



Mayor's Report to the
March 27, 2017 Council Meeting

Chamber of Commerce President's Awards

Our congratulations go out to all of the individuals and businesses that were nominated for the Chamber of Commerce President's Awards. The winners were announced last week at the gala dinner and they were:

Junior Youth Citizen of the Year – Sierra Walsh-Fiore

Youth Citizen of the Year– Christine Yaromich

Citizen of the Year– Mieke Van Ens

Women in Business – Beverly Smith – Niagara's South Coast Guest House

New Business – Lemayzzz...Meats

Business of the Year – Jungbunzlauer Canada Inc.

Niagara Whalers

Our congratulations also go out to the players and coaches of the Niagara Whalers, a member of the Greater Metro Junior A Hockey League, who last night at the Vale Health & Wellness Centre, finished the sweep of their playoff series with a fourth and final win over the Parry Sound Islanders.

Niagara Whalers have won the Russell Cup and have brought the first Jr Hockey Championship to Port Colborne since 1943.

Leisure Guide

Our Spring and Summer Leisure Guide was published last week and I encourage all residents to take a look at all of the new programming that is available to them right here in their community.

Top Hat Ceremony and Fair Trade Breakfast

Last Monday we officially opened the Welland Canal by welcoming the first downbound vessel into the canal. Captain Gary Kafcsak and the tug and barge Calusa Coast/Delaware were the recipients of the ceremonial top hat.

Our thanks go out to the Fair Trade Committee and students and staff at McKay Public School for their assistance in providing a wonderful hot breakfast and entertainment on a chilly March morning.

Remember that the bridges will now be in motion, so time your driving accordingly. There are apps available that you can check the bridge status from the comfort of your home or office before heading out, so you don't get caught at a raised bridge.

Canal Days

Canal Days Marine Heritage Festival was again named in the Festival & Events Ontario Top 100 and was also the recipient of 2017 Celebrate Ontario Funding. Our committee is working hard planning events for this year's festival, which takes place August 4th to 7th.

Flavours

Council, in consultation with staff removed the flavours festival from the 2017 budget. We were having trouble finding a home for this festival. Staff are looking for new ways to bring events to the public in the future.