

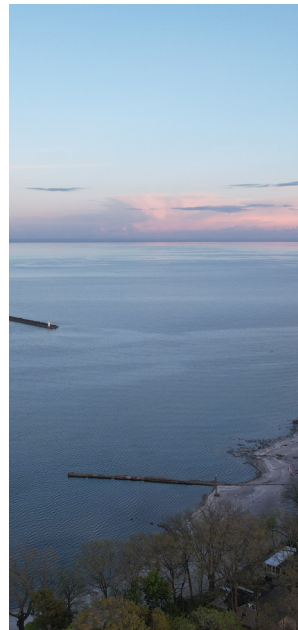


PORT COLBORNE

CITY HALL NEWS

September 2024

A farewell
to summer!



A MESSAGE FROM

CAO

SCOTT LUEY

Hello everyone, and welcome to the September edition of City Hall News.

We have had a wonderful summer of events here in Port Colborne. Along with Canal Days and numerous other gatherings, we also enjoyed the second summer of our Community Concert Series, which was sponsored this year by Asahi Kasei.

These free evening concerts welcomed hundreds of folks to H.H. Knoll Lakeview Park throughout the summer to enjoy an array of musical acts that featured everything from the rock and roll of the Beatles to the swinging and swaying of big band favourites. The best part is that our community enjoyed these evenings while taking the time to share with others. Throughout the summer, concertgoers have donated more than 1,500 pounds of non-perishable food items to Port Cares. This is an amazing demonstration of the way people in our community care for one another and makes me even more proud to call Port Colborne home.

But there is still one more concert to enjoy. On Friday, Sept. 13, Blues Etc. with special guest Spencer MacKenzie will perform. On that night, we will be recognizing many of our fantastic staff and volunteers for supporting Canal Days and other community events, as well as welcoming friends from the Cruise Association, who will be bringing their classic cars to the show.

Later that weekend, there will be a free tree giveaway for local residents who reserved their tree in advance using Eventbrite. We've made the switch to online registration to better organize the day. Reserved trees will be picked up Saturday, Sept. 14, and I'm happy to report there are only a few trees left to be claimed online thanks to tremendous uptake from the community in the registration process. This initiative is a branch of the City's new Urban Forest Management Plan and is rooted in the desire to expand the tree canopy in Port Colborne. Thanks to a partnership with Forest City Models and Partners Outdoor, residents can purchase a rain barrel for \$40, which can be picked up the same day.

At the end of the month, the City will observe the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation on Monday, Sept. 30. In preparation, the Every Child Matters flag will be flown at City Hall and will be lowered to half staff with all flags on display for four days beginning Friday, Sept. 27. I encourage everyone to spend time that day remembering the children who never returned home from residential schools as well as survivors, their families, and communities. You can also honour survivors by wearing an orange shirt that day.

With so much going on this time of year, I look forward to seeing many of you out and about this fall.

Ahoy!

CAO, Scott Luey



SEPTEMBER EVENTS



Port Colborne
Public Library



Port Colborne
Historical & Marine
Museum



City of
Port Colborne

Mud Lake Walk



Learn about local wildlife, native plants, and hiking in all seasons with the NPCA. Please wear sturdy shoes and weather-appropriate clothing. Uneven ground and slippery conditions possible. Presented in partnership with Welland Public Library.

Date:
Sept. 7

Time:
10 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Location:
Mud Lake
3031 Elm St.

Free Admission
Call the library at
905-834-6512 to
register.

Speaker Series – Tornado in Niagara: An 18th Century Canadian Catastrophe



Join us to hear presenter Jessica Linzel, M.A. discuss her research on the 1792 tornado which left a path of destruction across Niagara.

Date:
Sept. 7

Time:
1 p.m.

Location:
L.R. Wilson Archives
(286 King St.)

Free Admission

Community Concert Series - Blues Etc.



Join us for Blues Etc. Tribute in Port Colborne. A reminder to bring a non-perishable food item, which will be collected and donated to Port Cares.

Date:
Sept. 13

Time:
7 p.m.

Location:
H.H. Knoll Lakeview Park

Free Admission

Lego Club



Complete a challenge, follow a pattern, or use your imagination to make something new – however you like to build, you're sure to create something amazing at Lego Club!

Date:
Sept. 9, 16 & 23

Time:
3 to 6 p.m.

Location:
Public Library

Free Admission



Speaker Series: "With Great Sadness" – Exploring the Victorians' Unique Approach to Mourning Their Dead

Join Anna Carlsen, M.A., and Katelynn Best as they discuss Victorian mourning practices. Accompanying this presentation is an optional Victorian Mourning Cemetery Tour at Oakwood Cemetery from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m.

Date:
Sept. 21

Time:
1 p.m.

Location:
L.R. Wilson Archives
(286 King St.)

Free Admission



Kid's Craft Cart

We bring the craft supplies; you bring the creativity. Create something unique to you at our after-school craft cart.

Date:
Sept. 18 & 25

Time:
3 to 4:30 p.m.

Location:
Public Library

Free Admission



Tree Giveaway & Rain Barrell Sales

Port Colborne residents can sign up for a free tree as part of an initiative to expand the city's tree canopy. Registration is open from August 19 to September 9, with 150 native trees available for pickup on September 14 at the Vale Health and Wellness Centre. Additionally, rain barrels are available for purchase. Proof of residency is required. For more details, visit portcolborne.ca

Date:
Sept. 14

Time:
8:30 a.m. to
1:30 p.m.

Location:
H.H. Knoll Lakeview Park

Free Admission



Fall into Fashion High Tea

Join the Friends of Roselawn Centre as they host their second High Tea with community partners The Pie Guys Bakery & Café and 270 Degrees West. Enjoy an afternoon of sweet treats and a fashion show of the latest fall trends!

Date:
Sept. 29

Time:
1 p.m.

Location:
The Roselawn Centre
(296 Fielden Ave.)

\$50 per person



Truth and Reconciliation Day

On September 30, 2021, Canada observed its first National Day for Truth and Reconciliation, marking a crucial step in acknowledging the tragic and painful history of residential schools. As we continue this journey, residents are encouraged to take time on this day to reflect, honour the survivors, and remember the children who never made it home. The Every Child Matters flag will be raised at City Hall this week to symbolize our commitment to meaningful reconciliation.

Date:
Sept. 30

Please note, Municipal offices will be closed Monday, Sept. 30.



**For all events hosted by the
Port Colborne Public Library >**



**For more information on the Port
Colborne Historical & Marine Museum >**

COMMUNITY EVENTS



Terry Fox Walk

The annual Terry Fox Run has become a fall tradition in Canada, with nearly 600 communities, big and small, urban and rural, English and French, fundraising for cancer research. This year, please participate, fundraise, and support someone you love on Sunday, September 15!

Date:
Sept. 15

Time:
Registration at 12 p.m.

Location:
H.H. Knoll Lakeview Park



Cruise Nights

Port Colborne Downtown Cruiser's Association presents Cruise Nights in Port Colborne on Thursday nights from May to September. Bring out your cars and enjoy specials offered by local businesses.

Date:
Thursday nights
from May to
September

Time:
Starting at 5 p.m.

Location:
Clarence St.



Community Calendar

Did you know we have a Community Event Calendar on our website? Be sure to visit and subscribe to make sure your calendar is up to date for all the upcoming community events.

Do you have an event you want promote?

[Add an event to the Community Calendar >](#)

WHAT'S IN THE WORKS

WITH PUBLIC WORKS

Summer may be coming to an end, but the Roads and Parks team is still hard at work performing grass cutting responsibilities in our many parks. As the summer students head back to school, maintaining the parks around the city becomes a challenge, but our Roads and Parks team always does a great job keeping up with the demand. Grass cutting is far from the only big job that Roads and Parks will see this fall, as an asphalt path and basketball court will be installed at Lockview Park.

Autumnal events around the city will also see involvement of the Public Works team, as they prepare for both the Touch-a-Truck event that takes place in October, and the BIA's Harvest Fest. These events rely on the Public Works teams, as they provide information and education for the Touch-a-Truck event and beautify the area of the Harvest Fest.

As fast as summer has seemed to say its goodbyes, so will Fall, and the Public Works team is already in the process of beginning winter preparations. A refresher course on snowplow operations for all operators will take place to kick off the winter season operations, followed by checking inventory to make sure we are fully stocked with the necessary equipment. That equipment will then be reviewed and maintenance will be performed as necessary.

Finally, budgets for Council consideration are being finalized.

With the changing of the seasons, our Public Works teams have busy months ahead. More information on Public Works services is available on the bridges, roads, sidewalks and streetlights web page.

[MORE DETAILS](#)



AUGUST RECAP

46TH ANNUAL CANAL DAYS MARINE HERITAGE FESTIVAL

The 46th Annual Canal Days Marine Heritage Festival took place over the Civic Holiday long weekend in August. This year we welcomed new vendors such as Experience Boating and the Home Away from Home RV Show. Our Concert Series saw our musicians put on a fantastic show. This year's festival saw great success thanks to our City Staff and volunteers. Thank you to everyone who contributed to keeping Canal Days a safe and fun event for all involved!



COMMUNITY CONCERT - THE CAVERNERS

H.H. Knoll Lakeview Park welcomed the Caverners for the fifth show in our Community Concert Series. The fab four fan favourites played many hits from The Beatles' extensive catalogue and had the crowd on their feet from the first song.



LIBRARY DONATION

The Port Colborne Public Library received a \$1000 donation from the Port Colborne Lions Club, which has helped to expand the library's Wonderbooks collection. A Wonderbook is a children's book with a ready-to-play audio book included. These books help to enhance young reader's literacy skills. The books also include a "learning mode" to foster a strong learning foundation. The library now has 36 Wonderbooks in its collection. Thank you to the Lions Club for their generous donation!

[Read more >](#)



COMMUNITY CONCERT - THE CHICKS

A huge thank you to everyone who joined us for the tribute to The Chicks Community Concert on August 30.

We're especially grateful to those who brought non-perishable food items for Port Cares. Your generosity truly makes a difference in our community.

A special shoutout to Asahi Kasei Battery Separator Canada for presenting this incredible event.



COUNCIL CORNER



Council Meetings are scheduled for the second and fourth Tuesday of each month. The next Council meeting is scheduled for Sept. 10, 2024.

[Committees, Boards and Council Calendar >](#)

Last month's Council Meeting
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AUGUST 27

COUNCIL MEETING RECAP

Council proclaimed September 2024 as “Childhood Cancer Awareness Month” in the City of Port Colborne.

Mayor’s Report:

- The Mayor shared that local swimmer Emma Van Dyk will be competing in the Paralympic Games in Paris, and said Port Colborne will be cheering her on. He discussed an upcoming trip to Japan that will take part in and will include delegates from across Niagara. He also reminded residents to drive slowly as schools return and wished residents a happy Labour Day weekend.

Staff Remarks

- CAO Scott Luey introduced the City’s new Deputy Clerk Jessica Beaupre. He also discussed a legal review of the proposed lodging by-law.
- Director of Development and Government Relations Gary Long discussed his trip to the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) conference in Ottawa.

Councillors’ Remarks

Councillor Elliott discussed attending the AMO conference and discussed the city’s growing profile. He also discussed a meeting at the Japanese embassy.

Councillor Bruno asked Planning about new units coming to Port Colborne, he asked public works about emergency notifications being sent to cell phones, and he asked the Director of Corporate Services about specifics of the short-term rental by-law.

Councillor Bagu discussed the work of Environmental Advisory Committee and an upcoming tree giveaway. He also asked about signage related to the temporary closure of canal bridges.

Councillor Aquilina thanked Public Works staff for hosting an open house for residents related to waterfront road allowances.

Staff Reports

8.1 Council approved closing identified trust funds and disbursing the related funds directly to the intended purposes or related community group subject to applicable regulation, legislation, and regulatory agencies for the administrative changes as well as providing greater direction with respect to Trust Fund investing within the City Investment Policy.

8.2 Council approved updating beach user fees as of Oct. 15, 2024 and that 2025 Sugarloaf Marina user fees be approved effective Sept. 1, 2024, to provide for early registration discounts.

8.3 Council approved a zoning by-law amendment and draft plan of subdivision at 563 Killaly Street East and a vacant lot to the south.

8.4 Council directed the Drainage Superintendent to advance the Northland Municipal Drain Engineer’s Report to a ‘Meeting to Consider’, which will tentatively take place Sept. 18, 2024.

8.5 Council directed staff to jointly apply with the YMCA of Niagara to the Niagara Region for more licensed child care spaces in Port Colborne, and that subject to approval for more spaces, staff be directed to procure architectural services for a child care centre at the Vale Health and Wellness Centre.

8.6 Council approved the creation of a Shared Fire Services Management Committee and that Councillor Hoyle be appointed as Council’s representative on the Committee. Council directed Staff to negotiate a Shared Services Agreement for the delivery of fire administration and management services, and to negotiate and execute employment contracts for the positions of Fire Chief and Deputy Fire Chief of Community Risk Reduction & Administration, and to recruit a candidate for the position of Deputy Chief of Operations & Training. Council also directed that an annual review of the shared management team be conducted and that a community risk assessment and master fire plan be undertaken by year two of the agreement.