

MARIE DRESSLER



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Mr. Brent Larmer
Municipal Clerk
The Corporation of the Town of Cobourg
Victoria Hall
Cobourg, ON

Dear Mr. Larmer:

Re: Request for Proclamation – Marie Dressler Celebration Day

In 1868 a little girl named Leila Koerber came into this world here in Cobourg. Who was to know that some sixty plus years later, Leila, now named **Marie Dressler**, would become an Academy Award winner for Best Actress and would be the highest grossing movie star in the world for the years 1932 and 1933?

On November 9, 1933, in the depths of the Great Depression, Louis B. Mayer, head of MGM, hosted an enormous birthday party for Marie's 62nd birthday. It was the biggest party that Hollywood had ever seen to that time. Here in Cobourg, a radio link was set up with Hollywood and the festivities in Cobourg were hosted by Mayor J.P. Delanty at Cobourg's Capitol Theatre.

Marie Dressler and her birthplace home at 212 King St. West, Cobourg are an important part of Cobourg's history.

Normally, every year we celebrate Marie's career and accomplishments with a special event on her birthday. This year, mindful of the pandemic challenges to social gatherings, instead we encourage citizens to visit our website www.mariedressler.ca to learn more about this remarkable woman.

Therefore, we request that the Mayor and Town Council proclaim November 9, 2020 to be "**Marie Dressler Celebration Day**" in Cobourg.

Yours very truly,

Rick Miller
President & Chair