



## MAYOR'S REPORT – FEBRUARY 24, 2020

### **The Martin Van Gool Memorial Golden Puck Hockey Tournament**

The Vale Health & Wellness Centre was very busy this weekend with teams attending the Martin Van Gool Memorial Golden Puck Hockey Tournament.

Teams from across Ontario attended with Peewee, Atom and Novice skaters taking to the ice over three days.

It was great to see such PORTicipation from families.

Congratulations to everyone who attended.

### **Russell Cup**

It was also my privilege last night to drop the puck at the opening game of the Jr A GMHL Russell Cup Championship Playoffs featuring our own Niagara Whalers versus the Durham Roadrunners.

Our Whalers took the first game last night with game 2 tonight in Durham. It is a best of 3 for the quarter finals.

Come out and cheer on our Whalers during their next home game.

### **Girl Guides of Canada – World Thinking Day**

On Friday morning I was visited by our local Girl Guides as they brought me their flag in celebration of World Thinking Day. We brought the flag up here for this evening.

World Thinking Day is a chance for Girl Guide to connect with 10 million other Girl Guides and Scouts across the globe and to shout about the amazing things they do.

The theme for 2020 is Diversity, Equity and Inclusion. At Girlguiding, these values are at the core of what they do, as they work to ensure that all girls receive the same great guiding experience.

## **Catharine Boitor**

I'd like to give a shout out to 13 year old Catharine Boitor, a grade 7 student at McKay Public School as she takes PORTicipating to a higher level.

Catharine has been accepted in the Page Program at the Ontario Legislature and will be spending four weeks in Toronto with 19 other students assisting our MPP's.

Catharine was selected into the program after submitting an essay outlining her achievements, involvements and suitability for the program.

Congratulations Catharine.

## **Port Colborne Operatic Society**

On Saturday evening I attended the 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Port Colborne Operatic Society and their current production of Mamma Mia.

Planning starts in September each year for their late winter production. Volunteers must commit to attending rehearsals, preparing props, back drops, music, dances and costumes.

The caliber and commitment of the individuals in these shows, both on stage and behind the scenes is remarkable.

Tickets are still available for upcoming shows which run until Sunday March 8<sup>th</sup>. Contact the Showboat Festival Theatre Office at the Roselawn Centre.