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Sent: January 18, 2024 3:28 PM

Subject: Submission of Petition Regarding 310 Division St. - Urgent Review Request

Dear Town Clerk and Honorable Members of Cobourg Town Council,

My purpose in writing to you today is to formally submit a petition on behalf of concerned residents of Cobourg regarding the proposed future use of 310 Division St. as a Low Barrier Shelter. This petition has garnered significant support from our community, with **over a thousand signatures** expressing opposition to this development.

While we understand that housing matters typically fall under the jurisdiction of the County, we firmly believe it is incumbent upon the Town Council and the Mayor to voice the concerns of Cobourg residents. The impact of such a development extends beyond mere housing concerns; it touches upon the safety, well-being, and overall dynamics of our beloved community.

Key points from the petition include:

Lack of Transparency: The purchase of the property was conducted without adequate community involvement or consultation. This lack of transparency is contrary to democratic principles.

Consultation with Essential Services: The Police Chief, Fire Chief, and EMS services have not been consulted about the development. Their insights are crucial to understanding the potential impact on public safety and emergency response services.

Input from Business Owners and Residents: The business owners and residents of Cobourg were not consulted before the purchase of the property. It is essential to involve them in discussions about developments that could significantly affect their daily lives.

We kindly request that the Town Council acknowledges and reviews this petition in the upcoming council meeting. The concerns raised by the community are vital, and we believe it is in the best interest of everyone involved to ensure a thorough and transparent discussion on this matter.

We appreciate your attention to this urgent matter and look forward to your prompt response.

Here is a [link](#) to the survey, and the electronic signatures have been attached in the excel file produced by Change.org.

Sincerely,

David Battersby
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