

Today's Northumberland's Post

Comments

Dakota Goseyun

this guy is delusional or spoiled not sure which yet! He doesn't think \$65,000 ++ is a living wage? Council is and has always been part time! I think he forgets the town's population is 20,000 and not the city of Toronto! He cuts lifeguards etc etc, but can't seem to figure out why people are upset about him pushing for massive pay increase His example to deflecting the cost for the pay increases, is g nothing more than trying to deflect his decision and make people confused!! It's pretty evident he don't care what the public think and thats scary coming from a public servant
Reply13hEdited

Ellen Welker

Dakota Goseyun that's a wage of over 31 dollars an hour.

Reply13h

Lucas Cleveland For Mayor of Cobourg

Dakota Goseyun no I just am not concerned with being disliked for doing the right thing for the right reasons even when it's politically unpopular to do so. It's not that I don't care about the town, it's that there are 20,000 peoples interests to look out for and that we need to be looking out for the next 10–15 years not what the public wants done in the next 6 months.

Reply11h

Dakota Goseyun

Lucas Cleveland For Mayor of Cobourg Your really failing to see the publics position on this mayor! Even though the public is a uproar over this YOU think it's right! YOU think it's best for the future of the town You see my point! It's not all about you and your failing to see this decision divided your council! Can you tell me ANY company in the world, where after 3 months employees get substantial raises? You keep saying it's low, but in reality OVER TIME the salaries grow from 43-75% is that wrong OVER TIME? Your playing politics with this! Again, you say you have 20,000 peoples interests, where are your supporters on this?

Reply10h

Lucas Cleveland For Mayor of Cobourg

Dakota Goseyun I never said 65k isn't a living wage. I said the 23k that councillors get paid currently isn't and is why the majority of the raise is going to them and the deputy mayor and not myself. Please stop twisting my words to suit your personal narrative. .

Reply11h

Dakota Goseyun

Lucas Cleveland For Mayor of Cobourg I twist words look in the mirror You keep selling people that the raises OVER TIME arnt substantial who's twisting words

Reply10h

Beau Nerr

I heard something about an \$85,000 per year administrative assistant for the Mayor. If true, what will the hiring process be? Will it be transparent? Nepotism? By appointment?

Reply8h

Top fan

Erin Gill

Lucas Cleveland For Mayor of Cobourg that's one hell of a hydro bill. 13000 a week? It's heated by solar, ymca pays minimum was max lifeguards at one time is 5 if it's at full capacity, maybe one to rotate off and cover breaks. I'd like to see an actually break down for that 13000 a week. Shit tickets... there's never paper towel, need a mop and bucket, floor cleaner and chlorine. Please share.

Reply10h

Katherine Love

Lucas Cleveland For Mayor of Cobourg.....Mr. Mayor...Before the next budget cycle would you kindly have remedial understanding & listening classes @ the fully funded Library...The taxpayers seemed to have missed these skills along the way ...thanks

Reply9h

Top fan

Joanne Hall

This isnt a job that's supposed to support you year after year. It's supposed to be a job you take because you "think" you can make a difference. You knew what the remuneration was when you signed up.

As far as the CPI index, I'm curious does anyone else CPI every year? I believe I know the answer to that. What makes you think that you are more special than anyone else? So in order to support your financial greediness of \$138,000 next year, you take away the lifeguards at the beach, saving \$128,500!! So you think you deserve a raise ahead of the safety of citizens and their children swimming at the beach?? Such a questionable decision!!!

Reply13hEdited

Lucas Cleveland For Mayor of Cobourg

Joanne Hall the financial greediness of \$20,110 spread over 7 people over a year period? If the next incremental raise was passed, it would only add 45k to the budget, this would be over a year split between 7 people with the majority of the money going to councillors and to the deputy.

The decision to take away the lifeguards has nothing to do with the need to ensure that all people have the opportunity to run for council in the future. I do not want to make the mistake of confusing the two issues.

I was a beach lifeguard for 7 years, I use the out door pool almost every day. I love the library and pickle-ball. We can not continue to fund everything in the community without raising taxes continually. That is separate and distinct as those programs cost millions. I believe it's also important to ensure that at the end of this term future councils will be paid fairly so different people can afford to hold the position.

Reply11hEdited

Dakota Goseyun

Lucas Cleveland For Mayor of Cobourg competed people were before you, and will be after you! It's incredibly arrogant to think our previous councils weren't good the best for Cobourg, just because they didn't want higher pay! You keep saying retirees etc are the only ones that sit on council Last council had 4 younger people that worked and did Council! The majority of the previous council were just fine and content with their salaries! let's call this what it is, YOU wanted a pay increase! 3 other councillors didn't want one!

Reply11h

Lucas Cleveland For Mayor of Cobourg

Dakota Goseyun I didn't say or imply any of the things you now saying. I did not imply past councils weren't competent. As far as councillors have a look at the past 5 councils and let me know what you find. Again the higher pay totals 1700\$ and it's spread over a 12 month period. If you want to have an actual conversation I'm here in my office 50-60 hours a week and I encourage you to come and have a chat.

Reply11h

Lucas Cleveland For Mayor of Cobourg

Melissa McKnight that's the wonderful thing. It's already part of the process and will happen in 2026.

Reply11h

Top fan

Joanne Hall

Lucas Cleveland For Mayor of Cobourg As far as I'm aware anyone can run for Council. If they are running for a political position in order to make money they are doing it for the wrong reason. They should be doing it because they feel they can give to the community. \$138,000 added to the budget by 2024. But you are removing the lifeguards to save \$128,000. So basically your are removing a service, which provides safety, and at the same time giving yourself a raise of approximately the same amount. So you can see where I'm coming from. You keep talking about 45k. That is for one year only. I'm looking at the complete picture here. The new council has not even proved itself yet. Let's talk about a raise once it's been earned.

Reply11h

Monique Thérèse

Lucas Cleveland For Mayor of Cobourg if I can offer a suggestion ...

When it comes to your personal responses, if you (or your designated social media manager) can attempt to draft them in mobile friendly app such as Grammarly BEFORE hitting "post" that would be ideal. I've spotted a few inconsistencies and it's made your arguments tough to navigate.

Reply10hEdited

Top fan

Corey Lynne Evans

Stupid picture and what a nice saying on that coffee cup !

Reply13h

Top fan

Joanne Hall

Corey Lynne Evans Agreed, like this is our raise and that's that

Reply13h

Top fan

Corey Lynne Evans

Seriously I have lived on well under 45 G a year my whole life and I work my butt off

Reply13h

Lucas Cleveland For Mayor of Cobourg

Corey Lynne Evans I agree. That is why I want to see a councillor paid 45,000 so they too can live in this community.

Reply12h

Tamara MC

Lucas Cleveland For Mayor of Cobourg Don't you own a business?

Reply12h

Dakota Goseyun

Lucas Cleveland For Mayor of Cobourg big difference is Corey worked a full time job, not a part time job! this is a town of 20,000 people, not a big city! Guessing you didn't look a comparable council salaries when you made your decision! Best being the town next to us (3000 people less)

Base salaries starting December 1st will be raised to \$30,000 for councillors, and by to \$36,000 for the deputy mayor and \$68,800 for the mayor. taken from 107.9 article last year!

You say people support you on this decision, yet I don't see one supporter coming on here to support you? How I read this, over time The taxpayer will be paying \$120000 more for the pay bump, and the cost of the lifeguards are \$128,000? Not sure why the people that support you on this don't support you now on here? Your council didn't even fully support you! It passed by 1 vote! The 3 that voted NO - I commend you for trying to stick up for the taxpayers

Reply12hEdited

Dakota Goseyun

Joanne Hall absolutely!

Reply12h

Jackie Knox

Dakota Goseyun I listen to the Mayor on the radio tonight and he explained it very well. I was against it a first but after listen to the numbers it made sense. He also explained other issues.

Reply11h

Lucas Cleveland For Mayor of Cobourg

Tamara MC I do and it's the only reason I can do this job and live in this community.

Why are we continuing to only allow people with pensions and successful Buisness

people to put themselves forward? Remember that I ran to avoid an acclimation, as was the case in the previous election. More acclimations to municipal positions in 2022 than ever before. Perhaps more municipalities need to address this issue.

Reply11h

Lucas Cleveland For Mayor of Cobourg

Joanne Hall happily. And will do so happily after I am no longer in office.

Reply11h

Lucas Cleveland For Mayor of Cobourg

Jackie Knox thank you for listening.

Reply11h

Dakota Goseyun

Jackie Knox gotcha, glad the mayor explained his split decision to cancel lifeguards, but increase his pay well to you! tell me what you think how's you and whoever else wants to give them massive pay increases over time, you and those people volunteer to have your taxes increased to cover the cost and those that don't want this, they are free from this obligation? that sounds fair doesn't it?

Reply10h

Jackie Knox

Lucas Cleveland For Mayor of Cobourg People should listen and try to understand the numbers. People have to be dragged into the new reality. Have to move forward

Reply10h

Nathan Hall

If they wanted to raise their salaries, they should have said so while running for election. Let the people decide.

Reply11h

Jodi Jodi

Transit. Why is the bus still by appointment only? It makes it unusable for some residents. If we open it to more riders would the cost go down?

Reply14h

Tamara MC

The only increase should be cost of living which is a "luxury" not afforded to hardworking taxpayers.

Reply12h

Styles Rock

This town is going down hill fast no life guards at the beach that is reckless peopels lives are at risk because they don't want to pay for it. But let's charge crazy amounts to park at the beach. I have no words to say on this.

Reply11h

Ellen Welker

If you cut back on some of the counselors then maybe we can have the library for the

seniors and the pool for the kids.

Reply13h

Lucas Cleveland For Mayor of Cobourg

Ellen Welker well the library already has a budget of 1.6 million and the pool was

already slated for decommission in 24/25 as it will take millions to rebuild or retrofit.

Further council added the pool back in to this years budget at a cost of about \$13000 a week to run.

Reply12h

Tim Horgan

what an embarrassment. You wanted change Cobourg, and now you've gotta live with it.

Reply13h

Jodi Jodi

Can you compare council members' remuneration with councils from other towns of similar size? Are the salaries comparable?

Reply14h

Lucas Cleveland For Mayor of Cobourg

Jodi Jodi I can. As an example the mayor of port hope which is a smaller municipality is at \$68,000 compared to Cobourg at \$45,000. Again this raise that will take three years to implement will put the mayors salary at 65,000 and by that time all other councils will have received 2 more CPI index raises. This year the raise amounts to approximately \$1700 over the entire year above the CPI raise that was already planned for the mayor position. The council and Deputy mayors raises are more substantial at about 3000 over the year but they are very underpaid and as such need to increase more.

Reply12hEdited

Dakota Goseyun

Lucas Cleveland For Mayor of Cobourg Your not telling the whole picture about PH!

Your right about the mayor, mayor is more of a full time job, the councillors in PH make

\$30,000 and the deputy makes \$36,000 big difference between the 2 towns, tell the

whole picture, not just some

Reply12h

Lucas Cleveland For Mayor of Cobourg

Dakota Goseyun You clearly don't understand the amount of work required of

councillors or of the mayor if you think it's a part time job. Fair enough we can agree to

disagree. I wasn't leaving anything out, I was sharing just about one example on social

media.... It's not the place to give the whole picture.

Reply11h

Lynda Stapleton Chamberlain

Yuk !

Reply13h

Jesse Johnson

Does he explain why we're paying higher taxes so he can have a raise?

Reply14h

Travis Cooney

Jesse Johnson Wonder if the prices have gone up at McDonald's

Reply14h

Dakota Goseyun

Narcissist

noun

a person who has an excessive interest in or admiration of themselves.

"narcissists who think the world revolves around them"

Sound familiar?

Reply10h

Steve Palfrey

Mayor Mc cheese your an idiot

Reply12h