



PORT COLBORNE

Deputy Mayor's Report to the April 25, 2016 Council Meeting

National Volunteer Week

April 10 – 16 was National Volunteer Week and the city recognized its volunteers at a dinner on Wednesday April 13th that was attended by over 160 active volunteers.

Deputy Mayor Mayne attended on my behalf as I had a previous engagement with the Niagara Home Builders Association.

I want to personally thank each and every volunteer in our city.

We couldn't do, what we do, without you.

Volunteer pins were handed out to those reaching 5 year incremental milestones.

Congratulations goes out to Marcia Turner, who received her 40 year pin for volunteering with our museum. That's quite an accomplishment Marcia.

On Friday April 15th Councillor Barb Butters and I also attended the Volunteer Luncheon put on by the Niagara Chapter of the Ontario March of Dimes, who depend on their volunteers to help with the needs of their clients.

Economic Development Advisory Committee

Last week I attended the first meeting of the Economic Development Advisory Committee.

There is a good mix of committee members from different areas of business and we will be reviewing the terms of reference for the committee.

Our next meeting is Monday, June 20th at 6:00 p.m. in Committee Room 3 here at City Hall.

State of the Region

On April 12th, Councillor Mayne and I attended the State of the Region address in Niagara Falls.

Chair Caslin spoke of how we'll move our Region forward.

We will succeed:

By moving people and goods

By focusing on investment, innovation and entrepreneurship

By building a labour ready workforce

By positioning Niagara globally

By ensuring organizational excellence

And by doing business differently or better.

I look forward to working with my regional councillors to achieve these goals.

National Day of Mourning

The Niagara Regional Labour Council is organizing memorial ceremonies at 9 sites across the Niagara Region this Thursday, April 28th to mark the National Day of Mourning for workers killed and injured on the job, along with those who have suffered illness due to exposure to toxic substances in the workplace.

The public is invited to attend the April 28th Day of Mourning ceremonies and join the workers, activists, community members and politicians in commemorating workers injured and killed on the job.

Our ceremony will be held at the monument located in H.H. Knoll Lakeview Park on Sugarloaf Street starting at 12:30 p.m.

Deputy Mayor John Mayne will be representing me, as I have a Regional Council Meeting that starts at 1:00 p.m.

There is also a new monument that is being unveiled that day known as the Italian Fallen Workers Memorial.

There are currently 949 verified names of victims of workplace fatalities for people of Italian origin in Ontario.

This monument is located in Toronto at Columbus Centre, 901 Lawrence Avenue West.

Census 2016

The next Census of Population and Census of Agriculture will take place in May 2016.

Starting May 2nd, Statistics Canada will send census letters and packages to all Canadian households and all Canadian agricultural operators who intend to sell at least one agricultural product.

The Census can be completed online or on paper.

The census collects demographic information on every man, woman and child living in Canada.

Information from the Census of Population is used by all levels of government, businesses, and various social service organizations and ethno-cultural organizations.

The data are used in the administration of government programs and in planning pensions, healthcare, employment programs, new schools, public transit, hospitals, daycare centres, etc.