



PORT COLBORNE

Mayor's Report

MAY 9, 2023

GREAT LAKES CITIES IN OTTAWA May 1-2

WELCOME SUMMER STUDENTS

Welcome to 39 students employed by the city this summer. They'll be working to save toward their post-secondary education, and to gain valuable experience in a variety of fields to prepare them for their lives ahead. We are all pleased you are here, and we know you'll have a great summer working with the great team here at the City of Port Colborne..

OFSSA CHAMPIONSHIP 40-YEAR REUNION

The Port Colborne High School senior boys' basketball team made history in 1983 by winning the Ontario Federation of Schools Athletic Association championship. They made history again Saturday afternoon when they reunited to see themselves in the Port High centennial display in Port Colborne Historical and Marine Museum.

You know you've made it when you're a museum exhibit!

The players -- all 40 years older and wiser-- paid tribute to their Coach Bruce Kant and Mrs. Kant, their logistical, moral and spiritual adviser. I met them all at the exhibit on behalf of council and the city, where we shared lots of great memories.

The 1983 OFSSA champion basketball team members, led by Coach Kant, are Mark Russell, Geoff James, Jeff Climenhage, Gord Lannan, Kirk Fretz, Bruce Haun, Shane McGowan, Jamie Koeber, Paul Faris, Ron Simonson, Dave Elit, Ross Legault, and manager Paul DeRuyte. Congratulations, gentlemen. Good to celebrate an historic achievement with you.

COMMUNITY SAFETY DAY

One of the most popular city events for children and their families is Community Safety Day, Saturday, May 13 from 11 in the morning until 2 in the afternoon at the Fire Station on Killaly West. It's a free event with lots of things to see and do. Sparky the Fire Dog and the team at Fire and Emergency Services will serve snacks and refreshments. Test your bicycle skills in the Port Colborne Optimist Club Bike Rodeo. Hope to see hundreds of children Saturday at this fun and interactive event. (We all just might learn something, too!)

CLEAN COMMUNITY DAY

Let's all do our part to keep our city beautiful by cleaning up our properties on Clean Community Day, coming up in two weeks on Saturday, May 27.

Here's a list of things you can get rid of by taking them to the Operations Centre on Killaly West: broken furniture, lawn chairs, broken toys, broken lawn ornaments, old plastic pails and buckets, cushions and mattresses, water damaged books and magazines, and yes, even the old kitchen sink.

All these city events are in the May edition of City Hall News – please subscribe to it on our website, and you'll get one every month by email. Save the paper, and always know what's happening in the city.

NIAGARA INDUSTRIAL ASSOCIATION BREAKFAST IN OLD HUMBERSTONE

Our Economic Development and Tourism Services Division will be host of the Niagara Industrial Association Manufacturers Breakfast Thursday morning May 11. We're all looking forward to our first visit to the Humberstone on Main Street, the new restaurant opened by Kyla and Kevin Echlin of Smokin' Buddha fame. The new Go Buddha global food take-out joint is up front, and the special event centre and patio are out back. CAO Scott Luey and our economic development team will join me in welcoming industrial leaders from across Niagara to Port Colborne.

MAY IS COMMUNITY LIVING MONTH

Community Living Month is a province-wide annual awareness campaign to recognize the accomplishments of the Community Living movement. Let's join Community Living Ontario and 115 local associations across Ontario to show why inclusion matters for people who have an intellectual disability and their families.

Deputy Mayor Mark Bagu will represent council as we raise a flag at city hall to mark May as Community Living Month.

I will be in Niagara Falls Friday morning, invited to meet United States Ambassador David Cohen. It will be the Ambassador's first visit to Canada. We've already invited him to Port Colborne for Canal Days!