



PORT COLBORNE

Mayor's Report

November 10, 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 increased capacity limits and the province's approach to lifting the remaining public health and workplace safety measures by March 2022.

Ensuring you get vaccinated is 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.

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.

Paint a Plow

A few weeks ago we assigned our local elementary schools with a SnowPORTant mission: to paint our snow plows and artistically display their school pride.

Five schools, DeWitt Carter, St. Patrick, St. Therese, St. Joseph, and Oakwood accepted the mission and today I had the chance to see all of them and choose a plow as our winner to be on display in our upcoming reverse Santa Claus Parade on Saturday Dec. 4 at 6:30 p.m. in H.H. Knoll Lakeview Park; in addition to being on display in our community all winter long, brightening up our roadways.

The winning school is DeWitt Carter with their Snow Breathing Dragon. I loved this one because they are the DeWitt Carter Dragons and they really incorporated their school mascot and the project to come up with a great plow! I can't wait to see the plow in action this winter. I also had the chance to surprise them today with their snow plow to share the news and it was great to see their excitement.

The runner-up was St. Patrick Catholic Elementary School. I loved this one because on the back of the plow, they actually wrote inspirational messages to our snow plow drivers that included "Keep Plowin' Through" and "you are imPORTant".

All of the schools did an amazing job and I hope you keep your eyes open for them during our first snow event.

We also want to thank Port Paint and Paper for providing the supplies to our schools. It is always great when we can partner with our community on projects like this.

Grand Opening

Last week I had the opportunity to welcome another new business to Port Colborne. Steele & Clover Public House is fashioned after an Irish pub and restaurant and is located in the Portal Village Mall, at the corner of Steele and Killaly, an area that has been lacking a restaurant.

If you get an opportunity, go check them out.

100th anniversary of the Poppy

2021 marks the 100th anniversary of the remembrance Poppy in Canada. A commemorative poppy was created and this is the poppy we are wearing this evening.

In July of 1921 the Great War Veterans Association adopted the Poppy as the flower of Remembrance. To honour this milestone and to commemorate those who protected our freedom, the Port Colborne Historical & Marine Museum will have a Poppy installation on the museum grounds until November 11th.

The museum worked in partnership with the Niagara Falls Museum's Poppy project to bring 2,021 hand knit poppies to Port Colborne for this unique display. We are grateful to our neighbouring Museum and the volunteers who contributed to this project.

Remembrance Day

On November 11th at 10:45 a.m. the Port Colborne Royal Canadian Legion will be hosting their Remembrance Day ceremony at the cenotaph at H.H. Knoll Lakeview Park.

For those unable to attend, the City has partnered with the Legion and WeeStreem to provide a live stream of the ceremony beginning at 10:30 a.m. on the City's YouTube channel.

I would like to ask everyone to pause now for a moment of silence in remembrance.

(moment of silence)

Thank you.

Take care and be safe.