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I agree and support this !

“Support Good Governance in Cobourg: Keep Council and Boards Independent

Mayor Cleveland has proposed an important motion to improve transparency and accountability in how Cobourg’s boards and committees operate.

The motion would prohibit councillors from serving as Chair or Vice-Chair on any board, committee, or commission they’re appointed to as members of Council.

Instead, councillors would act as liaisons and representatives — not as board leaders — ensuring that our boards remain independent and community-focused.

This change would take effect after the 2026 election and is based on best practices from other Ontario municipalities.”

I support this and agree that:

“It prevents conflicts of interest between Council oversight and board leadership

It strengthens accountability and public trust

It keeps our boards independent, stable, and non-political

It allows Council to adjust appointments without disrupting operations

It promotes clearer governance and fairness in local decision-making

This is about good governance, not politics — ensuring that elected officials set policy and provide oversight, while boards and committees manage their own work freely and transparently”

“Cobourg deserves clear, independent, and transparent governance!”

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Sent from my iPhone