



Mayor's Report to the  
May 23, 2017 Council Meeting

## **State of the Communities Address**

Mayor Jeffs of Wainfleet and I spoke on the state of our communities at a breakfast sponsored by the Port Colborne Wainfleet Chamber of Commerce.

## **South Niagara Rowing Club High School Regatta**

On the weekend I attended at the South Niagara Rowing Club for their high school regatta and presented medals to the winners.

## **Rural Medicine Week**

I welcomed four medical students to our community for our City's annual Rural Medicine Week orientating the candidates to what it is like to practice medicine in a smaller municipality. I would like to extend our appreciation to our community physicians, Bridges Community Health Centre, members of our Medical Education, Recruitment and Health Services Committee, Jill Croteau, Councillor Kenny for organizing and participating over the course of the week.

## **Canal Days**

The Canal Days Committee continues to meet on a monthly basis and wish to confirm that the event is well organized and that proposed initiatives are well under control.

## **Office of Medical Cannabis**

Last week myself, Councillor Bodner and Dan Aquilina spoke with the Ministry of Health, Office of Medical Cannabis about concerns raised in the community about medical marijuana operations in the community that are licensed under the old regulations.

They advised us that the Ministry of Health does not have any jurisdiction over these operations. Basically, the operators are morally bound to grow quantities as indicated in their licenses and if the police have reason to believe they are not, then the police can enter upon the operation and perform an inspection. It then becomes a Criminal Code offence.

The Ministry of Health can work with police by providing them the information on the number of plants allowed but that is as far as their involvement goes.

They also indicated that the new commercial operations have much stricter guidelines, including inspections, requirements for air quality, etc. and to their knowledge there have been no complaints about these operations.