



The Corporation of The Town of Cobourg
SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES

May 3, 2021, 6:00 p.m.
Electronic Participation

Members Present: Mayor John Henderson
Deputy Mayor Suzanne Séguin
Councillor Nicole Beatty
Councillor Aaron Burchat
Councillor Adam Bureau
Councillor Emily Chorley
Councillor Brian Darling

Staff Present: Tracey Vaughan, Chief Administrative Officer
Ian Davey, Treasurer/Director of Corporate Services
Dean Pepper, Chair of the Cobourg Police Services Board
Roger Ramkisson, Chief Financial Officer, Cobourg Police Services
Paul VandeGraaf, Chief of Police, Cobourg Police Services
Brent Larmer, Municipal Clerk/Manager of Legislative Services
Krystal Christopher, Deputy Clerk

1. CALL TO ORDER

His Worship Mayor Henderson called the meeting to order at 6:01 PM

2. TRADITIONAL LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

His Worship Mayor Henderson recited the Traditional Land Acknowledgment Statement.

3. DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

There were no Declarations of Interest Declared by Members.

4. PRESENTATIONS

4.1 Dean Pepper, Chair, Cobourg Police Services Board and Paul Vandegraaf, Cobourg Police Chief, presenting the Cobourg Police Service 2020 Annual Report.

The presentation highlighted the Cobourg Police Services 2020 Annual Report and provided a review of the pandemic, financials, technological advancements and community engagement as it relates to the policing services. P. Vanderdraaf noted the pandemic shifted responsibilities within the policing model, enhanced health/safety protocols and promoted innovation within test pilots. P. Vandegraaf provided a review of the Criminal Investigation Branch (CIB), Forensic Identification Services (FIS) and Crime Statistics for the Town of Cobourg. R. Ramkissoon spoke to the 2020 operating and capital budget for the Cobourg Police Services and provided comments regarding timely financial reporting and strategic financial planning. The presentation concluded with a review of the 2021 objectives for the Cobourg Police Services.

Members of Council raised questions regarding body worn cameras, speed reporting, illicit substance use, enforcement, graffiti and the Cobourg Police Services budget process. In response, P. Vandegraaf spoke to the draw back in speed enforcement due to the pandemic and the establishment of the road safety response team working group. P. Vandegraaf also spoke to the importance of a harm reduction strategy, a long term community safety and well-being plan and graffiti management. D. Pepper provided comments on engaging the public in the Cobourg Police Services budget process.

5. COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE OPEN FORUM

No submissions were received by the public.

6. ADJOURNMENT

Municipal Clerk B. Larmer

Mayor J. Henderson