



## Memorandum

**To:** Mayor and Members of Council  
**From:** Scott Lawson, Fire Chief  
**Date:** September 26, 2022  
**Re:** Request for Declaration of Fire Prevention Week

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Each year, one week is set aside to highlight Fire Prevention activities. The theme for this year's Fire Prevention Week is:

**Fire Won't Wait – Plan Your Escape!**

Today's homes burn faster than ever. You may have as little as two minutes to safely escape a home fire from the time the smoke alarm sounds.

It is important for everyone to plan and practice a home fire escape. Everyone needs to be prepared in advance, so that they know what to do when the smoke alarm sounds. Given that every home is different, every home fire escape plan will be different.

Have a plan for everyone in the home. Children, older adults and people with disabilities may need assistance to wake up and get out. Everyone in your home needs to know that once you are out you stay out. Never go back in for anything!

For the best protection in your home, use combination smoke and carbon monoxide alarms that interconnect throughout your home. This ensures you can hear the alarm no matter where in your home the alarm originates.

As this time, I would request that Council declare the week October 9 – 15, 2022, as Fire Prevention Week in the City of Port Colborne.

Scott Lawson,  
Fire Chief  
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**“Never Think It Can't Happen to You Plan Your Escape”**