



THE ROYAL CANADIAN NAVAL ASSOCIATION NIAGARA REGION
L'Association Royale Canadienne de la Marine-Région du Niagara

Niagara Military Museum, 5049 Victoria Avenue
Niagara Falls, Ontario L2E 4E2

April 5, 2024

Mayor Bill Steele and City Council
City of Port Colborne

Dear Mayor Steele,

On the first Sunday of May of every year the Canadian Government recognizes the Battle of the Atlantic in services across Canada. Prior to that day, various municipalities recognize Navy Week, which will begin this year on April 28, 2024. The Region of Niagara will be hoisting the White Ensign at Regional Headquarters on that day to fly until May 5th, 2024.

The Royal Canadian Naval Association Niagara is respectfully requesting the privilege of addressing Council at the Council Meeting prior to Navy Week, if possible, to bring home the meaning of the Battle of the Atlantic and its close relationship to the Welland Canal and municipalities along the Canal. We would also request that Council declare the week of April 28th to May 5th as Navy Week, and allow us to hoist the White Ensign and the current Royal Canadian Naval Ensign in King George Memorial Park Clarence Street. We will be partnering with the Legion Branch 56 to help support a water-side memorial service on Sunday May 5, at 1300 hours.

On behalf of the RCNA Niagara Executive and our members, we would like to thank the City of Port Colborne for granting us permission to hold this important memorial service in your community. We are looking forward to it.

Gratefully yours,

Robert Coles
President

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