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TRAVEL GUIDE



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Situated on the sandy shores of Lake Ontario, Cobourg has blossomed into a community rich in history and culture, playing host to many events and festivals throughout the year. Beautiful Victoria Park is the venue for **THE COBOURG WATERFRONT FESTIVAL, JULY 1, 2, AND 3, 1995**. This annual event attracts hundreds of artisans and crafters and features **Canada Day Celebrations, Entertainment, Arts and Crafts and an Artists Show and Sale**.



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The **VISITOR INFORMATION CENTRE** is located just west of the downtown shopping district at **Dressler House**, 212 King Street West. Birthplace of 1920's film star Marie Dressler and now the home of **Cobourg and District Chamber of Commerce**, the house features a visitor information centre and a Dressler memorabilia collection. The friendly staff would be delighted to assist you in planning your next trip to Cobourg.

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Welcome to COBOURG

A Message from the Mayor

Welcome to Cobourg, one of the top ten best cities in Canada, (as reported in the Globe and Mail Report On Business Magazine, Aug. 1994).

I encourage you to come and stay a while in Cobourg and experience our beautiful town. Start at Victoria Hall in the heart of Downtown Cobourg and from there you can walk along historic King Street to many interesting places, including beautiful Victoria Park, the Waterfront Promenade and Heritage Harbour. Enjoy excellent dining, shopping and recrea-

tional facilities, as well as arts and cultural activities.

To all our visitors, I welcome you on behalf of the citizens of Cobourg. Enjoy our friendly town.



Her Worship
Joan Chalovich

An Invitation from the President

On behalf of the Cobourg and District Chamber of Commerce, it is my pleasure to welcome you to our area.

Nestled on the north shore of Lake Ontario, Cobourg first became famous for its harbour, used in the nineteenth century as one of many points of entry into the province's interior. Modern Cobourg works very hard at maintaining that welcoming reputation and evidence of this can be found everywhere from our inviting harbour and waterfront facilities to our unique commercial areas.

One local treasure of which we are particularly proud is Victoria Hall, which opened in 1860 and continues operation today. Dressler House, the birthplace of Oscar-winning actress Marie Dressler, is another historic landmark and an ideal starting point for your visit to the region as it now holds both a museum in her honour and the tourism office of the Chamber of Commerce.

Cobourg throughout the year. Special events include the Cobourg Waterfront Festival and the Highland Games.

For the sports-minded visitor, Cobourg offers a wide range of activities such as golfing, hiking, fishing, boating, cross-country skiing, swimming and more. If you choose to stay with us for a few days you will find accommodation options ranging from numerous Bed and Breakfasts, hotels and inns, to a campsite on the Lake's edge. For your gastronomic needs, you will find Cobourg offers everything from a basic snack to a fine dining feast.

To all our visitors, I wish you a pleasant stay. May you enjoy our hospitality and spread the word.



Sincerely,
Stephen A. Della-Casa

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- 1 Mayor's Levee, Victoria Hall, Cobourg (905) 372-4301
- 1 - Feb. 12 Art Gallery of Northumberland Presents: *Quilts by Dorothy Winter* Victoria Hall, Cobourg (905) 372-0333
- 11-14 Psychic Fair and Sidewalk Sale, Northumberland Mall, Cobourg (905) 373-0461
- 18-Feb. 19 Art Gallery of Northumberland Presents: *Seeds of the Future* Guatemalan Children's Art, Victoria Hall, Cobourg (905) 372-0333
- 27 'Music Makers' St. Peter's Church, Cobourg (905) 372-3442 (8 pm)

FEBRUARY

- 2-10 Cobourg West High School and Trinity College Presents: *"Anything Goes"* Victoria Hall, Cobourg (905) 372-2210
- 4 International Development Fair, Trinity United Church, Cobourg (905) 372-5483 (10-4pm)
- 4-14 Horizons of Friendship *"Silk, Satin and Lace"* Sale, Thrift Shop, 50 Covert St., Cobourg (905) 372-5483 (10-4 pm)

- 8-11 Horizons of Friendship *"Around The World Sale"*, Thrift Shop, 50 Covert St., Cobourg (905) 372-5483 (10-4 pm)
- 11 Winter Fiesta by Horizons of Friendship, Cobourg (905) 372-5483
- 17 Folk at the Forum, Victoria Hall, Cobourg (905) 372-2210
- 18-March 25 Art Gallery of Northumberland Presents: Michael Foster *"Order Out of Chaos"* Victoria Hall, Cobourg (905) 372-0333

- 23, 24, 25 "World of Bugs" Northumberland Mall, Cobourg (905) 373-0461
- 23-Mar. 5 Northumberland Players Presents: *"Mame"* Victoria Hall, Cobourg (905) 372-2210

MARCH

- 4 Marie Dressler Foundation Gala, Best Western, Cobourg (905) 372-5831
- 13-17 March Break Theatre School, Victoria Hall, Cobourg (905) 372-2210
- 15-18 "Yesteryear" Antique Show Northumberland Mall, Cobourg (905) 373-0461
- 16-19 Vacation Bible School (Kids 3-12) Glad Tidings Pentecostal Church, Cobourg (905) 372-7342
- 17 Maritime Marionettes Presents: *"Mollie and the Oak Island Treasure"* Victoria Hall, Cobourg (905) 372-2210
- 24, 25 Brad Halls *"Words and Music"* Series, Victoria Hall, Cobourg (905) 372-2210

- 26 Brian Finlay & Friends - *"Requiem & Recreation"*, Victoria Hall, Cobourg (905) 372-2210
- 26 Lenten Concert, St. Peter's Church, Cobourg (905) 372-3442 (3 pm)

APRIL

- CDCI West Presents: *"The Comedy of Errors"* Victoria Hall, Cobourg, For dates call: (905) 372-2210
- 1 Northumberland/Clarington Regional Science Fair, Northumberland Mall, Cobourg (905) 372-6871
- 1-May 7 Art Gallery of Northumberland Presents: 18th Annual Juried Exhibit, Victoria Hall, Cobourg (905) 372-0333
- 1-Dec 31 Cobourg Volkswalkers Club - Season Event (10km or 15 km) (905) 372-4974
- 8-15 "Egg-Citing Easter" Northumberland Mall, Cobourg (905) 373-0461
- 9 Northumberland Orchestra Society Presents: *"Salute to Spring"* Trinity United Church, Cobourg (905) 372-9834 (7pm)
- 21 Spring Eve at Trinity United Church, Cobourg (905) 372-9763

- 21-23 "That's my Hobby" Show and Sale, Cobourg Arena, Cobourg (905) 372-5831
- 21-May 6 Northumberland Players Presents: *"Weekend Comedy"*, Best Western, Cobourg (905) 372-2105
- 23 La Jeunesse Choir Spring Concert, Trinity United Church, Cobourg (905) 344-7653 (3 pm)
- 28, 29 Victorian Operetta Society Presents: *"Pirates of Penzance"* Victoria Hall, Cobourg (905) 372-2210

MAY

- 4-6 Victorian Operetta Society Presents: *"Pirates of Penzance"*, Victoria Hall, Cobourg (905) 372-2210
- 6 Horizons of Friendship *"Grandma's Linen Sale"*, Thrift Shop, 50 Covert St., Cobourg (905) 372-5483 (10am-4 pm)
- 6, 13, 20, 27 Cobourg Farmers' Market, Behind Victoria Hall, Cobourg (905) 372-5831 (7am-12 noon)
- 8-12 Northumberland Music Festival, Cobourg (905) 372-2505
- 13 Cobourg Horticultural Society Spring Show, Northumberland Mall, Cobourg (905) 372-6647
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13- Art Gallery of Northumberland Presents:
June 18 "Tom LaPierre - The Arena
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Cobourg (905) 372-0333

14 Brian Finlay & Mark Dubois "For the Love of
Lieder", Victoria Hall, Cobourg
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19 Northumberland Music Festival Grand
Concert - Victoria Hall, Cobourg
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19-21 Kinsmen Home and Leisure Show,
Cobourg Arenas (905) 372-5831

24 Northumberland/Clarington Board of
Education Presents: "Dancefest" Victoria
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27 Brad Halls "Words and Music" series, Victoria
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JUNE

3, 10, 17, 24 Cobourg Farmers' Market behind
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4 Suburbanairs (Award Winning Barbershop)
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17 Cobourg House Tour, Cobourg
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17 In Celebration of Seniors Fair - Victoria Park,
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24 Cobourg Horticultural Society Rose Show,
Northumberland Mall, Cobourg
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24-Aug 20 Art Gallery of Northumberland
Presents: *Selections from the Permanent
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30 Cobourg Kinsmen Club Dance, Presents:
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JULY

2 Cobourg Highland Games, Donegan
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1, 8, 15, 22, 29 Cobourg Farmers' Market
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2, 3 Chamber of Commerce Pancake Breakfast,
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4, 11, 18, 25 Concert Band of Cobourg Presents:
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5, 12, 19, 26 Cobourg Farmers' Market behind
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AUGUST

1, 8, 15, 22, 29 Concert Band of Cobourg
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18-20 3rd Annual Cobourg Film Festival, Best
Western, Cobourg (905) 372-5831

26 Cobourg Horticultural Society Summer
Show, Northumberland Mall, Cobourg
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26-Oct. 1 Art Gallery of Northumberland
Presents: Azorean Trilogy *The Spirit, The
People, The Land*, Victoria Hall, Cobourg
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SEPTEMBER

2, 9, 16, 23, 30 Cobourg Farmers' Market
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23 Copex '95 Annual Stamp Exhibition 59
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OCTOBER

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NOVEMBER

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Bazaar", Cobourg (905) 372-7911

11 "Wake Up Santa" Northumberland Mall,
Cobourg (905) 373-0461

17 CHUC 33rd Annual Radiothon for
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18 Santa Claus Parade, Cobourg (905) 372-4881

18 St. Andrews Church tea and bazaar, Cobourg
(905) 372-7411

DECEMBER

3 La Jeunesse Choir Christmas Concert, Trinity
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(3pm)

16-Jan 28/96 Art Gallery of Northumberland
Presents: "Nuclear Garden" Victoria Hall,
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17 Cobourg Concert Band Christmas Concert,
p.m. Victoria Hall, Cobourg (905) 372-0644
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31 Cobourg First Night, King Street Cobourg,
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31 Cobourg Kinsmen Club Polar Bear Swim,
Victoria Park Beach, Cobourg
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Welcome to Cobourg

Cobourg, Northumberland's County seat is a vibrant and historic community located about an hour's drive east of Toronto. Situated on a sandy stretch of Lake Ontario with the rolling hills of Northumberland providing a majestic backdrop, this charming town has so much to offer.

Founded in 1798, the first settlers were United Empire Loyalists. Around 1804, the settlement was made the capital of the Newcastle District (later renamed the United Counties of Northumberland and Durham).

The town grew as more settlers arrived, particularly after the war of 1812, when immigrants of means such as pay officers moved into the area. Grist mills and saw mills, stores and residences sprang up as Cobourg evolved out of its pioneer state into a bustling community.

By the 1840s, the population had grown to over 4,300 people. During this time, Cobourg became a major economic and social centre. Money was invested in roads, harbour and other facilities. In 1834, Cobourg received a charter to build a railway, only a few years after the world's first railway was opened.

By 1850, Cobourg was the fifth largest centre in the province with a population of over 5,000 people.

During the 1850s, the Cobourg to Peterborough Railway opened and Cobourg's residents believed that the town was destined to become the capital of the province. They decided to construct Victoria Hall, a grand civic building to reflect the town's future importance.

Unfortunately, the heady spirit of prosperity was not to last. A widespread depression, the failure of the railway and the high cost of the construction of Victoria Hall, brought the town to the brink of bankruptcy.

The town's population dwindled. However, within a few short years Cobourg rose again and became a fashionable summer resort. Throughout North America, it was advertised that Cobourg air had the second highest ozone content in the world. Ozone was then considered very salubrious to one's health. Soon the well-to-do were coming from all over North America as far away as New Orleans and St. Louis to summer in Cobourg.

By 1900, Cobourg was the most popular summer resort in Canada with over 2,000 summer residents, many of whom built homes here, some on a palatial scale. The town became known as the "Newport of the North". Today, more than ever, Cobourg continues to be a popular tourist destination.

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Cobourg's CN Railway Station

Built around 1900 by the Grand Trunk Railway, the original building stood in the exact spot where the newly renovated Via Station now stands. It has been restored to its original romanesque revival architectural style and includes features such as a 15 foot high tongue and grooved wood ceiling, lead pane fan windows and wainscoting. Taken over by Via in 1986, it has been made wheelchair accessible and brought up-to-date for today's building and fire codes, while still retaining the original colour and architectural style. What visitors will see is a modern version of useful and solid architecture as presented by Corporate Via during the reopening celebrations of November 1992.



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Victoria College is now privately owned and not open to the public.

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Marie Dressler House

This charming Ontario-style cottage, birthplace of 1920s film star Marie Dressler, has attracted visitors to Cobourg for many years.

Christened Leila Marie von Koerber, Marie Dressler was the youngest of two sisters. Her father was organist at St. Peter's Church. She used to say she knew she would never be a great beauty, so she decided to make people laugh. This she certainly did, in such movies as "Tillie's Tomato Surprise" in 1915 and "Tillie the Scrub Lady" in 1917. Marie was best known for her leading role in "Tugboat Annie" in 1933 and her Oscar winning role in "Min and Bill" in 1930.



Dressler House, which used to be a restaurant, was recently restored and renovated and is now the home of the Cobourg and District Chamber of Commerce, featuring a tourist information centre and a Dressler memorabilia collection including life size wax figures depicting Marie Dressler and Wallace Beery on the set of "Min and Bill".

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The street is characterized with large three story brick buildings with ornate cornices and window treatments.

Several events are held annually in the downtown area, including the sidewalk sale and Carnival Mall and the Cobourg First Night New Year's Eve celebration.

Visitors to Cobourg will enjoy the bustling Farmers Market which has been a part of the Cobourg tradition since 1850.

The market runs from 7:00 am till 12:00 noon each Saturday, May to October.



Cobourg's Waterfront/Victoria Park

Victoria Park, in addition to its natural beauty, offers an amazing array of activities for visitors of all ages. A children's playground and splash pad, a kiddies wading pool, an outdoor swimming pool with high diving board and of course the magnificent quarter mile stretch of white sand beach, which Cobourg is so fortunate to possess.

Activities in the park include mini golf, summer concerts by the Concert Band of Cobourg, baseball and the Lawn Bowling Club of Cobourg which was formed in 1907.

Victoria Park is also the venue for many community events and festivals including the annual Cobourg Waterfront Festival, which attracts thousands of visitors each year. Held over the July 1 weekend, this three-day event features Canada Day celebrations, entertainment, arts and crafts and an artists show and sale.

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Floral Clock

Located in Victoria Park is the beautiful Rotary Floral Clock. It was donated by the Rotary Club to commemorate their 60th Anniversary. Each year a different theme design is featured. The clock is 30 feet in diameter and contains approximately 3,000 plants.

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For boaters' added convenience, the Cobourg and District Chamber of Commerce supplies visitor information and Cobourg Souvenirs at the marina office. Bicycles are available free of charge to visiting boaters who would like to tour the town and main shopping area, just two blocks away. All provisions, including marine store, pharmacies, liquor store and wide-range of gift shops and restaurants are within short walking distance.

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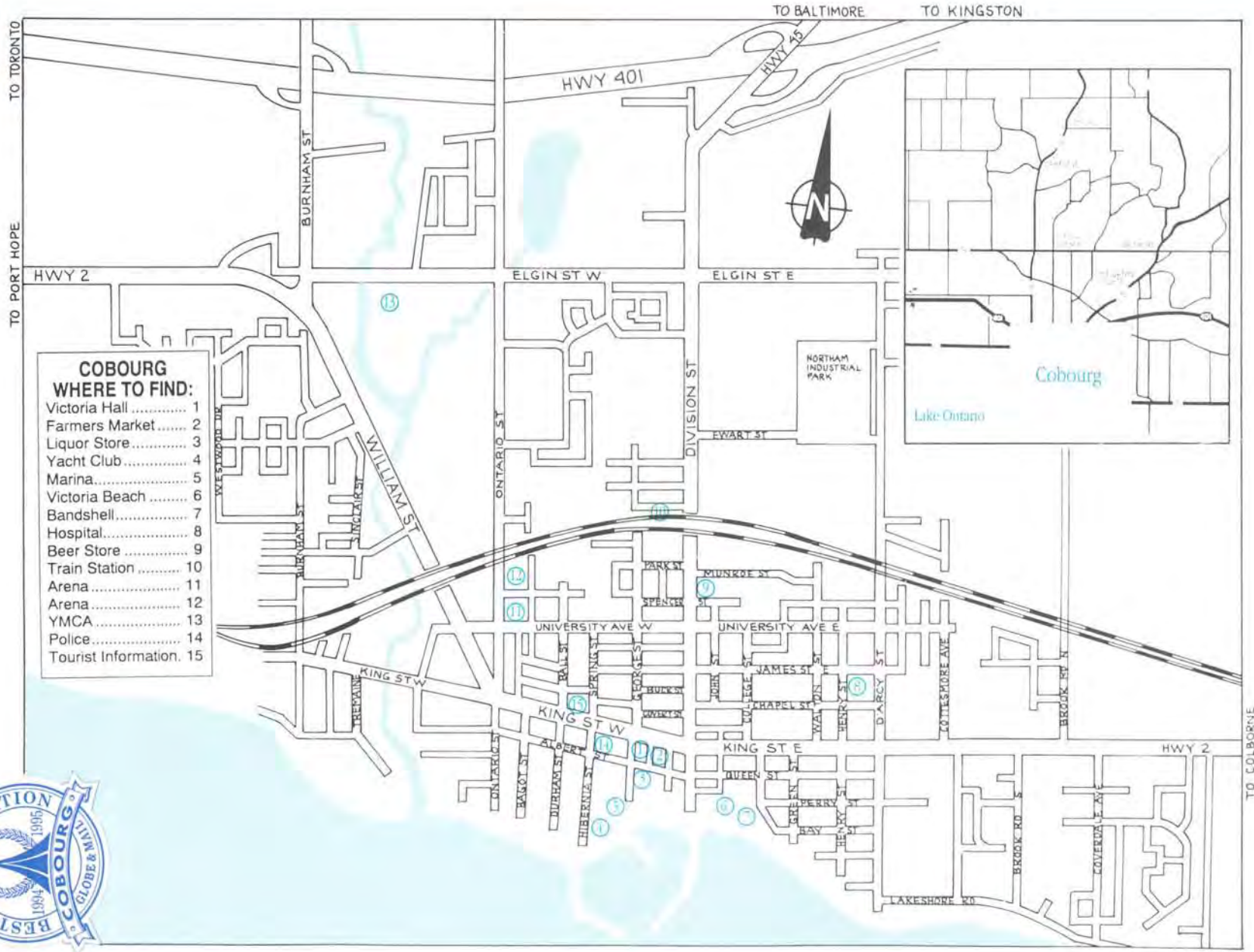


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