



## PORT COLBORNE

### **Mayor's Report to the July 23, 2018 Council Meeting**

#### **Canal Days**

Canal Days will be upon us in only 11 days. We are busy putting the final touches on the city to get things ready to welcome thousands of visitors to one of Ontario's Top 100 Festivals.

Many exciting events are planned with top Canadian music artists joining us.

There are a few new restrictions in place this year that I want to remind you about tonight.

There will be no parking on the laneways between Sugarloaf Street and Clarence Street as well as no parking on the east side of Elm, Fielden and Steele Streets. These restrictions are needed to ensure the safety of everyone during the festival.

The boat ramp will be closed all day Friday, August 3<sup>rd</sup> and Saturday, August 4<sup>th</sup>. Special rates for docking at the marina are available so boaters can have access to the lake during the day and a great spot to hear the concerts at night.

Melissa's Playground at H.H. Knoll Lakeview Park, which includes the Discovery Spray Pad will be closed each day, Friday and Saturday, from 4 pm to 7 am the next morning. Families will still have access on Saturday 7:00 am to 4:00 pm before the main concert begins.

We want everyone to have a safe weekend and we thank you for your patience with these restrictions.

#### **Visit from Minister Catherine McKenna**

Last week we hosted Minister of the Environment and Climate Change Canada, Catherine McKenna as she visited Port Colborne to announce \$8.95 million in funding over four years for 36 local on-the-ground projects under the Great Lakes Protection Initiative.

The Initiative supports projects across the Great Lakes Basin, which will help restore areas of concern, prevent toxic and nuisance algae, reduce the release of harmful chemicals, engage the public through citizen science, and engage Indigenous Peoples.

While funding wasn't specifically made available to local municipalities, all efforts to clean the Great Lakes are important.

The Minister was impressed with the venue, being the pavilion at our marina.

## **Trillium Railway**

I'd like to extend my appreciation to Trillium Railway for the recent repaving of the crossing on Fielden Avenue. It is a great improvement.

We look forward to them beginning work on the Killaly Street crossing just east of King Street.

## **Summer Library Program**

Councillor Desmarais, CAO Luey and I were interviewed by Cub Reporters from the summer program at the library.

## **Roundtable Discussion with David Lametti**

This afternoon CAO Luey and I participated in a roundtable with other southern tier Mayors and David Lametti, Parliamentary Secretary to the Federal Minister of Economic Development.