

October 25, 2021

Mayor John Henderson and Members of Council  
Town of Cobourg  
55 King Street West  
Cobourg, ON K9A 2M2

Dear Mayor Henderson and Members of Council,

Over the past 22 years, Habitat for Humanity Northumberland has brought communities together to help 60 local families become homeowners through Habitat's famous sweat equity housing program. This Habitat model demands real participation and investment on the part of those who benefit from the program. The program also depends on true community participation by mobilizing a volunteer labour force, donors, community organizations and support from local government.

We all know that our community needs more affordable and attainable housing. With a rental vacancy rate under 1% in Northumberland County, people are struggling to find a place to live, let alone an affordable place. We acknowledge and applaud the Town of Cobourg for developing an Affordable Housing Strategy to help increase the diversity of affordable housing options available in our community. Habitat Northumberland would like to partner with the Town of Cobourg to help us both achieve our common goal to see more local affordable housing units.

We would like the Town of Cobourg to donate a vacant building lot that would be appropriate for the relocation and renovation of a single detached home. We have been offered a brick bungalow currently located on College Street and we would love to be able to reuse this existing house and give it a second life as an affordable home. But, to do so, we need land on which we can place this home.

The Town of Cobourg has been an active partner and contributor to the success of the Habitat program in Northumberland County since the beginning. We would like to build on this foundation and to work together to ensure continued success. In virtually every Habitat project, there is a community "partnership." These "partnerships" are critically important to making the program financially viable. In this case, we are asking the Town of Cobourg to, once again, be an active partner through the provision of a piece of land.

On behalf of the Board of Directors of Habitat for Humanity Northumberland we appreciate your consideration of this request and your leadership and commitment to developing affordable housing within the Town of Cobourg.

Sincerely,



Meaghan Macdonald  
Executive Director

**We build strength, stability and independence through affordable housing.**