



PORT COLBORNE

Mayor's Report

June 28, 2021 Council Meeting

COVID-19

The Province continues in Step 1 of the Roadmap to Reopening. Active COVID cases continue to drop, and vaccination rates continue to rise. The province has announced that we will be moving to Step 2 on Wednesday. This will allow larger outdoor gatherings, personal care services, increased table sizes for outdoor dining, and increased capacity for retail shopping. We are expected to remain in Step 2 for at least 21 days.

If you have not yet received your vaccine, go to the Ontario.ca website to book an appointment or call 1-888-999-6488. Everyone over the age of 18 is now eligible to receive their second dose.

If you have questions in regards to City Hall services or would like to report a concern, you can contact a Customer Service representative Monday – Friday 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. by calling 905-835-2900 or via email CustomerService@portcolborne.ca.

Alternatively, you can visit our website www.portcolborne.ca and submit a service request or inquiry by clicking on the "Request A Service" tab, located on the top right corner of our website page.

Whether you are a citizen, business owner or city councillor, we are here to assist you and provide Customer Service excellence through all service channels, internally and externally.

In-person appointments will be scheduled for essential and time sensitive services. Where possible, services will continue to be provided through remote means.

Staff Retirements and Celebrations

Pre-COVID we used to invite retiring staff members to a council meeting to celebrate and thank them for their service to the city.

Unfortunately, we have been unable to do that in the past six months, so I would like to take this time to publicly thank those who have retired since January 2021.

Combined, they provided 117 years of service to the citizens of Port Colborne.

Leah Roesch – 14 years - Assistant Librarian

Margaret Cooke – 34 years - Assistant Librarian

Doug Lampman – 17 years – equipment operator in the arena

Bill Eberly – 32 years – Utilities Crew Leader

Tom Cartwright – 20 years – Fire Chief and Director of Community Safety and Enforcement

I would also like to acknowledge Jennifer Maurice, our Records and Dispatch Clerk in Public Works who celebrated 50 years of service with the city last week.

Jennifer continues to work keeping track of our employees out on the road and answering calls from the public.

That's quite a milestone Jennifer – congratulations.

Upcoming events

The City of Port Colborne is asking residents to PORTicipate online with the virtual event "Explore Port Colborne." This event will provide some great ways to get outdoors, get active, and get to know Port Colborne a little better! You will have roughly 1 month to complete as many challenges as you can.

Starting June 28, Explore Port Colborne virtual event will be live on the GooseChase app until Friday, July 30, 2021 at midnight. The virtual Explore Port Colborne event will include activities that involve getting out to see all that Port Colborne has to offer. Activities include, visiting parks, utilizing trails, visiting the Museum, supporting local businesses and so much more.

Info, including the access code is available the at [Events and Festivals - City of Port Colborne](#) page on our website.

Also, the Tall Ship, Playfair, will be in Port Colborne docked along West Street on July 1.

They will allow public deck tours from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Masks required on board, maintaining social distance and the crew will accommodate one family at a time.

More information about how to book a tour will be available shortly on our website.

Thank you everyone and stay safe.