



PORT COLBORNE

Mayor's Report

October 12, 2021 Council Meeting
COVID-19

Ontario continues to pause its exit from the Roadmap to Reopening.

Ensuring you get vaccinated is more important than ever. Visit [Ontario.ca](https://ontario.ca) for vaccination locations.

A reminder that you must show proof of vaccination to enter certain businesses and recreation facilities. Please ensure you carry this with you. If you need assistance in getting a printed copy of your vaccination record, stop by the Public Library and they can assist you.

Please watch our social media pages for complete updates as we receive them from the province. At this time, it will still be important for you to wear a mask and maintain social distancing.

Staff are continuing to offer customer service support for residents, businesses, and visitors by phone, email, website, and social media channels.

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.

Christmas Card Contest

A reminder that I am still looking for help from the children of Port Colborne with the design of our 2021 Christmas card.

The contest is open to all children who live or go to school in Port Colborne, up to and including those in Grade 8.

I would appreciate all submissions be received at my office at City Hall, 66 Charlotte Street by **this** Friday, October 15, 2021 at 4:00 p.m. If you are dropping off your picture, please knock on the front door or drop it in the mail slot on the front east side of the building.

Please print your name, address and telephone number on the back of the picture.

Brock Badgers and Windsor Lancers Exhibition Hockey Game

Hockey is back in Port Colborne.

On Saturday October 23 the City of Port Colborne will be hosting a university exhibition hockey game at the Vale Health & Wellness Centre between the Brock Badgers and the Windsor Lancers.

Tickets are being made available to Port Colborne Minor Hockey players and a limited number of free tickets will be available to the public.

The Vale Health & Wellness Centre is a facility that does require any adult (18+), and any youth (12+) that are spectating an event, to be fully vaccinated and provide proof of their vaccination status, along with photo ID, to gain access.

Wearing a mask or face covering is also required inside the Vale Health & Wellness Centre as per the Niagara Region face covering by-law. Children under the age of five are not required to wear a mask or face covering.

If you would like to PORTicipate and attend the game, watch for details coming to our website in the next couple of days.

Councillor Sandie Bellows

I would like to read you a message from Regional Chair Jim Bradley.

On behalf of Regional Council, it is with great sadness I share news that Regional Councillor Sandie Bellows passed away. Councillor Bellows was a valued member of our council and her presence will be missed in our meetings, and by her friends, family and constituents.

Councillor Bellows dedicated her life to the people of Niagara and was a fierce victims' rights advocate. This advocacy saw her serve as a keynote speaker for many government and law enforcement agencies, including conferences for the Ontario and Canadian Police Chiefs, hostage negotiators, and American law enforcement agencies. In recognition of her work in this area, Councillor Bellows was invited by Prime Minister Harper to the Victims Bill of Rights ceremony in 2015.

Councillor Bellows was a highly respected St. Catharines resident, where she volunteered with numerous community organizations, bringing her experience and expertise to these positions. In 2018, Councillor Bellows was appointed as a commissioner on the Niagara Parks Board of Commissioners. Additionally, Councillor Bellows held board positions with Niagara Grape and Wine Festival, Crime Stoppers of Niagara, St. Catharines Minor Hockey Association Board, Vic Teal International Tournament and May Court Club of St. Catharines.

Councillor Bellows took her responsibilities as an elected official seriously, and effectively carried out these duties with integrity. Even while Councillor Bellows courageously battled her illness, she continued to attend Regional Council meetings and assist residents with their concerns. Her absence will be felt across the entire Niagara Region.

Our thoughts are with Councillor Bellows' friends and family as they mourn this significant loss.

Take care and be safe.