



PORT COLBORNE

Mayor's Report to the
March 13, 2017 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.

McKay Public School – Fair Trade School of the Year

Our congratulations go out to the students and administration of McKay Public School for being named “School of the Year” and the 2016 Canadian Fair Trade Awards. McKay was the first school in Ontario to be certified as a Fair Trade School for the work that is done to put the livelihoods of global farmers and their workers front and centre. Through education, this group is creating lasting awareness.

Top Hat Ceremony and Fair Trade Breakfast

On a similar note, we invite everyone to come out for a Fair Trade Breakfast prior to the Top Hat Ceremony on Monday, March 20th at 8 a.m. at Lock 8 Park. Students from McKay Public School will be there assisting with serving you pancakes and providing hot coffee, tea and hot chocolate. We will welcome the Captain of the first downbound vessel at 8:45 a.m. This is an outdoor event, so please remember to dress accordingly.

Prom Project Niagara

The Education Foundation of Niagara is putting on a “Prom Project” again this year. This project accepts new or used male and female formal clothing and accessories, including shoes, purses and jewelry. Students are then given the opportunity to select items they may need to make their prom or formal a special day. Donations can be taken to the Roselawn Centre until March 31st.

Ice Dogs Game

I represented the City of Port Colborne at the Meridian Centre for the beginning of the City of Port Colborne day at the Ice Dogs game. I compliment both teams, the Niagara Ice Dogs and the Erie Otters, for an exciting afternoon before a capacity crowd.

Skills Competitions

The Niagara Catholic District School Board and the District School Board of Niagara recently held their technological skills competitions for students participating in the Specialist High Skills Major Program. Winners of these competitions go on to compete at Skills Ontario in May and possibly go on to the Skills Canada competition in June in Winnipeg. I know the students at Port High and Lakeshore made us proud, as they have in the past.

March Break Activities

With March break upon us, there are lots of activities happening this week at the Vale Health & Wellness Centre and the Library. Please check the City’s website for more details.

Skate Ontario Championships

Skate Ontario Championships are being held at the Vale Health & Wellness Centre Friday, March 17 - Sunday, March 19.

Five skaters from Niagara have qualified and will be participating. There is a \$5 spectator entry fee.

Spring/ Summer Leisure Guide

Spring/Summer Leisure Guide will be distributed via the Welland Tribune on Thursday, March 23. Recreation Program Registration also opens on the 23rd.

United Way South Niagara

United Way South Niagara is facing challenges reaching the 2016 campaign goal of \$650,000.

They are currently at 85 per cent of their goal and are desperately seeking The City of Port Colborne's support.

The most vulnerable people in Port Colborne are receiving the care they need, directly as a result of United Way funding.

Non-profits like Port Cares, Community Living, Meals On Wheels, and Big Brothers Big Sisters (to name a few) rely on grants from United Way South Niagara in order to provide the essential programs and services they deliver to the residents of Port Colborne.

If United Way South Niagara falls short of its goal, the delivery of programs and services in Port Colborne will suffer as a result.

With two weeks left to fundraise, they need our help. If you have not yet made a campaign pledge, we urge you to do so and give what you can.