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CTA Launches Online Petition to Close Beach Community Health and Safety at Serious Risk

In response to justifiable anger by residents, the Cobourg Taxpayers Association (CTA) today launched an online petition demanding that Council hold a recorded vote to permanently fence off and prohibit all access to Victoria Beach for the remainder of 2020.

Association President Dennis Nabieszko said the petition asks that Council keep the Cobourg Beach closed to reduce the spread of COVID 19. "We have all made sacrifices and now is not the time to throw it all away."

The petition is worded in the format of a Cobourg Council resolution to leave no doubt about what Council must do.

Nabieszko said beyond this extraordinary tragedy is the understanding that the pain is not over; not in the United States, not in Canada, not in the rest of the world.

Cobourg residents have endured the sacrifice of two months of quasi-isolation to protect our personal health and safety and that of our community to stop the spread of the virus. "It is a travesty and irresponsible, when many Cobourg residents are of an age that makes them most vulnerable to COVID 19, that the residents are being put at unnecessary risk by having reopened the beach on May 23rd.

The CTA said that Town Council was elected to primarily protect Cobourg's residents.

"Re-opening Cobourg's Beach to all comers will likely manifest itself in the coming months and responsibility for each and every infection, and each and every death, inflicted upon Coburg's residents by this plague will be laid squarely at the feet of those Town leaders," said Nabieszko.

The petition may be accessed at the CTA web site at <u>cobourgtaxpayers.ca</u> or can be viewed directly at <u>Petition to Keep the Beach Closed</u>. It will be delivered to Town Council on Friday.

The CTA also encourages residents to take the time to call and email members of Council asking that they put the interests of the community's health first and foremost. Contact information is available on the CTA's website.

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