



MAYOR'S REPORT
AUGUST 10, 2020 COUNCIL MEETING

COVID-19 UPDATE

Good evening and welcome to our virtual council meeting.

Tonight we are welcoming four of our councillors back into the council chambers. Joining us are Councillors, Bruno, Kalailieff, Desmarais and Bodner and well as our CAO Scott Luey, Clerk Amber LaPointe, Deputy Clerk Charlotte Madden, and a member of Wee Stream who are live streaming this meeting for us.

Our other four city councillors and various city directors are each attending from home.

As we remain in Stage 3 of the COVID-19 recovery process, we continue to emphasize social distancing, hand washing and face coverings where social distancing can't be maintained or where required by the Region's face covering by-law.

We ask for your patience while we all work together for a safe and gradual return of services.

Opening of recreation opportunities

Rink 1 at the Vale Health & Wellness Centre welcomed back skaters as of Tuesday, Aug. 4, 2020, to permit holders only offering training opportunities for hockey players and figure skaters.

All users are to follow the outlined public/user rules and regulations, including wearing a mask/face covering as per the Niagara Region Face Covering By-law.

To ensure adherence to the indoor gathering limits set out by the Province in stage three of their reopening framework, the walking track and remainder of the Vale Health & Wellness Centre will remain closed to the public until further notice.

The Port Colborne YMCA continues to plan to resume safe programming opportunities for their members in the coming weeks.

The TA Lannan Sports Complex has reopened to host the Sir John Colborne Youth Soccer Club (SJCYSO) to provide training opportunities for their athletes.

In addition, a local co-ed slo-pitch league will also begin operating a shortened season starting Friday, Aug. 7.

Outdoor Zumba classes at the Sugarloaf Marina pavilion returned today.

Classes will run every Monday and Wednesday evenings from 7 – 8 p.m. Fees are \$5 per class and can be paid to the instructor upon arrival. Sugarloaf Marina offices and washrooms, including the water bottle refill station, will not be available for access during the outdoor class times.

The City is also resuming issuing permits for pavilions at City parks.

Cancellation of City Events

For the protection of the community and staff due to public health concerns regarding COVID-19, the City's community and economic development department has made the decision to extend the cancellation of all City events, including third party community events held on City property, until Oct. 31, 2020.

This cancellation affects the following events:

- Port Colborne Downtown Cruisers Association Cruise Nights
- Nickel Beach Bonfire
- Volunteer Appreciation Banquet
- Terry Fox Run – which will be held virtually
- HarvestFest

Canadian Association of Municipal Administrators

I received a letter last week from the President of Canadian Association of Municipal Administrators.

They have a Long Service Recognition Awards Program that recognizes and celebrates dedication to public service and municipal management.

I would like to extend our congratulations to our Chief Administrative Officer, Scott Luey for his fifteen years of municipal service in a management capacity.

Your ongoing support of the municipal profession and the part you continue to play in helping to make CAMA the leading organization in fostering and sustaining municipal excellence is to be commended.

Congratulations Scott.

Port Cares 50/50 Draw

Covid-19 has severely affected many of our non-profit organizations and their ability to raise funds as they have in the past through live events.

Port Cares is one such agency in town. In order to raise funds to continue serving the residents of Port Colborne, they have developed a new on-line 50/50 draw.

Tickets for the new *Caring for Port Cares* online 50/50 draw go on sale tomorrow, August 11 at 9 a.m., with three Early Bird draws and the final cash draw on September 10. On August 13, someone can win a \$100 gift card for Tender Cuts Quality Meats, on August 20 a \$100 gift card for Sobeys and on August 27 a \$100 gift card for No Frills.

Tickets are 5 for \$10, 20 for \$20 and 100 for \$40 and are available at portcares5050.ca.

We are calling on our community supporters and partners to help share the word and take part where you can.

Closing

In closing, we must remain vigilant in fighting this virus.

Our number one priority is the health and safety of our citizens as we continue the safe and gradual reopening of services and business activities. Please stay safe.