



Mayor's Report to the  
April 24, 2017 Council Meeting

**Earth Day**

Saturday, April 22, 2017 was Earth Day. I attended the Evergreen Academy for their Earth Day Extravaganza where various booths and displays were designed to encourage children and adults to be more environmentally aware.

**Green Art Show**

I also attended the 8<sup>th</sup> annual Green Art Show where students from Port Colborne High School and Lakeshore Catholic High School created unique pieces of art from discarded items. The eco-friendly/green program focused on the principles of reduce, reuse, recycle. Compliments to the competing students, the schools and the organizers. It was very well done.

**Trout Season**

Trout season opened Saturday at the St. John Conservation Area's Trout Pond. The pond is stocked several times a year by the Niagara Peninsula Conservation Authority. It is an excellent place to expose children to the outdoors and nature. The grown ups require a licence but the children do not.

**Festival of the Arts**

The annual Festival of the Arts started this weekend and will continue for the next two weeks showcasing the talents of our youth and the efforts of their instructors.

**Arts Place**

Arts Place held their annual fundraising auction on Sunday afternoon. Various items created by the members were auctioned off to help pay the expenses of the art group.

**Easter Food Drive**

Port Colborne Fire and Emergency Services and Sobey's teamed up on a food drive for Port Cares over the Easter weekend. Thanks to the generosity of the residents of Port Colborne 900 pounds of food were received, as well as \$4594 in cash. Every little bit helps the Reach Out Care support our community.

### **Volunteer Appreciation Week**

This week is National Volunteer Appreciation Week. Every organization in the city benefits from the valuable assistance of their volunteers, and we thank you. Last week I had the privilege of attending the city's Volunteer Appreciation Dinner. Over 250 volunteers were in attendance and recognition pins were handed out. Congratulations and thank you to everyone. Carla Crawford was at the dinner and received her 35 year pin and while not at the dinner, Marg McAvoy and Mona Shutter were recognized for the 40 years of service to the Museum.

### **Regional Award**

Port Colborne couple Nancy and Dave Salvage were the recipients of the Regional Association of Volunteer Administrators Award of Excellence for the volunteer work they do in the community. Once again our citizens are being acknowledged for their volunteerism.