

Council Approves Revised 2023 Operating and Capital Budget Meeting Schedule *Detailed 2023 Budget Schedule Available for Public Review and Input*

Cobourg, ON (January 10, 2023) – The Town of Cobourg would like to inform residents that the 2023 Municipal Operating and Capital Budget meetings will begin Monday, January 23. All meetings will be open to the public and will be recorded live via the Town of Cobourg eScribe website.

At the January 9, Committee of the Whole meeting, Cobourg Council received a verbal update from the Treasurer/Director of Corporate Services, regarding the revised 2023 Operating and Capital Budget Meeting Schedule. "Deputy Mayor Beatty and I have spent the past week meeting with Directors to review their budget recommendations for 2023," says Mayor, Lucas Cleveland. "Additional time is required to further assess the budget and receive information from departments before a draft can be presented to Council." Council has approved an amendment to the Operating and Capital Budget Meeting schedule, providing staff with additional time to refine department budget recommendations. A detailed outline of the budget meeting schedule can be found in the chart below.

The draft 2023 Municipal Operating and Capital Budget will be released on the Town of Cobourg's municipal website at www.cobourg.ca/budget2023 and on [Engage Cobourg](#) for public review and comment.

Community Invited to Submit Comments on the 2023 Budget:

Residents are encouraged to provide input on the budget by submitting a delegation to Council in advance of the Public Submissions meeting on January 23, 2023. Delegation requests can be made online by visiting the Town of Cobourg's eSCRIBE platform: www.cobourg.ca/escribe, clicking on the meeting date and hitting 'Delegation request'.

Delegation requests are due by January 19, 2023.

Engage Cobourg Phase 1 Preliminary Engagement Findings:

In December, the Town of Cobourg sought community input in preparation of the 2023 budget. A survey was circulated to identify budget priorities for the coming year. Staff will present survey findings to Council on January 25, prior to the divisional budget staff presentation meetings.

2023 Municipal Operating and Capital Budget Schedule			
MEETING	ABOUT	DATE	TIME
Community Grants Presentations	Community organizations can make presentations to Council on their applications.	January 23	5 p.m.
Public Submissions Meeting	Members of the public are given the opportunity to submit comment on the 2023 budget.	January 23	5 p.m.
Divisional Budget Meetings	<i>Directors and senior staff will update Council on potential capital projects, special one-time projects & anticipated requests for staffing level changes.</i>		
Divisional Budget Meeting #1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Art Gallery of Northumberland ✓ Cobourg Public Library ✓ 2023 Budget Introduction ✓ General Government Services ✓ Protection Services – By-law Enforcement and Emergency Management ✓ Public Works ✓ Environmental Services 	January 25	1 p.m.
Divisional Budget Meeting #2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Community Services ✓ Planning and Development ✓ Economic Development ✓ Venture13 Innovation and Entrepreneurship Centre ✓ Protection Services – Cobourg Fire Department 	January 26	1 p.m.
Draft Budget Released	The draft budget is released on the municipal website and on Engage Cobourg for public review and comment.	W/O January 30	
Special Council Budget Session	The draft budget is reviewed in its entirety by Council.	February 7 (February 9 if needed)	10 a.m.
Final Budget Approval	The Draft 2023 Municipal Operating & Capital Budget is submitted for final approval by Council.	February 27	6 p.m.

For further information on the 2023 Municipal Operating and Capital Budget please visit www.cobourg.ca/budget2023.

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About The Town of Cobourg

The Town of Cobourg is a lakeside community (population 20,500) 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.