

Mayor's Report

APRIL 25, 2023

BRANCH COLLECTION TIME

Bundle up those branches. Starting Monday, and every week in May, the Region will take your branches away during the annual Spring Clean-up. Please tie them, with string or twine, in bundles no longer than five feet, and no wider than a foot and a half. And no heavier than 50 pounds per bundle. Branches cannot be any bigger than two-and-a-half inches in diameter. Stumps, large branches, and tree trucks are not collected. You can take those to the landfill, any time of year, at no charge.

SMILE COOKIE PROCEEDS TO MEALS ON WHEELS

Like many local volunteers, the Fire Chief and I will be on duty at Tim Horton's next week to decorate Smile Cookies, the annual fundraiser for local charities. This year, all proceeds from the Smile Cookie program will go to Meals on Wheels Port Colborne Wainfleet. Jessica and her Meals on Wheels team are really excited about the event and have recruited volunteers for three shifts a day May 1 to 7. It is a huge event, and so important. Thanks to Tim Hortons for the generosity and community spirit.

VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION

Speaking of community spirit, tomorrow evening is our annual Volunteer Appreciation banquet in the Italian Hall. Council and staff look forward to this event every year, when we salute the volunteers who help at all city events and serve on city committees and boards. We cannot emphasize enough the importance and impact of volunteers, without whom so many things would just not happen. Our roster of volunteers grows each year, which shows how much we love Port Colborne, and how much pride we take in contributing to the greater good of our city.

WELCOME SUMMER STUDENTS

A new roster of summer students starts Monday, May 1. Almost every department in the city will see young eager faces, ready for the challenges of the months ahead. They'll be working to save toward their education, and to gain valuable experience in a variety of fields to prepare them for their lives ahead. Welcome aboard, all of you. Good to have you on the team.