

## **Mayor's Report**

October 25, 2021 Council Meeting COVID-19

On October 22, 2021, the Ontario government, in consultation with the Chief Medical Officer of Health, released A Plan to Safely Reopen Ontario and Manage COVID-19 for the Long-Term.

This plan, which can be viewed at www.ontario.ca, outlines the province's approach to lifting the remaining public health and workplace safety measures by March 2022. The plan will be guided by the ongoing assessment of key public health and health care indicators and supported by local or regional tailored responses to COVID-19.

Effective this morning, capacity limits have increased for restaurants, bars and other food or drink establishments where dance facilities are not provided, facilities used for sports and recreational fitness activities, including areas for spectators within those facilities, areas where personal physical fitness trainers provide instruction within those facilities, and waterparks, casinos, bingo halls and other gaming establishments

Ensuring you get vaccinated is also important. Visit 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 <a href="mailto:CustomerService@portcolborne.ca">CustomerService@portcolborne.ca</a>.

Alternatively, you can visit our website <a href="www.portcolborne.ca">www.portcolborne.ca</a> 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.

## H.H. Knoll Lakeview Park

Thank you to Bell Media for hosting the Best of Niagara Awards and to the residents of Niagara for PORTicipating and voting H.H. Knoll Lakeview Park as your favourite! With a beautiful scenic backdrop of the marina and Lake Erie, a Discovery Spray Pad, accessible playground equipment, and recently updated walking trails, it's no wonder it is a favourite Niagara park.

## Fall Maintenance in the City

Just a reminder to everyone that our Public Works Department has started their fall street sweeping. You can help by not sweeping your leaves and sticks onto the road – place these in paper or compost bags for pick-up weekly on your regular garbage day. Also please try to minimize parking on the roadways and remove all hockey and basketball nets from the edge of the road.

For the past several years, fall has brought some significant wind storms to Port Colborne – I'm sure everyone remembers October 31, 2019. During these high-volume rain and wind events, residents are being asked to keep their culvert and catch basins free of debris to minimize the potential of flooding and avoid any creeks, ditches or streams with high water levels or fast-moving water. This includes the roadway around H.H. Knoll Lakeview Park which has been the scene of heavy flooding due to rising lake water levels.

Take care and be safe.