



NORTHUMBERLAND CENTRAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

TOWN OF COBOURG · HAMILTON TOWNSHIP · ALNWICK/HALDIMAND TOWNSHIP

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CHAMBER URGES COBOURG MAYOR TO TAKE ACTION NOW

Cobourg – January 15, 2008 - The Northumberland Central Chamber of Commerce is requesting that Cobourg Mayor Peter Delanty immediately initiate the development and implementation of policies to govern the rental of public buildings to transient vendors. Chamber President Dave Hughes was of the understanding that the issue had been dealt with for good in 2002, but Cobourg Council recently approved the rental of Victoria Hall Concert Hall for a two day carpet sale conducted by a company from outside our area.

“It is completely inappropriate for Town Council to accommodate transient vendors who are in direct competition with our local businesses and who have made no long term investment in our community” said the Chamber President . “To have this happen right in our own town hall, where we pay our business taxes, is an added slap in the face to local retailers.”

Following a similar occurrence in 2002, Mayor Delanty agreed with the Chamber of Commerce on this issue, and promised not to allow such a situation to occur in the future. Based on that commitment the Chamber looks forward to the Mayor’s immediate attention on this matter. “We anticipate a prompt resolution and public demonstration of council’s support of the local business community” stated Mr. Hughes.

The Northumberland Central Chamber of Commerce is the voice of business in the Town of Cobourg and the townships of Hamilton and Alnwick/Haldimand , and represents over 400 member businesses.

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