



COBOURG & EAST NORTHUMBERLAND

December 3, 2021

To: Mr. Brent Larmer, Municipal Clerk, & Manager of Legislative Services

Subject: The Strathmore property (309 King Street, East, Cobourg) also known as the Brookside Youth Centre

Good Friday afternoon Mr. Larmer,

Please register the following as correspondence for Cobourg's Council Meeting on Monday, December 13th 2021. Additionally, please distribute this email to Mayor Henderson, Deputy Mayor Séguin as well as Cobourg's Councilors. Please see the attached file.

Thank you,

Donald Macintosh
Chair, ACO Cobourg and East Northumberland Branch

cc John Henderson Mayor
 Suzanne Séguin Deputy Mayor
 Nicole Beattie, Brian Darling, Emily Chorley, Aaron Burchat, Adam Bureau Councilors

Good Friday afternoon Mr. Mayor,

The generalities of the government's Disposition Process of government properties can be found on the Infrastructure Ontario website (www.infrastructureontario.ca/Property-Sales-Process/)

For Cobourg the government's Disposition Process as it applies specifically to Cobourg's Strathmore/Brookside property needs to be fully understood - greater transparency is required. Due to the local economic/social significance of the Strathmore/Brookside property, Cobourg needs to be keenly aware of the process and more specifically kept fully aware of the current and developing status of the process.

Respectfully, the best way for the Strathmore/Brookside issue to achieve greater transparency would be to request Mr. David Piccini (Ontario Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks) to convene a public meeting (hosted in Cobourg) talking most specifically about the government's Disposition Process as it relates to the Strathmore/Brookside property and Cobourg. Such a meeting would serve to clarify concerns by eliminating any confusion about the Strathmore/Brookside issue.

For example, within the government's Disposition Process there are distinctions between a Direct Sale and Open Market Sale. Between the two distinctions which has advantages or liabilities for Cobourg?

Also, strict attention needs to be paid to statements such as, *"Properties that are identified as Open Market Sales are listed for sale on IO's (Infrastructure Ontario) website, and are generally marketed for 30 days prior to accepting any offers"* and, *".....it (the Government of Ontario) is reducing red tape and accelerating sales of surplus government property, making IO's process more efficient."* How will these edicts effect Coburg - beneficially or detrimentally?

Two other concerns directly relating to the Strathmore/Brookside property requiring answers from the minister are; 1. Can the Strathmore Brookside property be subdivided and sold as separate lots? and, 2. With respect to the recent Brookside Engagement Survey what public information was given?

Respectfully,

Donald Macintosh

Chair, Architectural Conservancy of Ontario's Cobourg and East Northumberland Branch