

**From:** Amanda Murkar  
**To:** [Clerk Cobourg](#)  
**Subject:** (EXTERNAL SOURCE) Support for Item 18.5 – Mayor Cleveland’s Motion  
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Dear Clerk,

I am writing to express my **strong support for Item 18.5 – Notice of Motion from Mayor Cleveland regarding Direction to Staff to Draft a By-law Prohibiting Members of Council from Assuming the Role of Chair or Vice-Chair on Boards to Which They Are Appointed.**

This proposed by-law is an important step toward ensuring **clear, transparent, and accountable governance** in the Town of Cobourg. By separating Council’s oversight role from board leadership positions, it will:

- **Prevent conflicts of interest and role confusion;**
- **Preserve the independence and stability** of boards, committees, and commissions;
- **Enhance public trust** in how Council and local boards operate; and
- Allow councillors to focus on **policy, representation, and community priorities** rather than board administration.

This motion reflects best practices identified by other municipalities and the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), ensuring Cobourg continues to lead with integrity and good governance.

I respectfully ask that Council move forward with drafting and adopting this by-law as outlined in the motion.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment and for your continued work in supporting transparent, accountable local government.

Sincerely,  
**Amanda Murkar**  
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