



Mayor's Report

June 14, 2022 Council Meeting

Clean Community Days

I would like to thank the residents of our great city for participating in our Clean Community Days over the past month which saw 120 households clean up 8080 kgs of waste. This goes a long way to beautifying our city.

We are hoping to make this an annual event every spring. In the meantime, Humberstone Landfill is just down the road ready to accept any unwanted items for a fee.

Deadline for Grants for Non-Profits

The City of Port Colborne welcomes non-profit organizations and service clubs serving the needs of the residents of Port Colborne to apply for a discretionary grant based on the provisions included in the grant policy.

The next round of applications are due by Thursday, June 30.

To learn more about the grant, grant policy, or to download the application, visit www.portcolborne.ca/communitygrants

Niagara 2022 Canada Games

On Friday, June 17 at approximately 6:00 p.m., the Niagara 2022 Host Society, along with Canada Steamship Lines, the Niagara Region and the City of Port Colborne, will be holding a ceremony that will mark the official arrival of the Roly McLenahan Torch in the Niagara Region and see the Niagara 2022 Canada Summer Games Torch Relay begin its journey across all 12 of the region's local municipalities in the lead up to this summer's 28th edition of the Canada Games.

The disembarkment ceremony at Lock 8 Park in Port Colborne will take place mere moments after the torch-bearing vessel, the CSL St-Laurent, will have completed its historic journey along the St. Lawrence Seaway from Montreal — marking for the first time in the event's 55-year history that the Canada Games Flame has traveled by water.

Join us at Lock 8 Park to begin the celebration.

Omer Area Inflow Inspections

Do you live north of Franklin Avenue and East of Hwy 58? This area is known as the Omer Area.

Approved by Council, the City of Port Colborne has contracted GM Blue Plan to inspect property sump pumps and foundation drains and/or disconnect downspouts in the Omer Area to help prevent basement flooding.

A letter explaining this project has been sent to all affected homeowners in the Omer Area.

GM Blue Plan is currently doing the inspections this week! Please book your inspection. For more information about this project, including how to book an inspection with GM Blue Plan, visit our project webpage at www.portcolborne.ca/OmerAreaInflowInspections or contact the staff members listed on your letter.

National Indigenous History Month and the Port Colborne Public Library

June is National Indigenous History Month, and the Port Colborne Public Library has made books by Indigenous authors easier to find in both the adult and children's rooms.

Earlier this year, the Port Colborne Public Library enhanced the collection by adding nominated titles from the 2021-2022 First Nations Communities Read program and purchasing them from Goodminds.com, a First Nations family-owned business passionate about Indigenous education. Funding was received in partnership with the Port Colborne Historical and Marine Museum through a Niagara Investment in Culture grant, with support from the Niagara Region.

Tuesday, June 21 marks National Indigenous Peoples Day and in partnership with the TD Summer Reading Club, the Port Colborne Public Library will showcase the award-winning children's book *Sometimes I Feel Like a Fox* by Indigenous author Danielle Daniel in a StoryWalk.

A StoryWalk is a fun, socially-distanced activity that places a children's book, page by page, on poster boards along a path or in a park. Families have the opportunity to enjoy reading a book while strolling through their community. The Port Colborne Public Library will set up the StoryWalk outdoors on library property from June 21 until August 27. Everyone is welcome to discover and read *I Feel Like a Fox* throughout the summer when they visit.

Affordable Housing Strategy Open House

Tim Welch Consulting, the consulting firm hired to complete the City of Port Colborne's affordable housing strategy, will be joining city staff to host an open house on Tuesday, July 5, from 7 to 9 p.m. at the L.R. Wilson Heritage Research Archives, 286 King Street.

The city's new affordable housing strategy is expected to provide council and staff with an analysis of economic and demographic datasets as well as insight into the barriers or issues that have impacted and currently impact the affordable housing supply in Port Colborne.

It will also forecast the rate of Port Colborne's housing needs and make recommendations to improve affordability for groups with the greatest needs.

The consultants will lead the open house with a short presentation about housing needs in Port Colborne, followed by opportunities for attendees to browse posterboards, ask questions, and provide input on the vision, goals, and recommendations of the affordable housing strategy.

The open house will be split into two identical sessions, one beginning at 7 p.m., with doors opening at 6:30 p.m., and the other at 8 p.m. Space is limited, and online registration is required at www.portcolborne.ca/affordablehousingstrategy.

Thank you and stay safe.