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To: Mayor Bill Steele and Port Colborne City Councillors

Re: Lighting of Cupola at City Hall

December 5, 2022

Dear Mayor Bill Steele,

Just a little note of appreciation for raising the "Flag of Courage" at Port Colborne City Hall on November 25th, the International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women. Your participation drew attention to the significance of this issue, even in our own community.

We are also very grateful to you, the current City Councillors as well as former Councillor Angie Desmarais, for arranging for the lighting of the cupola in orange in solidarity with the United Nations "UNiTE to End Violence Against Women and Girls Orange Campaign" and the 16 Days of Activism. I have attached a few photos that were published in *My Niagara*, *My Welland* and *My Pelham*.

Perhaps next year our group can build on this year's experience by drafting a proclamation regarding gender-based violence for your consideration.

Yours sincerely, Anne Lessard Member, Advocacy Committee, CFUW Welland and District





