



PORT COLBORNE

Mayor's Report to the
July 10, 2017 Council Meeting

Niagara Antique Power Association

I spoke on your behalf at the Canada Day festivities at the Niagara Antique Power Association displays over the July 1st weekend.

I was presented with a plaque in appreciation of our continued support. The association continues to preserve our heritage in a very hands-on, proactive way. We are pleased that this organization is centered in Port Colborne.

Canada Day

I also spoke at the Canada Day ceremonies at the Optimist Day in the Park held at H.H. Knoll Lakeview Park.

The Optimists are to be complimented on the organization and execution of activities for all ages. The supply of cupcakes by Sobey's was also most appreciated. As usual, the fireworks were a hit for the entire community.

Public Meeting regarding Downtown Community Improvement Plan

A meeting was held last Wednesday giving the public another opportunity to review the City's Downtown Community Improvement Plan. Several interested persons attended.

If you are interested in providing further input on the proposed plan, we will be accepting comments until September 18th. A comment sheet can be found on our website or at City Hall.

Letter from Chief of Niagara Regional Police Service

On June 29th I received a letter from Chief McGuire concerning illegal storefront operations selling cannabis. He asked that I share the following with you:

“The purpose of this letter is to inform you that in the past six months, the Niagara Regional Police Services has observed a concerning trend of storefront operations opening in the Niagara Region, selling cannabis.

These stores are commonly known as dispensaries or compassion clubs that are not licensed by Health Canada under the current law and are considered illegal. These operations are supplied by illegal growers and sell untested, unregulated products that may be unsafe and of particular risk to children.

The Niagara Regional Police Service have investigated and closed these locations. The operations have been charged with drug trafficking and their cases are currently before the courts.

Until cannabis laws change and strict regulations and restrictions are put in effect, the Niagara Regional Police Services will continue to enforce the current legislation addressing illegal possession and sales of cannabis.

I encourage you to share this information with your constituents and any members of the public. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

PLEASANT BEACH

I was told by our Municipal Law Enforcement Officer that many cars were tagged and towed out a Pleasant Beach over the long weekend.

This is a reminder to the public that Pleasant Beach is not a public beach, parking restrictions are in effect and our Municipal Law Enforcement Officers will be patrolling the area and tagging or towing offending vehicles. It is expensive to retrieve your vehicle if it is impounded.

Centennial Beach and Nickel Beach are open to the public with plenty of room to enjoy the sunshine.