

St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church

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Mayor Lucas Cleveland and members of Council,

This year the congregation of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Cobourg will celebrate its 190th anniversary as a community of faith. We have been pleased to faithfully serve the town of Cobourg for almost two centuries. Our congregation is known for its social outreach which includes a Soup Kitchen and Food Pantry, along with advocacy on issues of housing, homelessness, and food security. We would ask that Cobourg Council acknowledge the significance of this anniversary.

The origins of St. Andrew's and the Town of Cobourg have a close connection. One of the first Trustees and Elders of St. Andrew's was the Honourable Andrew Jeffrey who in 1833 brought forth the process which started our congregation. Mr. Jeffrey's picture hangs in Council Chambers as he served as Mayor of Cobourg in 1852. As such we would be pleased to extend an invitation to Mayor Cleveland and a guest, or in his absence another member of Council, to join us on Saturday May 13, 2023 at 5pm at the Best Western Inn & Convention Centre to celebrate our 190th anniversary. Our special guest that evening is the Rev. Dr. Robert Faris, Moderator of the 147th General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in Canada.

We look forward to your reply and give thanks for the act of service which each of you as members of the Cobourg Municipal Council provide to our community.

Sincerely,

Rev. Neil Ellis

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