



**The Corporation of The Town of Cobourg**  
**SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING**  
**MINUTES**

**May 26, 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  
Teresa Behan, Deputy Director of Community Services  
Brent Larmer, Municipal Clerk/Manager of Legislative Services  
Krystal Christopher, Deputy Clerk

---

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

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

**2. TRADITIONAL LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**

His Worship Mayor John Henderson recited the Traditional Land Acknowledgment Statement

**3. DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST**

**4. PRESENTATIONS**

**5. DELEGATIONS**

**6. REPORTS**

## **6.1 Parks and Recreation Services**

### **6.1.1 Memo from the Deputy Director of Community Services, regarding the Status and Options for Cobourg Victoria Beach for the Summer of 2021.**

Tracey Vaughan, Chief Administrative Officer, provided an overview of the report noting that staff are seeking direction for the operation of Victoria Beach for the summer season. Teresa Behan, Deputy Director of Community Services, noted the options available for the operation of Victoria Beach during the summer season are outlined in the staff report.

Members of Council engaged in a discussion regarding the options outlined in the report and the opening of the beach. Questions were raised regarding beach capacity, enforcement, delegated authority to close the beach, fencing, funding to cover additional costs, partial beach closure and additional washroom facilities. T. Vaughan, Teresa Behan, Deputy Director of Community Services and Brent Larmer, Municipal Clerk, responded to questions arising from the discussion.

#### **Resolution 225-21**

**Moved By** Councillor Emily Chorley

**Seconded By** Councillor Aaron Burchat

THAT Council receive the Staff Report for information purposes and;

FURTHER THAT Council receive the newly amended Provincial Regulations regarding Recreational Amenities under the Stay-at-Home Order as outlined within the Staff Report; and

FURTHER THAT Council provide direction to Municipal Staff regarding the status of the Cobourg Victoria Beach for the 2021 Summer Season with the endorsement of one of the options as outlined in the Staff Report.

**Amended**

**Resolution 226-21**

**Moved By** Councillor Emily Chorley

**Seconded By** Councillor Nicole Beatty

*MOTION TO AMEND:*

THAT Council direct staff to open Victoria Beach on weekdays and close the beach on weekends and public holidays (July 1, August 2, and September 6, 2021) starting May 31, 2021 and in effect until Friday September 10, 2021; and

FURTHER THAT staff install metal fencing and barriers with emergency access points and utilize beach signage, and a communication plan, to ensure users understand the Provincial Orders and Physical Distancing and other requirements as set out by Federal, Provincial and Public Health authorities; and

FURTHER THAT a maximum beach occupancy load of 1,200 people be established to facilitate physical distancing, and that authority be delegated to Town of Cobourg By-law Enforcement and Cobourg police Service to temporarily close the beach if overcrowding occurs.

**Amended**

**Resolution 227-21**

**Moved By** Councillor Aaron Burchat

**Seconded By** Councillor Nicole Beatty

*MOTION TO AMEND:*

THAT Council direct staff to open Victoria Beach open to the public, without fencing by May 31, 2021; and

FURTHER THAT staff utilize beach signage and a communication plan to ensure users understand the Provincial Orders and physical distancing or other requirements as set out by Federal, Provincial and Public Health authorities.

**Defeated**

**Resolution 228-21****Moved By** Councillor Emily Chorley**Seconded By** Councillor Nicole Beatty

THAT Council direct staff to open Victoria Beach on weekdays and close the beach on weekends and public holidays (July 1, August 2, and September 6, 2021) starting May 31, 2021 and in effect until Friday September 10, 2021; and

FURTHER THAT staff install metal fencing and barriers with emergency access points and utilize beach signage, and a communication plan, to ensure users understand the Provincial Orders and Physical Distancing and other requirements as set out by Federal, Provincial and Public Health authorities; and

FURTHER THAT a maximum beach occupancy load of 1,200 people be established to facilitate physical distancing, and that authority be delegated to Town of Cobourg By-law Enforcement and Cobourg police Service to temporarily close the beach if overcrowding occurs.

FURTHER THAT the costs outlined in the Staff Report for Option 2 be covered from the COVID-19 Recovery Funding as follows:  
Fence - \$ 16,100, Signage - \$ 2,500, Opening fence and closing each week, \$ 300.00 each week

**Amended**

**Resolution 229-21****Moved By** Councillor Aaron Burchat**Seconded By** Councillor Nicole Beatty

*MOTION TO AMEND:*

THAT Council direct staff to open Victoria Beach on May 31, 2021 and close the beach on weekends and public holidays (July 1, August 2, and September 6, 2021) starting May 31, 2021 and in effect until Friday September 10, 2021; and

FURTHER THAT staff install metal fencing and barriers with emergency access points and utilize beach signage, and a communication plan, to ensure users understand the Provincial

Orders and Physical Distancing and other requirements as set out by Federal, Provincial and Public Health authorities; and

FURTHER THAT a maximum beach occupancy load of 1,200 people be established to facilitate physical distancing, and that authority be delegated to Town of Cobourg By-law Enforcement and Cobourg police Service to temporarily close the beach if overcrowding occurs.

FURTHER THAT the costs outlined in the Staff Report for Option 2 be covered from the COVID-19 Recovery Funding as follows:  
Fence - \$ 16,100, Signage - \$ 2,500, Opening fence and closing each week, \$ 300.00 each week

**Defeated**

#### **Resolution 230-21**

**Moved By** Councillor Emily Chorley

**Seconded By** Councillor Nicole Beatty

THAT Council direct staff to open Victoria Beach on weekdays and close the beach on weekends and public holidays (July 1, August 2, and September 6, 2021) starting May 31, 2021 and in effect until Friday September 10, 2021; and

FURTHER THAT staff install metal fencing and barriers with emergency access points and utilize beach signage, and a communication plan, to ensure users understand the Provincial Orders and Physical Distancing and other requirements as set out by Federal, Provincial and Public Health authorities; and

FURTHER THAT a maximum beach occupancy load of 1,200 people be established to facilitate physical distancing, and that authority be delegated to Town of Cobourg By-law Enforcement and Cobourg police Service to temporarily close the beach if overcrowding occurs.

FURTHER THAT the costs outlined in the Staff Report for Option 2 be covered from the COVID-19 Recovery Funding as follows:  
Fence - \$ 16,100, Signage - \$ 2,500, Opening fence and closing each week, \$ 300.00 each week

**Carried**

**6.2    Public Comments received by the Clerks Department**

**7.    ADJOURNMENT**

**Resolution 231-21**

**Moved By** Councillor Adam Bureau

THAT the meeting be adjourned (7:20 PM)

**Carried**

---

Municipal Clerk B. Larmer

---

Mayor J. Henderson