

**From:** Rod Simpson [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Monday, January 22, 2024 12:10 PM  
**To:** Clerk Cobourg <clerk@cobourg.ca>  
**Subject:** (EXTERNAL SOURCE) 310 Division Street

My name is Rod Simpson and I have had the pleasure of living on [REDACTED] in Cobourg for the last 25 years. I wish the Council to consider my input as a whole for publication to the public agenda as correspondence.

I recognize that the Town is challenged to support all that are in our community. Issues around housing are challenging to address because of the intersection of so many issues and by the fact that a one-size-fits-all solution is not possible. However, I believe we can all be thoughtful and compassionate and make decisions for addressing issues based on best practices that support the community as a whole.

My hope is that the people in charge of organizing and running 310 Division Street are looking to be a part of the community and not simply just using space within the community. This would mean recognizing that the shelter's impact on the community extends beyond the physical facility. The Regional Municipality of Durham and the Town of Whitby have reached an agreement related to their shelter proposal at 1635 Dundas Street that is one example of how a shelter can take a holistic approach to organizing their supports to try and be a part of a community and not just use space within that community.

With the announcement of the consultations proposed for 310 Division Street, we are on the path to a collaborative model that respects all in the community. It is unclear how the consultations will be integrated in the decision process of organizing and running the shelter. My hope is that through these initial consultations a robust system can be in place to support all in the community.

An email such as this cannot hope to engage deeply in such a complex issue, but I do look forward to being a part of the consultation process and am always available for further discussions if so wished.

Sincerely,

Rod Simpson

Questions I will be bring forward to the consultation process:

- 1) What research/shelters/ initiatives are being used to inform decision making?
  
- 2) How will the shelter be funded to ensure that proper funding and staffing can be maintained?
  
- 3) How will proper training be implemented so that staff are prepared to work in a well run facility?
  
- 4) How will a relationship be fostered with the community as a whole?
  
- 5) What will success look like and how will it be measured?
  
- 6) Will there be a transparent plan for addressing those who fall outside the offerings of the shelter. (e.g., what plan is in place when someone is asked to leave the shelter?)