg raised the Multiple Sclerosis (MS) flag on May 29th. A reminder to those living with MS that they are not alone, and that we support and honour their strength, and are committed to raising awareness about MS.
- **Governor General's Canadian Leadership Conference Town Roundtable**
Myself and CAO, Tracey Vaughan, hosted a roundtable event for 15 members of the Governor General's Canadian Leadership Conference. It was pleasure to meet with young professionals and take part in meaning discussions. Thank you for visiting here in Cobourg!

MISCELLANEOUS UPDATES:

- I would like to inform all residents and visitors that there are changes to municipal parking now that we have entered high-season from May 15 – September 14. Full details on high-season parking can be found on cobourg.ca.
- Annual dredging operations of Cobourg Harbour will be taking place throughout April, May and June. More information can be found on the Town website, cobourg.ca.
- The nomination period for the 2026 Municipal and School Board Election is now open. Nominations can be filed from May 1 – Aug 21, 2026. More information can be found on CobourgVotes.ca.
- **May 5 was the National Day of Awareness for Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls**, also known as Red Dress Day. This served as a time to honour the memories of missing and murdered Indigenous women and girls across Canada.

- **May 11 – 17 was National Nursing Week** which celebrates the dedication skill and compassion of nurses who provide essential care in our communities, contributing to resident health and wellness.
- **International Day Against Homophobia, Transphobia and Biphobia was on May 17.** This day raises awareness of discrimination and violence faced by 2SLGBTQI+ individuals worldwide and is a time to promote equality, inclusion, and respect and reaffirms the commitment to protecting the human rights of all people.
- **May 17 - 23 was Paramedic Services Week.** A week to recognize the dedication and professionalism of paramedics who provide critical pre-hospital emergency medical care in our communities.

COUNTY UPDATES:

- **County welcomes second physician recruited through Primary Care Recruitment Initiative:** Northumberland County is pleased to announce the recruitment of a second family physician through the Primary Care Recruitment Initiative. Dr. Jane Iyobebe (Eye-O-Bee-Bee) will join the Lakeview Family Health team effective June 1, 2026, with her practice based primarily at their offices in Colborne.
- **Upcoming Identification and Wellness Clinics improving access to essential services:** Northumberland County Community & Social Services, in partnership with local community and government agencies, is continuing its successful Identification and Wellness Clinics for a third year. These events support residents in obtaining and updating essential identification, helping reduce barriers and improve access to services such as income supports, housing, health care, and employment. The first clinic will take place in the Municipality of Port Hope on June 3, 2026, from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at St. Paul's Presbyterian Church. To register, visit Northumberland.ca/IDClinic.
- **Public Notice: Northumberland County Postpones Planned Prescribed Burn:** Northumberland County is advising residents that the prescribed burn in the County Forest planned for this spring has been postponed due to environmental conditions. Several factors contributed to the decision, including lack of adequate drying days between rainfall, consistently cold nighttime temperatures, and rapid seasonal green up. These conditions do not support the safe and effective implementation of the prescribed burn.
- **Ready, Set, Prep! Fire Chiefs Take the 72-Hour Disaster Dining Challenge:** On May 7, Fire Chiefs from throughout Northumberland faced off in a 'Disaster Dining Challenge' in recognition of Emergency Preparedness Week, celebrated from May 3 to May 9.
- **Eid al-Adha – May 26th – 30th:** Eid al-Adha is an important Islamic holiday observed annually by Muslims around the world, commemorating the spirit of sacrifice, faith, and compassion.

- **National Access Ability Week – May 31 – June 6:** National AccessAbility Week celebrates the contributions of persons with disabilities and promotes efforts to build accessible, inclusive communities. This week raises awareness of the importance of removing barriers and advancing equity, accessibility, and opportunity for all.
- **Pride Month – June:** Pride Month, observed annually in June, celebrates the history, resilience, and contributions of 2SLGBTQ+ communities while promoting equality and inclusion. The Progressive Pride Flag will be raised at County headquarters in observance.
- **National Indigenous History Month – June:** National Indigenous History Month is a month-long observance each June encouraging people to learn about and reflect on the heritage, stories, and achievements of Indigenous Peoples.
- **Seniors Month – June:** Seniors Month, observed annually in June, recognizes and celebrates the contributions, achievements, and wisdom of older adults in our community.
- **Men’s Health Month – June:** Men’s Health Month, observed annually in June, raises awareness of preventable health issues and encourages men and boys to prioritize their physical and mental well-being.



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