

January 11, 2024

Dear Mayor Lucas Cleveland:

Re: The Need For An Agreement Governing The Uses of 310 Division Street

My wife and I moved to downtown Cobourg from Mississauga ten years ago. Up until the last two years we have enjoyed the benefits of that decision. With growing local issues triggered by actions of the encampment residents, residents of Transition House, handcuffed law enforcement and a feeling that no one is standing up for the Cobourg taxpayers, we question whether or not it is safe for us to stay in Cobourg. Equally discouraging is our observation that some of our Cobourg councilors seem more wed to the interests of the encampment enablers than to the betterment and protection of all Cobourg residents.

I have read a copy of the November 2023, agreement between the The Corporation of the Town of Whitby and The Regional Municipality of Durham related to the use of 1635 Dundas Street East, Whitby, as a shelter, as well as other future housing and other current or future uses for the shelter. I wholeheartedly recommend a similar agreement be entered into by The Town of Cobourg and Northumberland County prior to the commencement of operations at 310 Division Street.

Downtown Cobourg residents and businesses need assurance that the governing bodies of the proposed shelter at 310 Division Street, are responsible to resolve the chaotic conditions they will inherit from some residents of the Brookside encampment, Transition House and St. Peter's warming centre. Especially conditions caused when residents of 310 Division Street leave the premises. Members of the Cobourg Council, Northumberland Council and the "310 Division Street" Board of Directors should embrace the recitals and other terms in such an agreement. A review of compliance with that agreement should be on the agendas of each of their regular meetings.

I, along with roughly 1,000 other citizens signed the online petition regarding the organization and management of 310 Division Street operations. There is a groundswell of concern by Cobourg residents and businesses over the homeless issues. These need resolution and constant oversight if the plan for 310 Division Street is to be successful. The 310 Division Street agreement referred to above is the best starting point.

Best regards

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Jim Glover". The signature is written in a cursive style with a horizontal line underneath the name.

Jim Glover CPA, CA

