



**STAFF REPORT**  
THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF COBOURG

**Regular Council**

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Report to: Mayor, Deputy Mayor, and Councillors  
From: Brent Larmer, Town Clerk/Director Legislative Services  
Report Number: LS-2024-018  
Council Meeting Date: June 26<sup>th</sup> 2024  
Subject: **Follow-up to all of Cobourg Council on Council  
Delegation to County Council on June 19th 2024**

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**1. Recommendation:**

THAT Council receive the staff report for information purposes.

**2. Executive Summary:**

The purpose of this Staff Report is to provide Cobourg Council of the decision and outcome of the Cobourg Council delegation at the June 19<sup>th</sup>, 2024, Regular Northumberland County Council Meeting on the Town of Cobourg 'Impact of Homelessness in the Community', delivered by Deputy Mayor Nicole Beatty and Councillor Randy Barber and Councillor Brian Darling.

**3. Background**

Cobourg Council requested that the Council make a delegation to Northumberland County Council on the impacts of Homelessness and the ongoing encampment that is occurring within the Town of Cobourg. The Clerk provided notice to the County and Council was registered to speak at the June 19<sup>th</sup>, 2024, Regular Council Meeting. Attached to this report is the slideshow presentation that was delivered as part of the delegation. The following specific items were requested of County Council:

1. Join the Town of Cobourg in requesting support from the Province of Ontario to Cobourg, as a lower-tier municipality in receiving a portion of funding to offset the costs associated with Homelessness in the community which Cobourg doesn't receive direct funding as a lower-tier government.
2. Join the Town of Cobourg, in a joint delegation at the AMO conference on the broader impact of social service delivery on a lower-tiered municipality.
3. Provide Cobourg Council with an annual presentation on the deliveries of Social Services within the Town of Cobourg and what portion of county/provincial funding is being allocated in the Town of Cobourg to support homelessness and a commitment on early engagement on high impact Social Services initiatives in our community prior to commencement.
4. Add a Town of Cobourg representative to the Homelessness Coordinated Response Team (HCRT)

#### **4. Discussion:**

As a result of the Cobourg Council delegation to County Council, the following decision was made by County Council and recorded within the draft meeting minutes.

**Council Resolution 2024-06-19-434**  
**Moved by Councillor Robert Crate**  
**Seconded by Councillor Lucas Cleveland**

**“That** Council, having considered the delegation from the Town of Cobourg regarding ‘Impact of Homelessness in the Community’, approve Northumberland County participating in a joint delegation with the Town of Cobourg at the 2024 Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) conference regarding the broader impact of Social Service delivery on Member Municipalities; and

**Further** That County Council direct staff to work collaboratively with the Town of Cobourg staff on developing joint messaging / communications for the delegation; and

**Further** That County Council direct staff to send a letter to the Province of Ontario on behalf of Northumberland County Council in support of the Town of Cobourg’s request for Provincial funding to offset unbudgeted encampment costs; and

**Further** That County Council direct staff to provide an annual presentation to Cobourg Council and any other interested Member Municipalities regarding the County’s delivery of Social Services; and

**Further** That County Council direct staff to explore options for Cobourg and Member Municipal staff to participate in a County leadership table regarding homelessness and to report back to Committee / Council at a future meeting date.”

**Carried**

**Council Resolution 2024-06-19-435**  
**Moved by Councillor Lucas Cleveland**  
**Seconded by Councillor Scott Jibb**

“That County Council direct staff to bring forward a report regarding a homelessness response plan, that includes an encampment response plan to the July 31, 2024 Social Services Committee meeting.”

**Carried**

As a result of these decisions and resolutions from County Council and their relation to the Town of Cobourg, Town Staff will work with the County as a follow-up and provide information and updates to Council when necessary.

#### **5. Financial Impact and Budget**

There are no financial or budget impacts related to this staff report.

#### **6. Relationship to Council’s Strategic Plan Priorities 2023 to 2027 and beyond:**

Thriving Community

Service Excellence

Sustainability

#### **7. Public Engagement:**

No Applicable

#### **8. Attachments:**

Cobourg Council Delegation Slideshow presentation.

**9. Report Not Considered by Standing Committee Because:**

Time Sensitive Issue (information received too late for Standing Committee consideration)

Urgent Matter (issue arose after this month's Standing Committee Meeting)

Other:

**Report Approval Details**

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This report and all of its attachments were approved and signed as outlined below:

**Tracey Vaughan, Chief Administrative Officer - Jun 21, 2024 - 10:49 AM**