



The Corporation of the Town of Cobourg  
Legislative Services Department  
55 King Street West  
Cobourg, ON K9A 2M2

## Delegation Request Form

Please submit the completed Delegation Request Form to the Municipal Clerk in person or by mail to 55 King Street West, Cobourg, ON K9A 2M2, by e-mail to [clerk@cobourg.ca](mailto:clerk@cobourg.ca), or by fax to (905) 372-7558.

### 1. GENERAL INFORMATION

Name of Delegate(s):

Nicole Whitmore

Group/Organization/Business Delegation Represents (if applicable):

### 2. MEETING SELECTION

I wish to appear before:

Committee of the Whole     Regular Council     Advisory Committee or Local Board

If appearing before an Advisory Committee or Local Board please specify:

Press to Select a Committee of Board

Meeting Date Requested:

July 4, 2022, Special meeting

### 3. DELEGATION REQUEST

General Nature/Purpose of the Delegation:

(Clearly state the nature of the business to be discussed & provide a general summary of the information to be presented)

Written statements from people who are currently unhoused in Cobourg

**Recommendation to Council/Committee/Board:**

(Please indicate below what action you would like the Town to take with respect to the above-noted subject matter)

Based on these statements, I support the move to allow and support unsheltered people in encampments in Cobourg as a temporary measure to meet the needs of the housing crisis

Have you appeared before the Town of Cobourg's Council or its Committees or Boards in the past to discuss this issue?

Yes  No

**4. PRESENTATION MATERIAL**

Will you have an oral or written presentation?  Oral  Written

Do you have any equipment needs?  Yes  No

If selecting yes, please indicate the type of equipment needed for your presentation:

Please Select the Type of Equipment

**Note: Delegates are required to provide one (1) copy of all background material/presentations prior to the deadline provided in the Delegation Rules and Guidelines below, or it will not be included in the Agenda.**

Virginia

I experienced 9 months of homelessness last year. packing everything you own up. Strapping it to your back while malnourished and exahuseted is the worst feeling I've experienced. Then you spend the day carrying all your worldly possessions walking all over trying to find a small space you can rest, only to have to do the same thing the next day. You start to feel like something less than human. It's awful. Since having found a room to rent we try to shelter, food, allow access to laundry and showers to as many members of our community in that situation as possible.

It's difficult. We lack resources, space, know how. These people are desperate, tired, dehydrated, depressed, subject to harassment, hard working, kind, loving residents of Cobourg that are often forgotten by their community. Please help.

Timmy, age 35

I hate being homeless, no shower, no TV but I love camping so I would love to be able to camp within town limits. Thanks.

\_\_\_\_\_, age 41

I've been homeless numerous times in my life. Since I was 13 years old. I couch surfed a lot, camped out in the woods.

Jill

I got a ticket for sleeping at the church.

Cary, 35

Due to an abusive relationship, me and my two children 2 and 5 at the time had to flee. With the women's shelter being at capacity and there being no rooms large enough to hold a family, we had to pay for a hotel which we could not afford.

Kayla Gibson, 27

Nowhere to pitch tents. Rentals are out of budget for a single government assistance. Shelters have limited space and are usually fully booked or not suitable unless you have previously been in a domestic violent relationship.

Chris, age 39

My girlfriend and I came to Cobourg with Transition house, once we ran our time out there (3 months) we lived in our car for a few nights. Then we set up a tent on the east end of town by the lake in the woods out of the way. Bylaw was called we had to move, then we found another spot on the north end of town. Was charged with trespassing. Moved once again, by law came so we moved again. This time we parked our car in a friend's driveway and by this time it was uninsured and unplatd so police came and towed our car/home and it cost \$750 to get it back weeks later as we couldn't afford it being towed then we moved in a with a friend into a 1

bedroom apartment. And knowing the struggles of not having a warm safe place to go, opened our doors to whoever needed a place a meal or a shower.

Jacob, 24

Ok I had no where to camp. It's not funny or right for anyone not letting camping. I think there should be camping for the homeless. Yes, young kids have no where to go. They need camping, a home, a roof and a tent to call home. If there's no camping rule, there needs one.

Tiffany Palfrey, Age 33

Being homeless. Me and my BF of 16 years became homeless 2 years ago after 10 years living in the same apartment. Our son was born and raised in the safety and security of a stable home. A single event occurred in our relationship that began a domino effect of downfalls. In 2019 our addiction got out of control and we fell behind in rents. So I attended the tribunal and agreed to pay an extra 530.00 per month to pay it back but we couldn't be a dollar short or a day late. With covid at it's peak, I was collecting CERB while my BF still worked. In February I was a few days late for rent and March was a few days late for the extra, \$530. Nothing was said about it so we continued with life and paying our rent and extra. We also went on methadone and were successful for about 6 months. My BF made the mistake of confiding in his sister about being on methadone. She told our parents and suddenly we started being treated differently, like we were addicts but they missed that part, we hid it well. The reason we were unaware that our late payment resulted in our eviction was because of covid. ONce that was lifted is when we were served the papers. We had 2 weeks to find a place. The biggest issue we encountered was the fact that there are no family shelters. Cornerstone has no men allowed. Transtion house doesn't take children. We had to drop our son off at his grandparents. A week later I found out I could no longer pick my son up unless Brandon or someone else supervised. Why? I don't know. I raised him for 10 years. And very well. In the 2 years we have been homeless, my boyfriend Brandon has been arrested twice. For the first time in his 35 years of life. I have been arrested 6 times. I haven't been arrested since I was 19. Homelessness increases crime. For 10 years we worked hard. We had a two bedroom apartment, a car, our son, our jobs, and all the electronics, toys, fourwheelers you could imagine. We lost it all. And where did our taxes go? Where did the \$11,000 a year go? Not to anything that's meant to help us when we fall.