



PORT COLBORNE

Mayor's Report

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BOOK OF CONDOLENCES

Like the rest of the world, we were saddened by the news of the death of Queen Elizabeth II last Thursday. A Book of Condolences is set on a table near the entrance to city hall. We invite anyone who wishes to sign it, perhaps share a memory, to come this week to do so. We will have it available during these days of mourning in Britain, and send it to the Royal Family next week.

NATIONAL POLICE SERVICES BOARD

As chair of the Police Services Board, one of my duties, and privileges, is to attend the Canadian Association of Police Governance. I attended two days last week, remotely, via technology, not in person, the meeting in Saskatoon, of police service board leaders from across the country. It's important to learn how other police services deal with issues, how they deal with civilian oversight, budgeting, policy development, labour relations --- and we share best practices, the best way to deal with issues including crisis team management, mental health and suicide prevention, community mobilization units, First Nations governance, diversity – so many issues facing police services. It was two days of intense discussion, and learning. We all face similar issues; its always good to learn from others what works, and what doesn't. We all strive to serve in the best capacity we can.

Yesterday, I attended the opening ceremonies and awards of the International Association of Women Police conference in Niagara Falls. More than 800 delegates from the four corners of the world are in the Falls for five days of intensive police training. I met the Sultan of the United Arab Emirates, police chiefs and officers from Australia, New Zealand, Ukraine, Jamaica, and the list goes on. One of the most impressive delegations was from Newfoundland. It was an honour to be among them all.

WELCOME ANGLERS

Port Colborne will welcome 50 of the country's best bass fishermen this weekend. The Canadian Bass Anglers Federation regional semi-final tournament is Sept. 14 to 18. The anglers will launch from Sugarloaf Harbour Marina for practice days on Lake Erie starting tomorrow, until Friday. The official fishing on Saturday and Sunday, from 7am until 3pm. I'll be at the Belmont on Friday to welcome them on behalf of all of you, and city council, at the dinner meeting when they go over all the rules for the event. So, when you see all the pick-ups towing powerful bass boats, you'll know the best of the best bass fishermen are in town.

TOUCH-A-TRUCK FAMILY EVENT

What little girl or boy doesn't want to sit behind the wheel of giant bulldozer or a firetruck? A reminder to all that the Touch-a-Truck event is back, by popular demand, on Tuesday, September 27. Bring the family, the children and grandchildren, the young and young at heart, to the Operations Centre on Killaly Street, from 4 to 7pm.