

January 21, 2021

Mayor John Henderson  
Town of Cobourg  
55 King Street W  
Cobourg, ON, K9A 2M2

Dear Mayor Henderson,

On behalf of the Canadian Commission for UNESCO, we would like to congratulate the Town of Cobourg for joining the Coalition of Inclusive Municipalities. It is with great pleasure that we welcome your city to this network composed of close to 85 municipalities from various regions of Canada (please see the attached list of municipalities). As a member of the Coalition, the Town of Cobourg is automatically part of the International Coalition of Inclusive and Sustainable Cities (ICCAR), launched in 2004 by the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO).

### **Resources at your disposal**

To assist the Town of Cobourg in the realization of its objectives, we kindly invite you to consult the Coalition's toolkit: [The Coalition of Inclusive Municipalities: A Guide for New and Established Members](#) (attached and available online) and to share it with local partners so they can better support your city in achieving its commitments. The Toolkit contains information on developing and implementing an action plan, examples of initiatives taken by signatory municipalities regarding the Coalition's 10 Common Commitments, as well as various tools and strategies to help strengthen your community's commitment. Moreover, we would appreciate receiving updates of initiatives and events organized by your city in order to share them with the Coalition and, on occasion, with ICCAR.

In addition, we invite the Town of Cobourg to proudly promote its commitment towards the network by using the [logo of the Coalition of Inclusive Municipalities](#) (attached and available online) on official documents, on your website or on material related to any initiative relating to inclusion and diversity in your city.

### **Liaison**

To ensure that the Town of Cobourg receives all relevant information on the Coalition and ICCAR (activities, meetings and projects), we kindly ask your collaboration in designating two focal points in charge of the Coalition for your city (ideally, one elected official and one staff member). Please inform us of this decision as soon as possible by sending an email to Mr. Daly Koffi, Program Assistant, at [daly.koffi@ccunesco.ca](mailto:daly.koffi@ccunesco.ca). Your officials may also contact Mr. Koffi with respect to the use of the Coalition's logo.

Mohammad Mousa, Programme Officer, Social, Human Sciences and Youth, is available at [mohammad.moudsa@ccunesco.ca](mailto:mohammad.moudsa@ccunesco.ca) to speak with you, should you have any broader questions about the Coalition, its Toolkit, ICCAR or other matters.

Again, please accept our congratulations on your commitment to fight racism and all forms of discrimination. We hope your example will inspire other municipalities to follow in your footsteps and join forces to promote inclusive municipalities and equality for all.

We look forward to working with the Town of Cobourg on advancing these issues and remain available to assist you in reaching your objectives.

Yours sincerely,

Sébastien Goupil  
Secretary-General



CC:

Mohammad Mousa, Programme Officer, Social, Human Sciences & Youth  
David Schimpky, Director of Secretariat, Canadian Commission for UNESCO  
Jamie Kramer, Accessibility Coordinator, Town of Cobourg

Attached:

Toolkit for Municipalities, Organizations and Citizens  
List of signatory cities  
Graphic Standards Guide