

TAB 10



**CITY OF PORT COLBORNE
TOWNSHIP OF WAINFLEET
HEALTHCARE SERVICES COMMITTEE**

**LETTERS RECEIVED
FROM RESIDENTS
DURING AND AFTER
PUBLIC MEETING OF
OCTOBER 15, 2008**



PORT COLBORNE

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

Vance M. Badawey

Opening Comments:

Good Evening.

First may I welcome all of you here this evening.

I appreciate the time each and every one of you has taken to participate in this evening's public meeting.

This is an opportunity for you, members of the public, to pass on your thoughts in relation to the Niagara Health System's attempt at preparing a Hospital Improvement Plan.

More importantly, it is an opportunity for you to contribute to Port Colborne and Wainfleet's response to the NHS HIP.

I stand before you this evening not only as the Mayor of the City of Port Colborne, but also as a father, a neighbour, a friend, a resident of this community – who is truly concerned about the NHS plans for our Community Hospital.

I have served as a member of Council since 1994 and in that time, served as a member of the PCGH Board of Directors and have fought shoulder to shoulder with my community for many years to protect the future of the Port Colborne General Hospital and the services it provides to the families of Port Colborne and Wainfleet.

I will focus my comments tonight in the brief time I have on 3 points.

- 1) The perception and belief in my community that this public consultation is a waste of time. That the deal is already done and that this is just to satisfy the requirement to say that there was consultation with the Community before the NHS HIP is approved.