



Date: February 5, 2025
To: Port Colborne Public Library Board
From: Rachel Tkachuk, Chief Executive Officer
Subject: CEO's Report

Recommendation

That the Port Colborne Public Library Board receive the CEO's Report, for information.

1. City Partnerships and Opportunities

During February, the City released three surveys across various Port Colborne locations, including a station set-up at the library. The library distributed the following City surveys:

- Future of Healthcare in Port Colborne
- Port Colborne Childcare Survey
- Port Colborne Grain Terminal

City surveys were available on library computer workstations for the public. Survey information was shared on the library social media accounts and on the King St. digital sign.

2. Libraries in Niagara Cooperative (LiNC) Policies

The following policies were updated at the LiNC CEO meeting of February 27, 2025. See attached policies: LiNC Financial Oversight/Control and LiNC Circulation.

3. New Community Connect Partnerships

The Niagara Ontario Health Team have scheduled three Ambassador Table dates in March to promote their ConnectMyHealth program.

4. Minister's Award for Innovation / The Touch-a-Truck Book

A press release about the Minister's Award for Innovation for the Touch-a-Truck Book was issued by the City of Port Colborne on February 27, 2025. Several news outlets picked up the story including, Niagara This Week and the St. Catharines Standard. The Touch-a-Truck Book was updated to include a note from the librarian about the Minister's Award for Innovation. Port Colborne elementary

schools will receive free copies of the book for their library collections. Copies of the book are available to purchase for \$10.00 as part of a fundraiser for the library.

5. The Port Colborne Observer Newspaper

An article about the Erwin Taylor Library of Things expansion was featured in a new community newspaper called the Port Colborne Observer. This is a new bi-weekly publication that will be distributed to residents and businesses. Additional copies will be made available at the library while supplies last.

6. Invictus Games

The Invictus Games is an international multi-sport event first held in 2014, for wounded, injured, and sick military service personnel, both serving and veterans. This year, the Invictus Games were held in Whistler, B.C. from February 8 – 16, 2025. Hometown Port Colborne athlete, Jeana Provias, was scheduled to compete in four events over the course of the week: skeleton, biathlon, sitting volleyball and indoor rowing. The Port Colborne community was invited to watch the Invictus Games broadcast at the library, which was streamed on the television in the Atrium throughout the week.

7. Staff Development

The library will be closing at 4 p.m. (one hour early) on Wednesday, April 23, 2025 for the annual Fire Alarm and Safety Training for all library staff.

8. Evergreen ILS Upgrade

The Evergreen ILS System was successfully upgraded to 3.14.2. on February 26, 2025, with minimal service disruptions.

9. Annual Survey of Public Libraries

The Ministry of Tourism, Gaming and Culture has advised that the Annual Survey of Public Libraries is now open. The deadline for completing the survey is April 30, 2025.

Respectfully submitted,



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Chief Executive Officer