



COBOURG

Office of the Mayor

FEBRUARY COUNCIL MEETING - TOWN UPDATES:

- **January 27** was International Holocaust Remembrance Day, a day we mourn the 6 million Jewish people who sadly lost their lives, and a call to ensure our shared commitment to combat all forms of hatred, discrimination and anti-Semitism.
- **January 30** | Members of Council were joined by Angela Grogan and the Northumberland Diverse People's Coalition to proclaim February as Black History Month and raise the Pan-African flag outside of Victoria Hall. By officially designating this month, the Town of Cobourg is affirming its dedication to nurturing a more inclusive and equitable community that appreciates diversity and acknowledges the significance of our shared history.
- **February 2** | Reservations for the 2026 season at Victoria Park Campground are now open.
- **February 3** | My fellow County Councillors and I welcomed JR, the runner up in the Cobourg's Mayor for the Day contest, to the Northumberland County Finance & Audit Committee meeting, allowing him a glimpse into how decisions are made at the County level. Thanks again to JR for participating in this wonderful initiative.
- **February 6** | I had the pleasure of meeting with 18 students from Mexico and their teachers who were on a 2-week exchange with William Academy Cobourg. The students were excited to have a tour of Victoria Hall and visit the Mayor's office for a Q&A session.
- **February 7** | Cobourg Comicon took place at the Cobourg Community Centre and it was a great success! This event brought together residents and visitors to celebrate comics and pop culture and was a chance to support local vendors.

In addition to this, there was a Black History Month open house and luncheon at the Masonic Lodge in Port Hope, which was attended by Councillor Randy Barber.

- **February 9** | I attended the Northumberland Hills Hospital and Municipality Master Planning generative discussion. This initiative aims to prepare our healthcare services for our growing community and evolving needs. Meaningful community engagement is essential as we plan for the future of our healthcare services.

- **February 10** | I attended the Enforcement and Hate Crimes – Canadian Criminal Law Working Group on February 10th, where I gained a clearer understanding of how hate crimes are defined and the tools available to combat various forms of hate in our community.
- **February 14** | The Cobourg Fire Department took part in ice water rescue training, ensuring education and rescue procedures are up to date should an individual happen to fall through the ice and cold-water rescue is required.
- **February 16** was Family Day, and there was plenty to do around the Town of Cobourg. Families could skate at the Rotary Harbourfront Park, the Lions Club of Cobourg hosted free activities for young families, downtown shops were open extended hours for Galentine’s Day and the Art Gallery of Northumberland had hands-on artmaking experiences.
- **February 17** | The month of Ramadan began at sunset on February 17th, we wish everyone celebrating a peaceful and blessed Ramadan.

Lunar New Year also took place on February 17th. We welcome the year of the Horse, a symbol of optimism, energy, determination and ambition.

- **February 19** | I attended the Stronger Leaders, Stronger Communities online webinar.
- **February 20** | Councillor Randy Barber joined the National Climate Caucus call on integrating equity into building emissions performance standards.
- **February 21** was International Mother Language Day which celebrates linguistic diversity and promotes the preservation and use of all languages.
- **February 25** was Pink Shirt Day, an annual event that promotes kindness, inclusion, and anti-bullying awareness.
- **February 28** | The Veils and Vows Cobourg Wedding Show took place on February 28th at Victoria Hall. It was an excellent opportunity for vendors to showcase their products and services to newly engaged couples.

MISCELLANEOUS UPDATES:

- **Winter parking** regulations are in effect. 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.

- **Civic Awards** | The town of Cobourg's Civic Awards nomination period remains open until February 27th. We encourage community members to nominate outstanding and deserving volunteers in our community for recognition of their hard work and dedication. Further information and nomination forms can be found on the Town of Cobourg website.

COUNTY UPDATES:

- The annual **EarlyON Family Fun Bingo** competition is back for 2026! This contest invites families with young children from across Northumberland to join in the fun by completing activities together and attending free EarlyON Centre programs throughout February and March for the chance to win. Families that participate will receive a small reward and will be entered to win one of two \$100 Indigo gift cards. Bingo cards can be printed at local EarlyON Centres and must be submitted to an EarlyON Educator by March 31st.
- **In recognition of Pink Shirt Day**, Northumberland County Early Years Services, in partnership with the MEHRIT Centre and local school boards, is hosting a free community conversation focused on promoting kindness and raising awareness and understanding of bullying in the early years. The event will take place on Saturday, February 28th at 9 a.m. at Best Western Plus in Cobourg.
- **Tail-Wagging Success:** Over \$1,200 has been raised for local charities through Northumberland Paramedic-led fundraising initiatives. Paramedics and therapy dog Ivy Joules recently visited Cornerstone Family Violence Prevention Centre and Northumberland Humane Society staff to distribute funds raised—50% to each organization—supporting critical local programs for families and animals in need.



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