



Mayor's Report to the January 22, 2018 Council Meeting

SportsFest

Team Canada's National Sledge Hockey Team will be making the Vale Health & Wellness Centre their home February 5-9, 2018 for a week long Development Camp. On Saturday, February 10, 2018 at 3:00 pm Team Canada will be taking on Team USA in an Exhibition Game, all in preparation for the PyeongChang 2018 Paralympics. Admission to the exhibition game is free and everyone is encouraged to come out, watch, and cheer on Team Canada!

This Exhibition Game also falls on SportsFest Weekend, happening February 9-11, across the City. Registration is now open for a variety of events, including Sno Pitch, Snow Golf, Volleyball, Music Trivia, Soup Cook Off and more. FREE events will also be occurring all weekend for you and your families to PORTicipate, including Swimming, Skating, Lacrosse & Ball Hockey. I would also encourage you to cheer on our Port Colborne Hockey Team as they compete in the Mayor's Cup Invitational Hockey Tournament.

Region of Niagara Audit Committee re Town of Pelham

At our last Committee of the Whole meeting, the resolution was considered from the Region of Niagara's Audit Committee in effect censuring the finances of the Town of Pelham. Some of our Council members took umbrage at the matter and not only did not receive the resolution, but sent it back to the Region expressing opposition and in doing so, some Councillors used very strong language, in fact inflammatory comments. In turn, Mr. Barrick, our City's Regional Councillor responded with equally strong inflammatory comments. In the heat of debate strong rhetoric is sometimes used. I feel it is time to acknowledge that there may be differences of opinion but we can express these with less antagonistic verbiage. We don't wish to see our Council meetings recorded like some other municipalities do.