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HOMECOMING DINNER - SATURDAY, JULY 25, 1987

DISTINGUISHED GUESTS GATHERED HERE TONIGHT - WELCOME - AND YOU ARE ALL DISTINGUISHED GUESTS ON THIS VERY SPECIAL OCCASION.

IN BRINGING YOU GREETINGS FROM THE COUNCIL AND ALL THE PEOPLE OF COBOURG - I SAY WELCOME - PLEASE ENJOY YOUR STAY.

A SMALL DUTY I WOULD LIKE TO CARRY OUT THIS EVENING IS TO RECOGNIZE TWO VERY DEDICATED MEMBERS OF THE SESQUICENTENNIAL COMMITTEE AND COBOURG GIRLS WHO HAVE PUT A TREMENDOUS EFFORT INTO ARRANGING THIS HOMECOMING - MARG GUY AND BONNIE SHERIDAN. I KNOW THEY HAVE HAD A GREAT DEAL OF HELP - TOO NUMEROUS TO MENTION - BUT AS A SMALL GESTURE OF APPRECIATION I WOULD LIKE TO GIVE EACH OF THEM A COBOURG ROSE - TO RECOGNIZE THEM AND ALL THOSE WHO HELPED ARRANGE THIS GREAT EVENING.

I WAS REFLECTING BRIEFLY BEFORE COMING HERE TONIGHT AS TO JUST WHAT HOMECOMING WOULD MEAN TO EACH OF YOU GATHERED HERE TONIGHT. THE NOSTALGIA AND MEMORIES OF BYGONE DAYS - HAPPY TIMES, SAD TIMES - BUT MOST OF ALL THE GATHERING AND MEETING OF FRIENDS - THE RECALLING OF EVENTS AND HAPPENINGS THAT BY NOW HAVE GROWN LIKE FISHING STORIES - BUT ALWAYS MORE ENTERTAINING. MY PERSONAL WISH IS THAT THEY END WITH GOOD MEMORIES AND THAT THIS EVENING WILL NOT ONLY BE A MEMORABLE ONE BUT A HAPPY ONE AND THAT IT WILL BRING BACK FOND REMEMBRANCES FOR ALL.

PLEASE ENJOY YOUR EVENING. TO THOSE OF YOU WHO BERNICE AND I HAVE NOT HAD THE PLEASURE OF MEETING - PLEASE SAY HELLO - WE WOULD LIKE TO MEET YOU.

HAVE A GOOD EVENING.

THANK YOU FOR COMING.

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COLONEL COMMDT. OF THE ROYAL REGIMENT OF ARTILLERY, LIEUTENANT COLONEL J. D. BRISCOE - OFFICERS OF THE REGIMENT AND GUNNERS OF 2ND REGIMENT R. C. H. A. AND DISTINGUISHED GUESTS GATHERED HERE TODAY.

IT IS A PLEASURE AND AN HONOUR TO WELCOME YOU HERE TODAY ON THIS VERY AUSPICIOUS OCCASION, WHEN THE TOWN OF COBOURG EXTENDS THE FREEDOM OF THE TOWN TO THE 2ND REGIMENT R. C. H. A. IN RECOGNITION OF THE ROLE THE CITIZENS OF COBOURG HAVE PLAYED IN OUR MILITARY HISTORY OVER THE PAST ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTY YEARS - IN THIS OUR SESQUICENTENNIAL YEAR. TO NAME JUST A FEW OF OUR DISTINGUISHED GUNNERS -

COLONEL C. S. CRAIG

SERGEANT J. D. BURNETT, FORMER MAYOR OF COBOURG

BRIGADIER-GENERAL JOHN DREWRY, 22ND MEDIUM REGIMENT OF COBOURG

COLONEL M. D. CALNAN, 33RD MEDIUM REGIMENT, RECENTLY RETIRED

COLONEL W. E. SILLS, A FORMER MEMBER OF 36TH BATTERY AND FORMER COMMANDING OFFICER OF THE 2ND R. C. H. A.

LIEUTENANT COLONEL GORDON KING, 3/47 BATTERY

LIEUTENANT COLONEL R. C. LUCAS, 23RD FIELD

AS YOU CAN SEE COBOURG HAS HAD ITS SHARE OF PROMINENT GUNNERS AND DISTINGUISHED SOLDIERS OVER THE PAST CENTURY.

WE WELCOME YOU ALL HERE TODAY.

I WILL NOW ASK THE TOWN CRIER TO READ THE PROCLAMATION.

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SPEECH BY MAYOR ANGUS V. READ
LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR LINCOLN ALEXANDER VISIT
SATURDAY, JUNE 27, 1987

YOUR HONOUR LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR ALEXANDER AND MRS. ALEXANDER,
MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENT, MEMBER OF PROVINCIAL PARLIAMENT, THE MAYOR
OF COBURG, AUSTRALIA, MEMBERS OF COUNCIL AND DISTINGUISHED GUESTS
ALL.

I WANT TO EXTEND OUR SINCERE APPRECIATION TO LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR
ALEXANDER AND HIS WIFE FOR TAKING THE TIME TO BE WITH US TODAY.

THIS IS A VERY SPECIAL DAY IN OUR SESQUICENTENNIAL CELEBRATIONS
BECAUSE WE ARE NOT ONLY CELEBRATING OUR 150TH BIRTHDAY BUT WE ARE
CELEBRATING THE BIRTH OF OUR NATION.

YOUR HONOUR, YOUR FIRST ACT IN COBOURG TODAY WAS TO TURN THE SOD FOR
A PART OF OUR FUTURE - AT THE FAMILY AND CHILDREN'S SERVICES BUILDING.
IN RECOGNIZING THE NEEDS OF FAMILIES AND CHILDREN IN CRISIS WE ARE
BUILDING FOR THE FUTURE.

YOU VISITED VICTORIA HALL A LITTLE LATER AND BY THE PRESERVATION OF
THIS BUILDING I AM SURE YOU RECOGNIZED THAT WE CARE ABOUT OUR HISTORY
AND WHAT OUR FOREFATHERS ACCOMPLISHED IN THEIR TIME.

A LITTLE LATER TODAY YOU WILL UNVEIL A PLAQUE TO RECOGNIZE THE HISTORY
OF OUR TOWN.

YOU WILL THEN VISIT OUR NEW YACHT CLUB AND THEN VICTORIA PARK TO MEET
WITH MORE OF OUR COBOURG PEOPLE.

WE HOPE YOUR VISIT WILL NOT ONLY BE PLEASANT AND ENJOYABLE - BUT THAT
YOU WILL LEAVE WITH A COMFORTABLE FEELING THAT YOU HAVE VISITED WITH
PEOPLE WHO CARE AND ARE DEDICATED TO MAKING OUR TOWN A BETTER PLACE
TO LIVE.

THANK YOU BOTH FOR COMING.

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INAUGURAL ADDRESS - DECEMBER 9, 1985

1. THE COUNCIL YOU HAVE ELECTED TO SERVE COBOURG DURING THE NEXT THREE YEARS HAS BEEN ELECTED ON THE NEED FOR A CHANGE AND POSITIVE ACTION. THERE IS A NEED TO ENCOURAGE GROWTH AND DEVELOPMENT IN THE INDUSTRIAL, THE COMMERCIAL, THE RETAIL, AND THE TOURIST INDUSTRIES. THIS COUNCIL, WITH THE CO-OPERATION OF OUR CITIZENS, WILL WORK TOWARD THESE GOALS.

2. IT IS ESSENTIAL IF WE ARE TO PROVIDE THE NECESSARY SERVICES AND MEET THE NEEDS OF THE PEOPLE OF COBOURG THAT OUR GOALS FOR GROWTH MUST BE TO CREATE MORE JOBS THUS GIVING A BROADER TAX BASE TO FINANCE OUR PROGRAMS.

3. IT WILL BE NECESSARY FOR THIS COUNCIL TO BRING INTO BEING SOME SOUND PLANNING AND PRIORITIES SO THAT DIRECTION CAN BE GIVEN TO OUR TOWN ADMINISTRATION TO FULFILL THEIR RESPONSIBILITIES.

4. IT MUST BE RECOGNIZED THAT WITHOUT SOME SOUND PLANNING AND DIRECTION, PROGRESS WILL BECOME DIFFICULT TO ACHIEVE. SOME OF THE PROJECTS THAT MUST BE GIVEN PRIORITY IN PREPARING A PLAN ARE:

5. THE DEVELOPMENT OF LUCAS POINT INDUSTRIAL PARK. A DETAILED PLAN OF HOW SERVICES, ROADS AND OTHER SUPPORT REQUIREMENTS ARE GOING TO BE PROVIDED. THIS TYPE OF PLANNING IS ESSENTIAL IF WE ARE TO CARRY OUT ANY FORM OF PROMOTION FOR THIS PARK. A PLANNED AND PROPERLY DEVELOPED PARK WILL BE THE KEY TO MORE JOBS IN THE INDUSTRIAL SECTOR.

6. A HARBOUR DEVELOPMENT PLAN. TO DEVELOP A DETAILED PLAN FOR THE HARBOUR WE WILL NEED INPUT FROM OUR COMMERCIAL AND RETAIL COMMUNITY AS WELL AS CITIZENS AT LARGE. THE HARBOUR DEVELOPMENT REMAINS A KEY TO TOURIST GROWTH. WE MUST REMEMBER TO KEEP IT A PEOPLE PLACE FOR ALL OUR CITIZENS TO ENJOY.

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7. A PLAN MUST BE PREPARED FOR THE EXPANSION OF SEWER SERVICES, AND IMPROVED ROADS, TO THOSE AREAS NOT PRESENTLY SERVED. IN SETTING PRIORITIES FOR PROVIDING THESE SERVICES WE MUST RECOGNIZE THE URGENCY AND THE NEED TO PROTECT THE HEALTH OF OUR CITIZENS, THE ENVIRONMENT AND OUR ECOLOGY. CONTINUAL DELAYS IN DOING THIS WORK CAN ONLY LEAD TO PROBLEMS FOR THE NEXT GENERATION.
8. THE DEVELOPMENT, IN CO-OPERATION WITH THE COUNCIL AND THE COUNTY, OF FUTURE WASTE DISPOSAL SITES MUST BE RESOLVED. FURTHER DELAYS WILL ONLY CONTRIBUTE TO OUR EXISTING PROBLEMS.
9. THE MUNICIPAL HOUSING AUTHORITY HAS BEEN ESTABLISHED AND WILL WORK WITH PROVINCIAL AND FEDERAL HOUSING AGENCIES TO DEVELOP AND PROVIDE MORE AFFORDABLE LEVELS OF HOUSING FOR COBOURG.
10. TOURISM IS PRESENTLY ONTARIO'S SECOND LARGEST INDUSTRY AND IS EXPECTED TO BE NUMBER ONE BY 1990. WE MUST WORK TO EXPAND OUR POTENTIAL AND OBTAIN A GREATER SHARE OF THIS MARKET. OUR RETAIL AND COMMERCIAL BUSINESS MUST PLAY A CONTINUING ROLE IN ACHIEVING THIS GOAL.
11. WE HAVE IDENTIFIED A NEED TO CREATE JOBS TO PROVIDE WORK FOR OUR YOUNG PEOPLE. THESE JOBS MUST BE CHALLENGING JOBS. (IF THE YOUNG PEOPLE ARE EXPECTED TO REMAIN ^{IN COBOURG} OUR SOCIETY IS FACED WITH THE REALITY THAT MANY JOBS EXISTING TODAY WILL NOT BE HERE IN TEN YEARS. NEW JOBS ARE COMING INTO BEING AND WE MUST ENSURE THAT OUR YOUNG PEOPLE ENTERING THE WORK FORCE HAVE TRAINING OR ARE RETRAINED TO MEET THE NEW JOB MARKET AS IT DEVELOPS. WE MUST ACCEPT THAT EDUCATION AND TRAINING WILL BE A CONTINUING WAY OF LIFE FOR FUTURE GENERATIONS - IT WILL NOT END WITH A DIPLOMA OR DEGREE.

12. OUR SENIOR CITIZENS CONTINUE TO BE A GROWING FORCE IN OUR COMMUNITY. WE MUST EXTEND TO THEM THE OPPORTUNITIES TO PARTICIPATE AND GIVE US THE BENEFIT OF THEIR EXPERIENCE. THEY CAN PROVIDE A WEALTH OF EXPERIENCE TO MANY OF OUR COMMITTEES. THEY WILL CONTINUE TO HAVE A VERY INFLUENTIAL EFFECT ON OUR ECONOMY AND ITS GROWTH.

13. IN WHATEVER PLANS AND PROGRAMS WE DEVELOP IN THE FUTURE WE MUST ACKNOWLEDGE THAT OUR BOUNDARIES WITH SURROUNDING MUNICIPALITIES ARE SHRINKING. WE MUST BE PREPARED TO CO-OPERATE WITH OUR NEIGHBOURS IN THE COUNTY OF NORTHUMBERLAND AND DEVELOP A STRATEGY OF GROWTH WHICH WILL BENEFIT ALL OF US. THE DIAMOND TRIANGLE IS A BEGINNING FOR PROMOTING, BUT IT WILL REQUIRE REFINEMENT TO MEET ALL OUR NEEDS. WE MUST ENSURE THAT INDUSTRY, COMMERCIAL AND RETAIL BUSINESS AND THE TOURISM INDUSTRY ALL HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO BE REPRESENTED AND GIVE DIRECTION TO THIS AGENCY.

14. WHILE I HAVE TRIED TO TOUCH ON SOME OF THE ISSUES THAT ARE OF VITAL CONCERN I AM AWARE THERE ARE OTHERS AND MORE WILL BECOME EVIDENT AS WE PROGRESS IN THE NEW YEAR BUT I BELIEVE IF WE START OUT IN THIS COUNCIL IN A SPIRIT OF CO-OPERATION AND DESIRE TO SERVE THE CITIZENS OF COBOURG WE WILL BE SUCCESSFUL.

15. FROM OUR CITIZENS WE ASK YOUR SUPPORT AND UNDERSTANDING AND A REMINDER THAT OUR STRENGTH IS IN OUR UNANIMITY.

16. TO THOSE OF YOU WHO HAVE TAKEN THE TIME TO ATTEND COUNCIL THIS EVENING WE EXTEND OUR THANKS AND HOPE YOU WILL CONTINUE TO SHOW YOUR SUPPORT TO THE COUNCIL IN ITS COMING TERM OF OFFICE.