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Lydia Smith Steps Down as President of the CTA

The Cobourg Taxpayers Association (CTA) today announced that Lydia Smith has advised the Board of Directors she is stepping down as CTA President and as a Director effective immediately. As one of the founders of the CTA, she has helped to make Cobourg a better place to live, work, and invest. Lydia has been an effective advocate for the citizens of Cobourg. It was an honor to have worked with her over the past four years. She will continue to be involved in making our Town thrive and we wish her all the best.

Dennis Nabieszko has been elected by the Board as the CTA's new President.

Paul Pagnuelo has returned to the Board after a health-related absence and has been appointed as a Director and Secretary.

No other change has been made to the remaining roster of Directors and officers.

You can read the media release here: [CTA Announces Change in Leadership](#)

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We have an opening for a Director's position within the CTA. If you would like the opportunity to make a difference and make our Town a better place to live, please email us at cta@cobourgtaxpayers.ca

Lydia Smith's Farewell Statement

I am stepping down today as President, Spokesperson and Director of the Cobourg Taxpayers Association.

Helping to establish the CTA and watching it grow and develop over the past four years as an effective advocate for the citizens of Cobourg has been a milestone in my life.

My decision to leave has not been taken lightly and comes after months of introspection and thoughtful consideration. I have no doubt that the CTA will continue to be an effective and respected advocate for the citizens of Cobourg. As a citizen myself, I can't wait to see what the organisation does next!

I have been challenged, sometimes frustrated, but always exhilarated to work with the passionate, caring and accomplished men and women of the CTA - and the many others who have encouraged us and supported our initiatives over the years. Many of them have become my friends. I include our Town Councillors and Town staff. It was a delight and a privilege to be invited to attend candidates' election night parties in 2018 and is a testament to the enduring relationships the CTA has built and will undoubtedly continue to build in the community.

I have learned about the true power of a team from the constant support, respect and unfailing encouragement that I have been given. I have learned about the wisdom of the crowd as I have watched us devise better solutions together than I could ever have come up with alone. I am proud of what we have accomplished as a team.

Understandably, you will want to know why I am stepping down. It is hard to put into words. But quite simply, it is time for me to pass the baton to others who share my passion for municipal advocacy while I re-focus on my core strengths. They include: building relationships and connections, asking questions that challenge the status quo, nurturing hope, and encouraging people to think outside the box while rising to the occasion. I want to look towards bright lights while keeping back-to-basics firmly in focus.

I want you to know that I remain committed to helping my community thrive. This was, and will remain, the catalyst for my continuing involvement in municipal politics.

Like you, I want to leave this world a better place than when I found it. It really is that simple. Thanks for everything.

Lydia Smith

Help Us To Be Heard

Get involved! If you like what you see and have like-minded friends or neighbours, please share this email with at least two of your contacts. Together we can make sure that residents are well informed about the Town issues that affect us all. Help make Cobourg a better place to live, work and play.



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.



Cheques are also welcomed and can be sent to:

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Thank You!

