



**PORT COLBORNE**

## MAYOR'S REPORT

### MARCH 22, 2021 COUNCIL MEETING

#### COVID-19

Niagara continues in the Red-Control level, as described in the Keeping Ontario Safe and Open Framework.

We will continue to serve residents by appointment. In-person appointments will be scheduled for essential and time sensitive services. Where possible, services will be provided through remote means. To access City services, please call our customer service representative team at 905-835-2900.

The City is working with local restaurants to have outdoor patios ready for April 1<sup>st</sup>, a month earlier than last year.

We emphasize the need for social distancing, hand washing and face coverings where social distancing can't be maintained or where required by the Region's face covering by-law.

Vaccinations are now available. Currently individuals 75 years of age or older can register to receive the vaccine by going to the Government of Ontario website to book an appointment or calling 1-888-999-6488.

There are presently mass vaccination sites available in the Niagara Region.

Starting in April, Public Health will be using the gymnasium at the Vale Health & Wellness Centre as a smaller, local vaccination site.

I ask that you please be patient and kind when speaking with staff. We will let you know when any new information is received.

## OPENING OF THE WELLAND CANAL

On Friday, March 19<sup>th</sup> The St. Lawrence Seaway Management Corporation opened the Welland Canal.

Our traditional Top Hat Ceremony took on a virtual approach this year as we welcomed Captain Pierre Raymond and Chief Engineer Martin Dansereau of the CSL Tadoussac as the first downbound vessel.

You can watch our virtual Top Hat celebration on our YouTube channel.

Hopefully next year we will be back in Lock 8 park with the fire going, hot coffee and pancakes, and the community celebrating together again.

## PORT CARES SOUPFEST

Port Cares will be holding a drive-by Soupfest this year and I would like to play a brief video for you.

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Thank you and stay safe.