



PORT COLBORNE

Mayor's Report

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GREAT LAKES CITIES CONFERENCE IN CHICAGO

I attended the 20th annual Great Lakes Cities Conference in Chicago last week with more than 200 elected and industry officials from around the Great Lakes. It was a non-stop week of learning, doing, seeing, and hearing from leading experts on how we, and all Great Lakes Cities can make an impact on climate change.

[Share any Chicago conference experiences]

On Friday morning I met with Cory Olishansky, the Government of Canada's Consul and Trade Commissioner, and Earl Provost, the Ontario Agent-General at the Ontario Trade and Investment Office in Chicago. We spoke about business and development and investment opportunities in Port Colborne. We'll be hearing from, and seeing, these important and influential people again soon.

COMMUNITY CONCERT SERIES

I stopped at Lock 8 Park Saturday on my way home from the airport just in time to see the last half of the first concert of our summer series. The bands were the Walter James Duo, and Freedom Train.

On Saturday, June 17 the RePeatles and the Dreamboats play HH Knoll Park.

On Canada Day July 1 the music continues on West Street with a Tragically Hip tribute band Grace 2.

I was so pleased to hear from so many of you who are so happy with our concert series, which will be presented at different venues around the city until September. More proud Port Colborne moments to share with family and friends from across Niagara.

SHIANNE STEPHENS A GNCC FINALIST

Our own Shianne Stephens, Creative Services Coordinator in the Communications Department, is a finalist for the Niagara Business Achievement Award, in the Young Professional category. The annual event is coordinated by the Greater Niagara Chamber of

Commerce. It's a huge deal, with dozens of Niagara business leaders nominated for awards in 10 categories. The gala dinner and award ceremony, attended by hundreds of Niagara's top businesses and people, is Thursday evening in the Holiday Inn & Suites in St. Catharines. We are so proud of Shianne, and all the nominees. Good luck, Shianne! A nice pat on the back for all the great work you do for us at the City of Port Colborne.

WATERFRONT REDEVELOPMENT PUBLIC MEETING

The plan to construct a waterfront centre was introduced in 2021 to promote redevelopment in the area and create a new hub for community cultural programming. We have an incredible area on the canal, our waterfront. It's a shame to let it sit idle when it could be a hallmark site

We invite everyone to the open house tomorrow at 6:30pm in the Golden Puck Room at the Vale Health and Wellness Centre. Come and see the concepts. Join in this collaborative exercise. The more voices we hear, the better the project outcome will be.

HOSPITAL SERVICES WORKING GROUP

As I've outlined in my report at the last three council meetings, we are fortunate to have a Health Services Working Group to address health services in Port Colborne, and offer alternatives and solutions to the current challenges. Members of the working group include primary health care workers, members of local business, industry, labour, and clergy. I am proud to introduce the chair of our working group, Donna Birrell.