



**Mayor's Report to the
March 12, 2018 Council Meeting**

Cpl. Tyler Crooks

Tomorrow we will be hanging yellow ribbons on the lamp posts in front of City Hall, as we have done every year since 2009, when Corporal Tyler Crooks lost his life in Afghanistan.

These yellow ribbons symbolize our remembrance of Tyler and his ultimate sacrifice while serving his country.

I would ask everyone to stand for a moment of silence as we remember Corporal Tyler Crooks.

Stand for one minute.

Thank you.

March Break in Port Colborne

This week is March Break for students and there's lots happening in Port Colborne. Check out our website for activities at the Public Library and Vale Health & Wellness Centre.

Also, when you are out traveling on the roads, remember to exercise caution and watch for our children.

Health Kids Community Challenge

The Healthy Kids Community Challenge now getting ready to implement Theme 4 – Power Off & Play! by working to encourage children and families to build a balanced day that is not filled with screen time.

In Niagara, we are very excited to once again be taking a community led approach by working in partnership with each municipality through our local public libraries.

Watch out for upcoming programming at the Port Colborne Public Library.

City Budget

City Council has held two budget meetings within the past week with another one scheduled for Wednesday, March 14th at 5:30 p.m.

These meeting were broadcast live by Wee Stream, so if you missed one, you can watch it on YouTube.

There has been a positive response to this initiative.

Niagara Central Dorothy Rungeling Airport

Last week, the CAO and I meet with the Mayors and CAOs of Pelham, Welland and Wainfleet as well as members of the Niagara Central Dorothy Rungeling Airport Board of Directors to work on a joint plan for operational services for the airport and future discussions with Niagara Region.

I will keep you abreast of these plans as they develop.

Economic Development Officer

It gives me great pleasure to introduce to you our new Economic Development Officer, Julian Douglas.

Julian, can you please stand up.

Julian comes to us from Sudbury and we look forward to her interactions with our business community.

2018 Election

In response to numerous inquiries from citizens in the community asking if I will be seeking re-election to the office of Mayor, I feel that I have a responsibility to respond to these inquiries at this time, notwithstanding that nominations cannot be filed before May 1, 2018.

I wish to confirm that I will not be seeking re-election.

I have enjoyed my term as Mayor and wish to thank the people who I have worked with here at City Hall and at the Region.

I am most appreciative of the support of the residents of Port Colborne who gave me this opportunity. It has been an honour to serve you.

I also wish to thank my wife and family for standing with me during the election campaign and during my term of office.