



COBOURG

Office of the Mayor

APRIL COUNCIL MEETING - TOWN UPDATES:

- **March 27** | I had the opportunity to join Community Care Northumberland to deliver meals to residents during their March for Meals Campaign, promoting awareness about the Meals on Wheels program and the need for volunteers here in Cobourg.

Council members, staff and I attended the Business Achievement Awards. The evening was a fantastic celebration of the businesses that help make our community thrive and grow. Thank you to the sponsors and volunteers that helped bring this event to life and congratulations to all finalist - It was a pleasure celebrating alongside you.

- **April 1** | Members of Council and I attended and spoke at the Be a Donor flag raising here at Victoria Hall. April is now recognized as Be a Donor month, a time to raise awareness about the life-saving impact of organ and tissue donation and to encourage others to register their consent to donate. Victoria Hall will be lit up green for the month of April to commemorate the occasion.

I took part in a Municipal Matters interview to discuss Cobourg's parking and transit, upcoming events, property development and financial reports.

- **April 2** | I participated in the *ROMA Better Rural Data for Better Municipal Decisions webinar* to learn how household-level rural data can help strengthen municipal planning, funding applications, council decisions, advocacy efforts, and long-term community resilience across rural Ontario.
- **April 3** | April 3rd was Good Friday, and I hope everyone that celebrates, had a wonderful Easter long weekend.

It was also World Autism Awareness Day, a time to embrace neurodiversity and continue building a more inclusive, understanding world.

- **April 4** | It was a true joy to attend and speak at Battle of the Badges in support of Big Brothers Big Sisters of Northumberland. This event had an amazing turn-out and raised over \$16,000.

Thank-you again to all staff, volunteers, sponsors, donors and the Cobourg's Fire Department and Police Services for taking part in this fundraiser!

- **April 7** | April 7th was green shirt day in support of organ donor awareness and registration across Canada.
- **April 10** | I had the honour of presenting the opening remarks at the Lions District A3 52nd Convention hosted here in Cobourg. It was a true pleasure to be in attendance and to connect with so many dedicated individuals.
- **April 14** | Myself and Town staff attended the emergency shelter evacuation training exercise held at the Cobourg Community Centre.
- **April 17** | I had the opportunity to attend a local infrastructure announcement and roundtable opportunity in Colborne last Friday with Minister McCarthy.
- **April 19** | April 19th was Keep the County Clean Mayor's Challenge where I joined residents at the marina to clean up along the lakeside in recognition of Earth Day on April 22nd. I want to thank everyone that volunteered to help keep our Town clean - Your efforts truly make a difference and are much appreciated.
- **April 21** | Yesterday was the 23rd annual Town of Cobourg Civic Awards. It was a true honour to be a part of the awards this year and recognize all the wonderful and dedicated volunteers within our community. Thank you to the staff that worked tirelessly on this event and the community members that made nominations, we truly appreciate your efforts. Congratulations again to the recipients of each award, your commitment to others does not go unnoticed.

Yesterday, Council members, CAO Tracey Vaughan, and myself attended the late Fire Chief Greer's funeral. I had the honour of speaking and extending our sincere condolences to his dear family and friends. Chief Greer served over 37 years with the Cobourg Fire Department and has left a profound impact on the Town of Cobourg.

- **April 23** | On April 23rd, we welcomed delegates from Sri Lanka who are part of the Partnerships for Municipal Innovation – Women in Local Leadership. Town staff have worked tirelessly to arrange events over the next couple of days, including welcoming ceremonies, luncheons, tours, and meetings. It was an honour to meet with the delegates and show them everything Cobourg has to offer.

In the afternoon I will be attending the *Strong Leaders, Strong Communities webinar*.

MISCELLANEOUS UPDATES:

- **March 25** | Effective March 25th, the Town updated and changed parking rules in Cobourg. There is now free 3-hour parking in all municipal lots and streets from now until May 14th.
- **National Volunteer Week:** Observed April 19th – 25th, this week celebrates and thanks the dedicated volunteers in Northumberland and across Canada for their invaluable contributions to our community.
- **April 22nd** was Earth Day, a global event dedicated to raising awareness and encouraging action to protect the environment.

It was also Administrative Professionals Day on April 22nd, a day that recognizes the invaluable contributions of administrative professionals and their essential role in keeping organizations running smoothly.

COUNTY UPDATES:

- Northumberland County is pleased to welcome family physician Dr. Roshion Sabeeha Ishaque to the community, marking a significant milestone for the Northumberland Primary Care Recruitment Initiative. Dr. Ishaque has established her practice at the Cobourg Clinic as of March 25, 2026.



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