



PORT COLBORNE

Mayor's Report to the August 27, 2018 Council Meeting

Canal Days

I would like to extend our appreciation to the many staff and volunteers who pulled together to make our 40th annual Canal Days a fabulous success.

To the many thousands of visitors and residents, we hope you enjoyed what we had to offer and come back to our City at your pleasure.

I've heard mostly positive comments about the change in venues for the concert series, the kite show and the car show. I have to agree.

Working together, we can do great things in this city.

Community-Based Risk Assessment (CBRA)

I am pleased to report that since sending a letter to the Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks on July 19th, we have now received confirmation that they are prepared to meet with ourselves, Vale and Public Health concerning the Community-Based Risk Assessment.

A meeting is being scheduled for the end of September.

Berkley B1 Fishing Tournament

The return of the Berkley B1 Fishing Tournament was also a great success with the weather cooperating much better than it did last year.

Over 100 participants took in the two-day tournament with many arriving early to get a feel for the lake.

This tournament is a big booster for our city and we thank Ben Woo and the tournament organizers.

Our portion of Lake Erie is a wonderful recreational fishery.

Niagara Peninsula Conservation Authority

At our last meeting, Councillor Butters inquired as to the status of the report from the Auditor General regarding the Niagara Peninsula Conservation Authority.

In fact, the Auditor General's team gave a confidential oral report at the NPCA monthly meeting the following Wednesday.

Unfortunately, parts of this report had been leaked.

The Auditor General was embarrassed, most annoyed and committed to undertaking an investigation on the source of the leak.

It is anticipated that the final report will be released by the end of August or early September.

Association of Municipalities of Ontario Annual Conference

CAO Scott Luey and I attended the Association of Municipalities of Ontario annual conference in Ottawa last week with many other representatives from the Niagara Region.

Through coordination with the Niagara Region, we had the opportunity to meet with five provincial ministers to raise awareness of issues affecting the Niagara Region.

Senior Citizens Advisory Committee Strategic Plan

Our Senior Citizens Advisory Committee met earlier this month to map out their Strategic Plan for the coming year.

Areas they focused on were communication and information, transportation, housing, health services and community support, and social participation as it relates to seniors.

The members expect to have a well-defined plan put together by November of this year with actionable items that focus on improving overall health and well-being of seniors in our community.

Meetings are held at City Hall the third Thursday of each month at 10:00 a.m.

Residents wishing more information about the committee's work can check out the City's website or contact the committee chair.

Project Zero

I want to extend the appreciation of council and the residents of the City of Port Colborne for the generous donation of 150 combination smoke and carbon monoxide alarms by Enbridge Gas Distribution as a part of their Project Zero - a public education campaign that is providing more than 6,600 alarms to residents in 30 Ontario municipalities.

This year, Enbridge invested \$200,000 in Project Zero, and our community was fortunate to be included.

In the words of Fire Chief Tom Cartwright, "These efforts will undoubtedly save lives through the distribution of these smoke and carbon monoxide alarms. We are saving lives through education, fire prevention and enforcement. Never think it can't happen to you."