

## CORRESPONDENCE

On May 9, 2023, at 7:38 AM, Rob Horgan <[REDACTED]> wrote:

Hello Deputy Mayor Beatty and Councillor Bureau.

I am writing to express my concern for the tolerance that the Town of Cobourg and more specifically, it's police service has toward domestic violence.

Despite Federal programs educating citizens that domestic violence is a crime and there are very strict protocols to follow when a resident wishes to report domestic violence.

My reports to Cobourg police including stalking, theft, mischief, harassment were refused to be accepted as a police report. It is critical that every voice been heard fully.

The domestic violence has since escalated to further violence affecting me and my children. Yet, the police service refuses to accept my report, the Police Chief and domestic violence led staff refuse to acknowledge my request for a meeting and more recently, Councilor Bureau refused to acknowledge my request for a meeting with himself and the chair of the police service board.

This is extremely concerning when voices of survivors are silenced and prevented from moving forward with their healing and holding those accountable.

Having exhausted all my options, my future delegations will detail the graphic nature of domestic abuse and the community's response to domestic violence against men.

I am fine to agree to disagree and move forward to change the conversation about domestic violence. It starts with being able to talk about trauma and believing victims.

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