



PORT COLBORNE

Mayor's Report

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TOUCH-A-TRUCK AND FIRE SAFETY WEEK OPEN HOUSE A HUGE SUCCESS

Many thanks and congratulations for all the effort by public works staff, and staff from other departments who chipped in to help at our Operations Centre, and all the firefighters and staff at Fire Station One.

The Touch-A-Truck event at the Operations Centre Tuesday afternoon September 27 was phenomenal. I was told more than 300 people had already passed through the gate within the first 15 minutes, and almost 1000 people attended the three-hour event. Kudos to Steve Shypowskyj and his team for coordinating all the equipment and the many community partners. You did an incredible job.

Kudos to Fire Chief Scott Lawson and his crew for another terrific Fire Safety Open House at the Fire Hall Saturday, October 1. These types of events really engage our community, and our families, by educating on so many levels. They teach the value of fire safety, fire prevention, all the steps to avoiding catastrophe. None of us ever think it will happen. This week is Fire Prevention Week. Always remember: "Fire won't wait, plan your escape!"

OAKWOOD IS WINNING SCHOOL OF PAINT-A-PLOW

I look forward to a Pizza Party with Grade 8 students from Oakwood School. The students designed and painted "the mayor's choice" in the Paint-a-Plow event. All the schools in Port Colborne were invited to paint one of the big snowplows we use every winter to clear snow from our roads. All the plows were well done, it was a difficult decision, but the plow painted by Oakwood was The One.

Each painted plow will be used in the neighbourhoods of the schools where they were painted, so watch for them during snow season!

Well done! Thank you to all the students from all the schools in Port Colborne.

CHRISTMAS CARD ART

Speaking of snow season, I cannot wait to see the Christmas designs you have been working on for my annual Christmas card!

This is another PORT-icipation tradition – we ask all children in Port Colborne, up to Grade 8, to design art for a Christmas card. They can use crayons, markers, paints, pencils, anything. My favourites are featured on cards we send out for Christmas. The top five designs are featured on the city hall float in the Santa Claus parade. Yes, we are pleased to announce, the night-time lighted parade is back this year, on the first Saturday evening of December, which is Dec. 3 Grand Old Christmas at the museum is the first Sunday of December, which is Dec. 4, and yes, it's all in-person again, too.

I know we've just wrapped up Thanksgiving, so Christmas feels a long way away, but it'll be here before we know it.

As I said, I can't wait to see the designs our talented youngsters come up with this year. Thanks, children.

SERVICE LINE WARRANTIES

The letter citizens received about Service Line Warranties a few weeks ago is an example of city staff trying to provide good service and good advice to property owners. If the pipes on the homeowner's side of the property freeze and burst or break because they're old and worn out, that's a sudden huge expense many of us may not be able to cover. The Service Line Warranties provides an option – if you already have insurance for when your pipes fail, great! You don't need it. This was an option for you to choose, if you needed it. If the letter did nothing other than to have you check your own insurance policy, then that was a good thing in itself. If you are covered for water damage due to freezing pipes, that's great. If you aren't, this is a good policy to consider. Yes, I am in the insurance business, but this has nothing to do with me, or my business. This is a staff-driven initiative, to help citizens of Port Colborne.

ANYTHING ELSE?

Congratulations to Summer McCaffery for earning the Isadore Sponder Memorial Trophy.