

Statement from Mayor Lucas Cleveland Regarding Organizational Restructuring and Creation of a Development Division

This morning, I finalized a Mayoral Decision that includes the strategic restructuring of our Planning Department. The changes being implemented address an immediate gap in our staffing complement and reflect the Town's commitment to expeditious and mindful development to meet the needs of our growing community.

During recent tours of our local manufacturing facilities, and speaking with our business owners, they have stressed to me that they require housing for their workforce. While going door-to-door, seniors have expressed concern regarding insufficient housing options or apartments for them to downsize within our community. The changes I have implemented today further Cobourg's investment in development to meet the Province of Ontario's goal of building 1.5 million homes by 2031.

Over the last two and a half years, I have observed the interconnectedness of this organization. How departments and individual staff come together to solve problems and develop creative solutions.

Leveraging these strengths, the decisions issued today will make for a stronger, more focused approach to development. They will foster collaboration and stronger working relationships with our partners and will enable staff to meet the strategic objectives set by this Council to increase our housing stock.

A focus on development means identifying opportunities for improvement and actively working on strategies to meet our goals. I continue to be amazed with the talent that we have acquired at the Town of Cobourg. I am confident that these progressive changes will see our organization continue to grow and deliver the high-quality customer service our community expects and deserves.