



Mayor's Report to the February 12, 2018 Council Meeting

Fire at Vinyl Works Canada

I wanted to express my appreciation to our Fire Department personnel for their exceptional response to the large industrial fire on Tuesday morning at the Vinyl Works Canada plant.

Appreciation is also extended to the many neighbouring partners who came together to help fight the fire, provide support to the fire fighters, and ensure our city remained protected.

Our commitment to come together to aid communities in need, demonstrates our collective strength.

SportsFest

This past weekend brought 2500 people out of their homes from across the Region to PORTicipate in SportsFest.

Events included sno pitch, snow golf, volleyball, ball hockey, music trivia, soup cook-off.

The Mayor's Cup Invitational Hockey Tournament saw 16 teams play in four divisions.

Congratulations to the following division winners:

Division A Port Frontenac

Division B Wainfleet

Division C Lincoln

Division D Haldimand

Thank you to the YMCA of Niagara for opening their doors and providing free swimming and activities in the gym and to the many businesses who supported these events raising money for great charities.

Parks & Recreation Ontario Award

The City of Port Colborne has won the Parks & Recreation Ontario award – Access & Equity for Municipality under 30,000 for it's Learn to Sledge Program.

This program started at the Vale Health & Wellness Centre 3 years ago as a result of a grant received from the Province of Ontario.

Interest in sledge hockey continues to grow in Port Colborne and around the world as evidenced by the great turnout this past Saturday for the Team Canada vs Team USA exhibition game here in Port Colborne in preparation for their trip to the Paralympic Games in PheongChang.

Over 1200 people packed the Vale Health & Wellness Centre to watch the game with Team Canada coming away the winner.

Canada 150 Time Capsule

Port Colborne's Canada 150 Sesquicentennial Time Capsule will be sealed up for the next fifty years at the Vale Health & Wellness Centre on Saturday afternoon at 1:00 p.m. in the main lobby.

While the items themselves will be securely and carefully packed into the time capsule, a list of what we are including will be revealed.

The entire community is invited to attend this momentous occasion in our community's history.

This time capsule will be set to open in 2067 during Canada's Bicentennial.

Canada 150 Awards

Also on Saturday, MP Vance Badawey will be at the Vale Health & Wellness Centre starting at 11:00 a.m. to present approximately 70 Canada 150 Awards to residents and organizations in his riding who made a significant contribution to the celebration of Canada 150.