



MAYOR'S REPORT – OCTOBER 15, 2019

Fire Prevention Week and Touch-a-Truck open house

Port Colborne's annual Fire Prevention Week and Touch-a-Truck event were held on October 5th.

Many thanks to the fire fighters and staff who set up these events. They were well attended by the public and provided lots of things to see and do.

Over \$900 was raised during the Touch-a-Truck event in support of Niagara Nutrition Partners.

Fire safety is of the utmost importance to your family. Know your fire route and practice it with the whole family.

Meeting with partners to improve access for Great Lakes Cruising

The City of Port Colborne recently hosted a roundtable session to discuss recreational ship mooring within Port Colborne, specifically with regards to the development of appropriate docking facilities to facilitate mooring of cruise ships and to position the City as a cruise ship destination.

The City presented maps of the proposed location and available infrastructure and a discussion about potential challenges and mitigating measures followed.

All stakeholders in attendance expressed their support for the establishment of the terminal and docking facilities and we will continue working toward this goal.

Servicing lands on the east side of the Welland

The city hosted a meeting with the St Lawrence Seaway and Niagara Region Economic Development, along with city engineering and economic development staff, to discuss the servicing of industrial lands along the Welland Canal.

The St. Lawrence Seaway indicated a willingness to service its 86 acre (Riverlands) and if feasible, additional lands on the east side.

If the Seaway moves forward with this servicing or partners with the city, this would present an opportunity for the City to meet the unmet need for serviced industrial lands which exists within the market.

The discussion explored the east side infrastructure project currently being undertaken at the Region to determine the best point to bring the servicing across the canal.

The parties briefly spoke about the three (3) proposed crossing options and whether the implication for future land servicing is being considered and whether any land servicing activity could piggyback on this project.

Discussions are expected to continue next week.

Overdose Prevention and Education Network of Niagara Survey

Overdose Prevention and Education Network of Niagara - Prevention Working group, guided Niagara Region Public Health, are working on their strategic planning process by focusing on prevention.

This is testament to the awareness and leadership of the group by focusing early action on the more immediate pillars of harm reduction, treatment, and effective and empathetic enforcement, while ensuring that the first stage of planning is on prevention.

In order to prepare a prevention strategy report, a survey has been created.

The survey takes about 10 minutes. The survey includes questions about drug use in Niagara - how it affects the community, what might work to prevent drug use, and your personal experience with drug use.

Today's survey marks one of the final phases towards a report; a wider community questionnaire to understand the public's thoughts and beliefs about substance use and its prevention.

The online survey will be available until November 30 at www.niagararegion.ca/health.

Help Design our Community Christmas Card

We are once again seeking your children's wintery, Christmasy drawing for our annual Christmas card.

We'd like to see your child draw images of Port Colborne in the winter.

Here is a sample of a few we have used in the past.

We will be accepting drawings until November 8th.

Please check out our website for details.

Leadership Team Calendars

The City of Port Colborne Leadership Team is selling calendars to benefit the Port Cares School Lunch Kit Program.

Every calendar you buy provides a child with one week's worth of healthy school lunches.

The calendar features our "future leaders" in city roles.

Calendars are \$15 each and can be purchased at City Hall on the first floor.

Canadian Cancer Society Cops for Cancer 2019 Tour de Golden Horseshoe

We received a thank you plaque from the Canadian Cancer Society for our support of the Cops for Cancer – 2019 Tour de Golden Horseshoe.

We welcomed them to Port Colborne on September 16 and 17 where they visited local schools.