



Cobourg Taxpayers Association

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We are writing to let you know that the water playground was approved Monday night in council.

These members of council supported the motion:

- Mayor Gil Brocanier
- Councillor Aaron Burchat
- Councillor Brian Darling
- Councillor Forrest Rowden

These members of council voted against the motion:

- Deputy Mayor John Henderson
- Councillor Debra McCarthy
- Councillor Suzanne Seguin

The Cobourg Taxpayers Association (CTA) and President Lydia Smith received copies of 27 Emails sent from the public to waterfront@cobourg.ca. 3 were in

favour of the water playground. 24 were against.

A seasoned political observer had these additional comments to offer:

“Out of all the debates I have followed at Council in the past four years, yesterday’s was the best display of democracy in action.

Ignoring the outcome, the quality of the arguments each member of council made certainly shaped my thoughts on who is worthy of consideration in the upcoming election”.

A more comprehensive summary can be found on John Draper’s site:

[Water Park approved in close vote](#)

In terms of accountability and transparency, we have some areas of concern:

1. We are concerned that the Town is not following its own Public Engagement Policy. The public was not asked for their input early enough in the process
2. Consultants were hired to formulate a comprehensive Waterfront Plan and we are still waiting for the final report. This plan has not yet been approved – so what’s the hurry with the water playground?

Thank you for your continuing support. We extend a warm welcome to our new supporters.

Regards

Lydia Smith

President, Cobourg Taxpayers Association

PLEASE DONATE TO THE CTA

The CTA is completely volunteer run with no paid staff, no funding from government or special interests. Donations will be used to pay for Freedom of Information requests, our website, and other expenses to help everyone enjoy our Feel Good Town with less government waste and lower taxes.

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