

Town of Cobourg Releases 2021 Budget Schedule

All budgetary meetings will take place via Zoom videoconference, public encouraged to participate.

Cobourg, ON (November 16, 2020) – The Town of Cobourg would like to inform residents that the 2021 Budget Schedule Division Staff Presentation meetings have been scheduled. All meetings will be held virtually by Zoom videoconference beginning in December 2020.

"Preparing the 2021 budget during the COVID-19 pandemic will be a challenge, but Town staff are working hard to bring their department priorities to Council so that the final budget will range from 0% to 1% for 2021. We appreciate your participation and comments," said Suzanne Séguin, Deputy Mayor for the Town of Cobourg.

Residents are encouraged to provide input on the 2021 Municipal Operating and Capital Budget by submitting a delegation to Council for the Regular Council meeting on Monday, November 23, 2020. Delegation requests can be made online by visiting the Town of Cobourg's new eSCRIBE page: www.cobourg.ca/subscribe, clicking on the meeting date and hitting 'Delegation request'.

2021 Municipal Operating & Capital Budget Schedule

MEETING	ABOUT	DATE	TIME	LOCATION	OPEN / CLOSED
Public Submissions	Members of the public are given the opportunity to submit comment on the 2021 budget.	Nov.23	5 p.m.	Zoom	Open
Community Grant Presentations	Community organizations have the opportunity to make presentations to Council.	Dec. 7	5 p.m.	Zoom	Open
Division Staff Presentation Meetings	Directors/Managers will update Council & the public on potential capital projects, special one-time projects & anticipated requests for staffing level changes for 2021-2023. No delegations at this meeting.				
	✓ Planning and Development Services ✓ General Government Services ✓ Economic Development ✓ Venture13 Innovation Centre ✓ Art Gallery of Northumberland ✓ Public Library	Dec.8	1:30 p.m.	Zoom	Open
	✓ Public Works ✓ Environmental Services ✓ Protection Services – Fire Department	Dec.15	1:30 p.m.	Zoom	Open
	✓ Community Services ✓ Protection Services – Police Services	Dec.17	1:30 p.m.	Zoom	Open
Draft Budget Released	Draft Budget released for Public Review/Comment	Dec.22	-	-	-

Special Council Budget Session	Special Budget Council Session/Committee of the Whole: Budget is reviewed in its entirety by Council. <i>If a second session is needed it will be scheduled for January 22, 2021 beginning at 10 a.m.</i>	Jan.21, 2021	10 a.m. – 5 p.m.	Council Chambers or Zoom	Open
Final Budget Approved by Council	The Draft 2021 Municipal Operating & Capital Budget is submitted for final approval by Council.	Feb.16, 2021	6 p.m.	Council Chambers or Zoom	Open

For further information on the 2021 Municipal Operating and Capital Budget please visit www.cobourg.ca/budget.

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About The Town of Cobourg

The Town of Cobourg is a lakeside community (population 19,440) located on the north shore of Lake Ontario halfway between Toronto and Kingston and has been recognized multiple times by MoneySense Magazine as "One of Canada's Best Places to Live" in populations under 25,000.

Founded in 1798, Cobourg is rich in heritage offering a vibrant downtown, sophisticated small town atmosphere and renowned waterfront that serves as a popular getaway destination. As the largest town in Northumberland County, Cobourg is personified by historic Victoria Hall, hosts a 27.4 million community centre, an educated and skilled labour force, flourishing commercial sector and supportive municipal government. Cobourg has received the Federation of Canadian Municipalities Sustainable Communities Award, accolades from the Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act Alliance, and multiple heritage, environmental, and event awards.