



**PORT COLBORNE**

## **Mayor's Report**

April 26, 2022 Council Meeting

### [Community Businesses](#)

Over the past month, I have had the privilege to attend the grand openings of three businesses: Merika Beauty on West Street, West Hair Co. on King Street and All 1n Beauty Co. on Clarence Street. Each of these businesses is owned and operated by young female entrepreneurs who grew up in Port Colborne and choose to start their businesses here.

It is refreshing to see the energy brought to these enterprises, especially during this pandemic.

I also attended the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Tender Cuts on Main Street. Shaun and his crew have continued to grow their business, even expanding into neighbouring Fort Erie.

Congratulations to each and every one of you. We wish you much success in the city.

### [Easter Egg Hunt](#)

Thanks to all everyone who turned up at the Vale Health & Wellness Centre last weekend to visit with the Easter Bunny, have some fun and collect some treats.

This was our first big event since 2020 and based on the number of people who showed up, everyone was ready to get back together.

We are looking forward to other events to showcase our community spirit safely.

### [Volunteer Appreciation Week](#)

This week is National Volunteer Appreciation Week and I want to extend my appreciation and thanks to all the volunteers who help with city events, at the museum, library, Roselawn or with community organizations.

Volunteering plays such an important role here at the city and we are truly appreciative of the hard work and dedication that we have seen from so many. Check out our Facebook page and social media as we highlight some of our amazing volunteers this week.

## Candidate Information Meeting

This year there will be a municipal election.

The Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing is hosting a candidate information session in partnership with Niagara's municipalities for anyone interested in running as a candidate, or becoming a third-party advertiser in the 2022 Municipal and School Board Election.

It will be held this Thursday, April 28 from 6-9 p.m. at the Meridian Community Centre, 100 Meridian Way, Fonthill.

Election information booths open from 6-7 p.m. and 8-9 p.m. with a Ministry presentation and question and answer period from 7-8 p.m. which will be livestreamed and recorded.

The candidate information session is a free event that can be attended in-person or watched via [livestream](#). Remote attendees can submit their questions to [clerks@pelham.ca](mailto:clerks@pelham.ca) during the livestreamed presentation. A recording of the presentation will be available after the session on the [Town of Pelham's YouTube channel](#).

There will also be an in-person election information fair before and after the presentation, where attendees can ask questions of staff from Niagara Region, local municipalities and school boards.

The session will provide potential candidates with an opportunity to become familiar with the following:

- Role of Council, municipal staff and school board trustees
- Third-party advertising
- Nomination process
- Campaign period
- Candidate qualifications and disqualifications
- Candidate and third-party advertiser duties
- General campaign rules and election finances
- Compliance audits and penalties
- Voters' list, proxy voting, scrutineers, recounts and resources

Anyone who is interested in running in the 2022 Municipal and School Board Election is encouraged to attend.

The 2022 Municipal and School Board Election is Monday, Oct. 24. The candidate nomination period opens May 2, and closes at 2 p.m., Aug. 19. Third-party advertiser registration opens May 2, and closes Oct. 21.

### Grant from Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program

In August 2021 we applied for funding through the Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program – Green Funding Stream.

We've received \$1.666 million from the Provincial government, \$1.999 million from the Federal government to replace 4 watermains by October 31, 2025. The total cost to replace all 4 watermains is \$4.998 million, with the City's portion being \$1.333 million.

The work will include the replacement of a total of approximately 2,035 m of watermains. The watermains include: the full length of Davis Street south of Durham Street; the full length of Homewood Avenue; the full length of Berkley Street; and Sugarloaf Street between King Street and West Street; and south on West Street to the dead end. The work also includes side street interconnections, the installation of approximately 15 fire hydrants and 29 main line water valves. Affected roadway, curbs, gutters, sidewalks and affected driveways will be reinstated. All watermains being replaced are cast iron watermains, with the oldest (Sugarloaf) installed in 1925 and the remainder installed in the early 1950s.

Davis Street is planned as the first project to be designed and constructed. Staff are meeting internally to discuss the exact timing of each watermain replacement, but construction on Davis Street may start as early as the winter of 2022/23.

Replacement of these aged, failing watermains increases reliability of the drinking water system, protects human health and safety and decreases water loss.

### Sports Wall of Fame

On Thursday April 28 at 7 p.m. we will be announcing eight new inductees into our Sports Wall of Fame at the Vale Health & Wellness Centre through a virtual ceremony. They will join the other 27 members on the wall.

I would like to thank Tim Denis from Newstalk 610 and a Port Colborne native who helped us with the presentation.

Watch for our social media posts or take a stroll around the walking track on Friday to view the wall and our eight new members.

Thank you and stay safe.