

From: Robert Mikel <[REDACTED]>

Sent: December 18, 2024 2:31 PM

To: Brent Larmer <blarmer@cobourg.ca>; Lucas Cleveland <lcleveland@cobourg.ca>; Adam Bureau <abureau@cobourg.ca>; Brian Darling <bdarling@cobourg.ca>; Miriam Mutton <mmutton@cogeco.ca>; Nicole Beatty <nbeatty@cobourg.ca>; Randy Barber <[REDACTED]>; Aaron Burchat <aburchat@cobourg.ca>

Cc: Kristina Lepik <klepik@cobourg.ca>; Cristal Laanstra <claanstra@cobourg.ca>; Jackie Tinson <[REDACTED]>

Subject: (EXTERNAL SOURCE) Northumberland Players' Extension to Former Fire Hall

Dear Mr. Larmer

The Architectural Conservancy of Ontario – Cobourg and East Northumberland Branch (ACOCEN) fully supports in principle the concept for the extension to the former Cobourg Fire Hall, now Northumberland Players, (213 Second Street, Cobourg). It is an exciting and bold design that is sympathetic to the existing fire Hall and will be an important addition to the whole square.

[ERA](#) are one of if not the foremost architectural firm specializing in restoration, rehabilitation and creating sympathetic additions to heritage properties. Their work can be found all over Ontario and beyond.

The uniqueness of the building will attract people to Cobourg and provide the Northumberland Players' Cobourg with a space to grow into and further attract visitors to the downtown. This extension once completed will be a sympathetic and sophisticated addition to the downtown and harbour.

Glass can be a very good building material for heritage buildings because it can complement the original structure while still meeting modern needs, Advantages noted online for using [glass with heritage structures](#) include:

- **Minimal intervention**

Glass can be used to make additions to heritage buildings without significantly impacting the original structure. For example, frameless glazing can create a seamless connection between new and existing spaces.

- **Preserves architectural heritage**

Custom glass can be used to replicate traditional designs or add protective overlays.

- **Respects the layers of history**

Glass can be used to revive the original form of a historic structure while also respecting its history.

- **Contemporaneity**

Glass can add a contemporary feel to historic materials.

- **Transparency**

Glass's transparency can give a sense of immateriality and dematerialize volumes and shapes.

We urge the Town Council to allow the Northumberland Players' move forward with their plans for this exciting new addition to Cobourg.

Sincerely,

Robert Mikel

Chair

ACOCEN