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To: Downtown Cobourg
Subject: RE: (EXTERNAL SOURCE) Fwd: Welcoming Streets Pilot Program

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From: **Cobourg Office** <cobourgooffice@ndlc.ca>
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Subject: Re: Welcoming Streets Pilot Program
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Hi Carleigh,

are you just asking for input by email? I have read all of the attached information sent. I think this is definitely a good direction for Cobourg to be moving in and it sounds like there has been a lot of thought in the making of the plan(s) . Also there are a couple of communities that we can learn from (belleville etc..)
I think that 6 months is just the start and the tip of the iceberg and everything needs to be done to put this into a budget and/or as you said continue to apply for funding from any govt sources to fund a fulltime and a parttime worker on an ongoing basis. I do think that ideally two people need to be addressing issues on the streets together in order for them to feel safe since they are not trained police workers. Could this person not work with the Cobourg Police as clearly part of their mandate as well is working towards safety for the vulnerable and the business owners as well.

I think there would need to be a very clearly spelled out way for individuals who have businesses downtown to give input on this new position and process to see if it is making a difference. Business owners and tax paying citizens down town need to know that they as well are being heard in this process.

IT seems that Cobourg should have a head start on applying for funding for Drug treatment program/facilities as we already have a huge property sitting empty (the old Brookside property). This person (s) who would be hired, along with police would need to keep excellent records of what has been offered to specific individuals who are needing assistance for housing, mental health issues, drug and alcohol abuse, etc. I am assuming that the town of Cobourg and the POlice department currently have a comprehensive list of all that has been offered of a practical nature to individuals who are currently living on the street or in the tent community. The cobourg community needs to know that there has been a constact, concerted effort to provide assistance and humanize each individual.

just a few thoughts.
thanks, deb



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