

INFRASTRUCTURE

A SIGNIFICANT PART OF OUR BUILT HERITAGE

1797 Hamilton Township, including what became Cobourg, had been surveyed

1799 List of settlers included forty-three individuals

Ownership was only confirmed on completion of “settlement duties” including clearing a road allowance and a certain amount of land to the front of the property. **Settlement duties were the first basic infrastructure on which a town developed.**

The extensive and often assumed infrastructure we count on today was added gradually.

OUR FIRST UTILITY - CAN INFRASTRUCTURE BECOME FUN?

1832 **Cobourg’s first utility** was its harbour, operated by the Cobourg Harbour Company. After decades as a thriving commercial enterprise, it has become a fine recreational facility.



GETTING AROUND - CAN SIDEWALKS BE DANGEROUS?

1837 **First sidewalks constructed** were on the two principal streets – wood (“similar to those so much approved of in Toronto”) for about a mile along King Street from the English Church to the Scotch Church and on Division Street from the Methodist Chapel to the wharf. **Loose board, raised nails**, challenged pedestrians until...

1898 The Town’s first **cement sidewalks** came, with costs shared equally by Town and property owners.

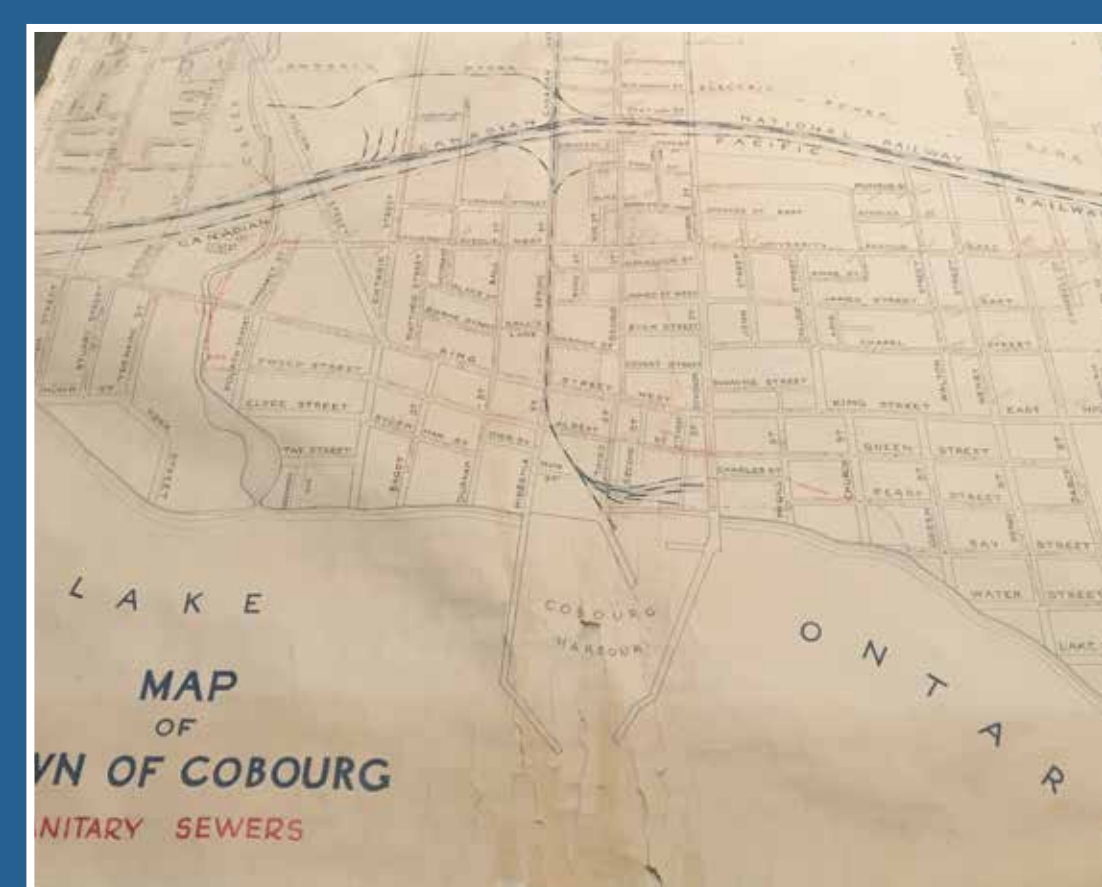
1918 King Street was **paved** as part of King’s Highway #2



King Street, Cobourg, Ontario, Canada.—6.

WHAT WOULD WE DO WITHOUT SEWERS?

1847 A brick, arch-shaped, **storm-water sewer** was installed under King Street from the small creek, westward to Ontario Street. *“This was Cobourg’s first permanent sewer and it continues to give service to this day.”* (Early Cobourg, Percy Climo p134)



Sewer – 1830s Brewery
Excavation 2017