

# COBOURG HARBOUR UNDER THREAT

Unable to maintain itself in the East Harbour, the Cobourg Marina imagines that adding up to 120 more boat slips in Cobourg's Heritage Harbour west of the Centre Pier will somehow fix its financial woes.

Problem is, there are no guarantees that even the currently available slips will be filled. So why build more? It doesn't make sense - unless you have faith that a bigger operation can revitalize our small town's core - the same way plazas and Walmart have done.

The cost for this reckless plan? The Marina wants a **\$2.9 million** loan secured by you, the Cobourg taxpayer. In other words, if the Marina defaults on its loan, Cobourg taxpayers will be on the hook. The last thing we need is higher taxes to

pay off debts for the luxuries of a few.

But the real cost would be the loss of Cobourg's single most precious asset: the tranquil West Harbour. Home to dragon boaters, canoeists, kayakers, junior sailors, bird watchers, photographers, artists, walkers, nature lovers, hundreds of ducks and geese and thousands of migrating birds each year, the *publicly owned* Harbour would essentially become privatized for the use of yachters - many of whom don't even live here. The West Harbour as we know it would be gone forever.

Note that Cobourg Town staff are driving this expansion, not our elected politicians. Let's stop this nonsense once and for all. Join us in our efforts to Preserve Our Heritage Harbour.

## What Can You Do?

Show your support along with other concerned Cobourg citizens who oppose this outrageous plan. Sign one of our petitions. Download this flyer and pass it around. Write letters to the local papers. Call the Mayor. Email all the Councillors (contacts provided at the website below). Call the local radio stations. ABOVE ALL, show up at the Town Meeting (watch for the announcement sometime this summer).

Please note: We are not opposed to the Cobourg Marina as such, or to the Cobourg Yacht Club, or to boating. We oppose the expansion of the Marina into the open waters of our Heritage Harbour.



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