# City of Port Colborne Regular Committee of the Whole Meeting 28-19 Minutes

Date:

November 25, 2019

Time:

7:10 p.m.

Place:

Council Chambers, Municipal Offices, 66 Charlotte Street, Port Colborne

**Members Present:** 

M. Bagu, Councillor

E. Beauregard, Councillor G. Bruno, Councillor

R. Bodner, Councillor F. Danch, Councillor A. Desmarais, Councillor

D. Kalailieff, Councillor

W. Steele, Mayor (presiding officer)

H. Wells, Councillor

**Staff Present:** 

D. Aquilina, Director of Planning & Development

T. Cartwright, Fire Chief

A. Grigg, Director of Community and Economic Development

N. Halasz, Manager of Parks and Recreation

A. LaPointe, Acting Director of Corporate Services/City Clerk

C. Madden, Deputy Clerk (minutes)

P. Senese, Interim Chief Administrative Officer

S. Shypowskyj, Acting Director of Engineering and Operations

Also in attendance were interested citizens, members of the news media and WeeStreem.

#### 1. Call to Order:

Mayor Steele called the meeting to order.

#### 2. <u>Introduction of Addendum Items:</u>

Nil.

#### 3. Confirmation of Agenda:

Moved by Councillor R. Bodner Seconded by Councillor D. Kalailieff

That the agenda dated November 25, 2019 be confirmed, as amended. CARRIED

#### 4. Disclosures of Interest:

Councillor Kalailieff declared a pecuniary interest regarding item 1 (Corporate Services Department, Finance Division, Report 2019-166, Subject: 2020 Proposed Fees and User Charges) as she has a boat at the Marina. The Marina fee schedule was separated from the fees and charges report and Councillor Kalailieff refrained from discussing or voting on the Marina fee item.

Councillor Bruno declared a pecuniary interest regarding item 1 (Corporate Services Department, Finance Division, Report 2019-166, Subject: 2020 Proposed Fees and User Charges) as his son-in-law has a boat at the Marina. The Marina fee schedule was separated from the fees and charges report and Councillor Bruno refrained from discussing or voting on the Marina fee item.

#### 5. Adoption of Minutes:

(a) Regular meeting of Committee of the Whole 27-19, held on November 12, 2019.

Moved by Councillor A. Desmarais Seconded by Councillor F. Danch

(a) That the minutes of the regular meeting of Committee of the Whole 27-19, held on November 12, 2019, be approved as presented.CARRIED

#### 6. <u>Determination of Items Requiring Separate Discussion:</u>

The following items were identified for separate discussion:

Items 1, 2, 3, 5, and 8.

#### 7. Approval of Items Not Requiring Separate Discussion:

Moved by Councillor E. Beauregard Seconded by Councillor H. Wells

That Items 1 to 10 on the agenda be approved, with the exception of items that have been deferred, deleted or listed for separate discussion, and the recommendation contained therein adopted.

#### Items:

4. Engineering and Operations Department, Engineering Division, Report 2019-175, Subject: Skelton Municipal Drain

Committee of the Whole recommends:

That Engineering and Operations Department, Engineering Division Report 2019-175 with respect to the Skelton Municipal Drain, be received for information; and

That staff be directed to advance the Skelton Municipal Drain Engineer's Report to that of the Meeting to Consider on December 9, 2019, as per Section 41, Chapter D.17 of the *Drainage Act R.S.O.* 1990.

6. Planning and Development Department, Planning Division, Report 2019-184, Subject: Recommendation Report on Removing 692 Elm Street from the Municipal Registry of Heritage Properties

Committee of the Whole recommends:

That the Council of the City of Port Colborne approves the removal of the lands legally known as Plan 3252 Part of Block C, NP 775 and Part of Lot 3 on Plan 59R6290, City of Port Colborne, Regional Municipality of Niagara; municipally known as 692 Elm Street from the City of Port Colborne's Municipal Registry of Heritage Properties.

7. Chief Administrative Officer, Economic Development Division, Report 2019-169, Subject: Port Colborne Workforce Development Initiatives

Committee of the Whole recommends:

That Chief Administrative Officer, Economic Development Division Report 2019-169 be received for information; and

That Council direct staff to explore grant opportunities to assist with the development of a Workforce Development Strategy and implementation of associated actions; and

That Council considers workforce development needs in future budget deliberations.

9. Region of Niagara Re: On-Demand Transit – Pilot Authorization (Simulation Results) (PW 60-2019)

Committee of the Whole recommends:

That the correspondence received from the Region of Niagara Re: On-Demand Transit – Pilot Authorization (Simulation Results), be received for information.

10. Region of Niagara Re: Natural Environment Work Program – Phases 2 & 3: Mapping and Watershed Planning Discussion Papers and Comprehensive Background Study (PDS 32-2019)

Committee of the Whole recommends:

That the correspondence received from the Region of Niagara Re: Natural Environment Work Program – Phases 2 & 3: Mapping and Watershed Planning Discussion Papers and Comprehensive Background Study, be received for information.

CARRIED.

#### 8. Presentations:

(a) Julian Douglas-Kameka, Economic Development Officer and Susan Therrien, Director of Library Services Re: Photo Competition 2019-2020 Campaign

Julian Douglas-Kameka, Economic Development Officer and Susan Therrien, Director of Library Services provided a presentation with respect to their organizing of the upcoming 2019-2020 Photo Competition Campaign taking place beginning on November 28, 2019 and ending on January 31, 2020. A copy of the presentation is attached.

(b) Carolyn Ryall, Director, Niagara Region Transportation Services and Frank Tassone, Associate Director, Niagara Region Transportation Engineering Re: Overview of the Niagara Region Transportation Services 5 year forecast

Carolyn Ryall, Director, Niagara Region Transportation Services and Frank Tassone, Associate Director, Niagara Region Transportation Engineering provided a presentation with respect to the five year overview of the capital projects being undertaken in Port Colborne by the Niagara Region's Transportation Services Department, as well as its Regional vision. A copy of the presentation is attached.

(c) Robert Salewytsch, Program Manager, Transit Services, GO Implementation Office, Niagara Region Re: Pilot Program for On-Demand Transit Options

Robert Salewytsch, Program Manager, Transit Services, GO Implementation Office, Niagara Region provided a presentation with information in regards to an on-demand transit option as opposed to a fixedroute option, in Port Colborne in response to an identified need for Crystal Beach and Sherkston connectivity. A copy of the presentation is attached.

Moved by Councillor A. Desmarais Seconded by Councillor H. Wells

Direct the Interim Chief Administrative Officer to bring forward transit options in the 2020 budget proposal including the urban boundary and municipal boundary on-demand options, the Saturday pilot program, and the current transit system.

**CARRIED** 

#### 9. Delegations:

Nil.

#### 10. Mayor's Report:

A copy of the Mayor's Report is attached.

#### 11. Regional Councillor's Report:

Councillor Butters reported that she and the Mayor recently participated in Regional Budget workshops which provided context for how the Agencies', Boards' and Commissions' requests fit into the 2020 levy. She reported that the levy budget excludes the water/waste water and waste management systems, but includes all other Regional departments, including the ABC's which are: Niagara Regional Police Services (38% of the budget), Niagara Regional Housing (7% of the budget), Niagara Peninsula Conservation Authority (1% of the budget) and the court services (1% of the budget). The rest of the departments account for 53% of the budget. The next workshop is scheduled for November 28, 2019, which will address the budget for water/waste water.

#### 12. Councillors' Items:

#### (a) Tree Stumping and Hot Patches (Kalailieff)

Councillor Kalailieff thanked staff for completing tree stumping on West Street as well as Charlotte Street and received confirmation from the Acting Director of Engineering and Operations that hot patches have been used to fill in certain areas as a safety precaution temporarily until the spring.

#### (b) 133 Glenwood Avenue (Kalailieff)

In response to Councillor Kalailieff's inquiry, the Acting Director of Engineering and Operations informed Council that the contractor had not yet been to the property of 133 Glenwood Avenue to complete the concrete work, but that it is the first property on the list for when the contractor arrives.

#### (c) By-law Enforcement's Snow Removal Letter to Businesses (Kalailieff)

Councillor Kalailieff requested whether snow removal letters could be sent only to the owners who don't reside or carry on business on their property since those are the properties that don't ordinarily have the snow shoveled off of the sidewalks. The Director of Planning & Development stated that the By-law Enforcement Division annually delivers notice to all businesses to ensure that owners are aware of their responsibility to clear the snow and ice from sidewalks. Councillor Kalaillief further inquired as to whether it would be the tenant or the owner who receives notice of non-compliance in the event that a particular property does not clear the sidewalk after a snowfall. The Director of Planning & Development confirmed that if enforcement is required, then notice would be sent to the property owner, not the tenant.

#### (d) Asphalting the Road by New A&W (Danch)

In response to Councillor Danch's inquiry with regards to whether or not asphalt would be laid on the right side of the road leading into the new A&W on Main Street West, the Acting Director of Engineering and Operations reported that there will be a right turning lane that leads into the new A&W and that the work is being completed by the Niagara Region. The Acting Director of Engineering and Operations stated that he will circulate the plan from the Niagara Region and ensure that there will be a hard surface leading into that property.

#### (e) Clock at the Visitor's Centre (Danch)

Councillor Danch expressed appreciation towards staff for fixing the light in the clock located outside of the City's Visitor Centre on Main Street West.

#### (f) City Snow Removal (Beauregard)

In response to Councillor Beauregard's inquiry regarding whether the potential pilot project of having the City take responsibility for clearing snow off of particular sidewalks would be brought forth during budget deliberations, the Acting Director of Engineering and Operations confirmed that two options with different pricing could be brought forth to Council; one with primary routes and another that covers more of the City.

#### (g) By-law Enforcement's Snow Removal Letter to Businesses (Bruno)

Councillor Bruno spoke to Councillor Kalaillief's item regarding the Snow Removal letters. He inquired as to whether this could be addressed at the next Directors Meeting and noted that, moving forward, it may be preferable to have the Communications Officer review these letters and all other communications that are sent out to the mass population so that it aligns with the branding of the Corporation. The Interim Chief Administrative Officer confirmed that this matter will be addressed.

#### (h) Speeding on Barrick Road (Bruno)

In response to Councillor Bruno's report of receiving complaints about out-of-Province trucks speeding on Barrick Road, Mayor Steele advised that he would send a letter to the Company receiving these trucks in that area requesting that they inform their truck drivers of the speed limits.

#### (i) Signs on Telephone Poles (Bruno)

In response to Councillor Bruno's concern, the Acting Director of Engineering and Operations reported that staff will arrange for the removal of signs that have been posted on numerous telephone poles around the City as well as notify the owners of those signs to let them know that they are not allowed to be posted.

#### (j) New Deputy Clerk (Bruno)

Councillor Bruno welcomed the Corporation's new Deputy Clerk, Charlotte Madden.

#### (k) Contractor for Trench Patching (Bagu)

In response to Councillor Bagu's report of receiving complaints with regards to trenches in the roads at various areas around town, the Acting Director of Engineering and Operations informed Council that the contractor is expected to be coming in to perform the work within two weeks.

#### (I) Let's Talk Event (Desmarais)

Councillor Desmarais reported about the upcoming "Let's Talk about... Supporting Loved Ones with Mental Health and/or Addiction Issues" event which is scheduled for this upcoming Wednesday November 27, 2019 at the Port Colborne Library.

#### (m) Lighthouse at Lock 8 Park (Desmarais)

In response to a request for an update by Councillor Desmarais, the Acting Director of Engineering and Operations advised that staff has inspected the building, new siding will be proposed for in the 2020 budget along with additional minor repairs and that interim repairs are being completed in order to make it safe for the time being.

#### (n) Sharps Containers (Desmarais)

Councillor Desmarais expressed concern about the lack of sharps containers not being placed in public areas and spaces. Councillor Desmarais requested that staff bring the purchase of more sharps containers forward in the budget, prepare a list of the proposed spaces for those purchased sharps containers and propose timelines as to when these sharps containers could be installed in the event that it's approved on the budget.

#### (o) 72 Nickel Street (Desmarais)

Councillor Desmarais expressed concern about the state of the property located at 72 Nickel Street and reported that it has been the subject of many complaints she has received from citizens, especially after the wind storm when much of the siding had detached and blew onto neighbouring properties. The Mayor requested that staff clean up the portion of the siding that had blown onto the neighbouring property owned by the City.

Moved by Councillor A. Desmarais Seconded by Councillor E. Beauregard

Direct the Director of Planning and Development to investigate 72 Nickel Street and move forward with any legal options to clean up the property including acquiring the property or tearing it down.

**CARRIED** 

#### (p) Historical Property Issues (Wells)

In response to Councillor Desmarais' concerns about the state of the property located at 72 Nickel Street, Councillor Wells expressed similar concerns for various properties in Ward 4 that have a history of by-law issues. The Mayor requested that staff provide a report regarding the potential options of enforcement with regards to having owners bring their properties into compliance.

Moved by Councillor Wells Seconded by Councillor Kalailieff Direct the Director of Planning and Development to establish an action plan to address historical property issues; and

Direct staff to be proactive when dealing with the noted properties. CARRIED

#### (q) Bethel Community Centre (Wells)

Councillor Wells expressed appreciation towards the Acting Director of Engineering and Operations for sending in a crew to repair the ceiling and electrical in the Bethel Community Centre.

#### (r) Ditching (Wells)

In response to Councillor Wells' request for an update with regards to ditching, the Acting Director of Engineering and Operations informed Council that during the next 2 weeks crews will be transitioning over to complete ditching in some of the major areas where there have been issues in the past.

#### (s) House Trailers (Wells)

In response to Councillor Wells' reports of house trailers being present in various areas around Ward 4 as well as his inquiry as to whether it is permitted for people to be living in these house trailers, the Director of Planning & Development confirmed that this was not permitted and that in order to enforce, he would need to receive the exact addresses of where the trailers are located.

#### (t) Road Washing (Wells)

In response to Councillor Wells' reports of concerned citizens on Beach Road with regards to road washing in the winter and the hazards it will pose on driving, the Acting Director of Engineering and Operations informed Council that the roads will be watered three times a week, dependent on weather. In below zero temperatures, the street sweeper will instead clear the roads.

#### (u) Tight turns (Wells)

In response to Councillor Wells expressing concern with regards to trucks taking tight turns on the corner of Beach and Empire Roads, the Acting Director of Engineering and Operations informed Council that this particular corner has been extended to accommodate truck traffic and so this corner will be repaired and cleaned off to ensure that excess water drains into the ditch.

#### (v) Information Meeting for Ward 4 (Wells)

Councillor Wells reported that he and Councillor Bodner will be holding an information meeting for the residents of Ward 4 at the Bethel Community Centre on December 3, 2019 between 6-8 p.m. In addition, Councillor Wells reported that the Niagara Region Public Health will be in attendance at this meeting in order to educate rural residents on safe drinking water as well as safe and operational use of septic systems.

#### Staff responses to Councillors' enquiries:

#### (a) Alarms (Chief Cartwright)

The Chief reminded citizens to ensure their alarm systems are working in their homes as the holiday season approaches. He indicated the Fire Department can be contacted to assist with proper installation and maintenance.

#### (b) Burning By-Law (Chief Cartwright)

The Chief provided a status on the preparation of the Burning By-law. He reported that a meeting is scheduled with Legal on December 5, 2019 and that the report will be ready for Council in January, 2020.

#### (c) Wind Warning (Chief Cartwright)

The Chief reported that there is a wind warning for Wednesday, November 27 and Thursday, November 28.

# (d) Meeting regarding Wind Storm on October 31 and November 1 (Chief Cartwright)

The Chief thanked the Niagara Regional Police, the Region of Niagara, the Mayor, Councillor Bagu, and various City staff for attending the meeting on November 19 which discussed the previous wind storm that took place on October 31, and November 1, 2019.

#### (e) Live Wires (Chief Cartwright)

The Chief warned residents to avoid wires that are on the ground as well as live wires that are hanging because it is a serious safety concern. He also informed Council that staff is researching mechanisms to better secure roadways.

#### (f) Davis Street Incident (Chief Cartwright)

The Chief advised Council that various staff have investigated this property and it is a reoccurring issue.

#### (g) Rail on Sugarloaf and Elm Streets (Shypowskyj)

The Acting Director of Engineering and Operations informed Council that after Trillium and the contractor meet on November 26, 2019 to review the Sugarloaf and Elm Street rail, he is hoping to have some dates to provide as to when the work will take place.

#### 13. Consideration of Items Requiring Separate Discussion:

# 1. Corporate Services Department, Finance Division, Report 2019-166, Subject: 2020 Proposed Fees and User Charges

Due to the disclosures of interest the motion was separated and Councillors Kalilieff and Bruno did not vote on the first motion.

Moved by Councillor A. Desmarais Seconded by Councillor E. Beauregard

That the Consolidated Fees and User Charges, attached as Schedule L and M of Corporate Services Department Report 2019-166, 2020 Proposed Fees and User Charges be approved;

That the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized to execute the appropriate By-law.

CARRIED.

Moved by Councillor R. Bodner Seconded by Councillor M. Bagu

That the Consolidated Fees and User Charges, attached as Schedule A to K, and N to Y of Corporate Services Department Report 2019-166, 2020 Proposed Fees and User Charges be approved; and

That the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized to execute the appropriate By-law.

CARRIED.

#### 2. Fire and Emergency Services Department, Report 2019-178, Subject: Replacement of Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus

Moved by Councillor M. Bagu

Seconded by Councillor E. Beauregard

That Fire Department Report 2019-178, Replacement of Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus be received; and

That Council authorize the Fire Chief to prepare a tender document for the purchase of breathing apparatus, spare bottles and a compressor air filling system and circulate the document to companies that provide Scott breathing apparatus and air systems.

**CARRIED** 

# 3. Fire and Emergency Services Department, Report 2019-179, Subject: Fire Department Memorial

Moved by Councillor A. Desmarais Seconded by Councillor E. Beauregard

That Fire Department Report 2019-179, Fire Department Memorial be received; and

That Council approve the construction of a Fire Department Memorial at the Fire Station located at 3 Killaly Street West; and

That funding of the Memorial be authorized as outlined within report 2019-179; and

That Council authorize the City's Deputy Treasurer to establish a special reserve account that donations can be assigned to and issue income tax receipts, if requested to do so.

Moved in amendment Councillor A. Desmarais Seconded by Councillor E. Beauregard

That the main motion be amended by removing "as outlined within report 2019-179" from the third paragraph and inserting "through grants, fundraising, and donations".

CARRIED.

The vote was then called on the main motion, as amended, as follows:

That Fire Department Report 2019-179, Fire Department Memorial be received; and

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That funding of the Memorial be authorized through grants, fundraising, and donations; and

That Council authorize the City's Deputy Treasurer to establish a special reserve account that donations can be assigned to and issue income tax receipts, if requested to do so.

CARRIED.

5. Planning and Development Department, Planning Division, Report 2019-183, Subject: Recommendation Report on Removing 700 Elm Street from the Municipal Registry of Heritage Properties

Moved by Councillor G. Bruno Seconded by Councillor E. Beauregard

That the Council of the City of Port Colborne approve the removal of the lands legally known as Plan 3252 Part of Block B and C, NP 775 Part 1 on Plan 59R6290, City of Port Colborne, Regional Municipality of Niagara; municipally known as 700 Elm Street from the City of Port Colborne's Municipal Registry of Heritage Properties.

CARRIED

8. Chief Administrative Officer, Economic Development Division, Report 2019-170, Subject: Pilot Innovation, Creativity & Culinary Project

Moved by Councillor H. Wells Seconded by Councillor A. Desmarais

That Chief Administrative Officer, Economic Development Division Report 2019-170 be received for information; and

That Council direct staff to proceed with the research study and pilot program.

CARRIED

#### 14. Notice of Motion:

Councillor Bagu provided notice of his intention to introduce a motion at the December 9, 2019 Committee of the Whole/Council meeting with respect to a grant for residential led-lined water service replacement.

#### 15. Adjournment:

Mayor Steele adjourned the meeting at approximately 10:11 p.m. CARRIED.

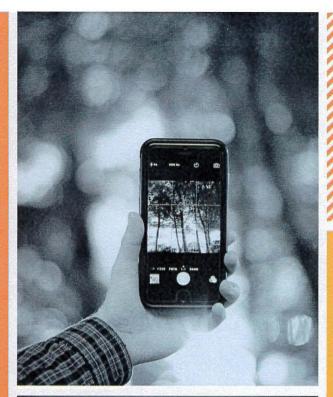
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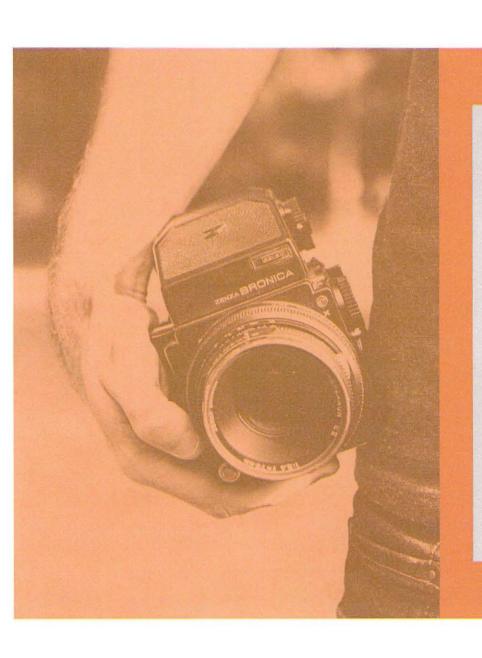
# PHOTO COMPETITION

2019-2020 CAMPAIGN





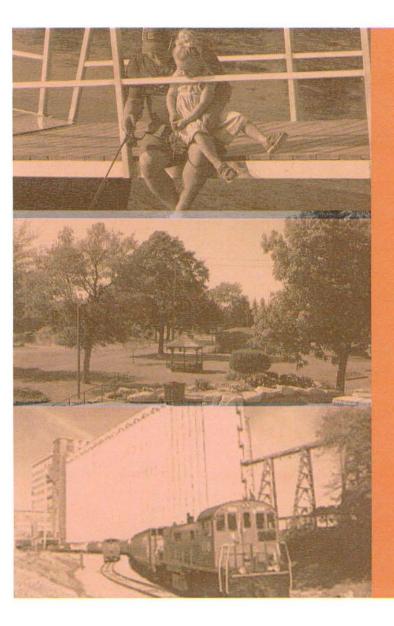




# Why are we doing this?

The purpose of the Photo Contest is to showcase what's **Beautiful**, **Creative**, **Innovative** and **Authentic** about Port Colborne and feature original, engaging photos that will evoke a sense of community pride in residents and inspire visitors to discover Port Colborne and explore all the City has to offer.

To Refresh current inventory of marketing images and develop an image bank of diverse and high quality images.



# Campaign Objectives #PORTCOLBORNEPROUD

#### COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

The Campaign seeks to engage local residents in capturing the community through their eyes. It provides residents with an opportunity to be involved in the marketing of the community.

#### SHOWCASE LOCAL TALENT AND CREATIVITY

Photos taken by local residents will be included in various forms of City Community, Tourism and Economic Development Marketing initiatives. Finalist entries will also be exhibited on the City website as well as on exhibition at the Public Library and other venues throughout the city.

#### COMMUNITY PRIDE

The campaign seeks to refresh the current image of Port Colborne and invoke a sense of community pride.

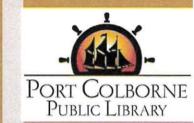
# Campaign Organizers

#PORTCOLBORNEPROUD



City of Port Colborne Economic Development Division

> Port Colborne Public Library



The campaign is organized by Port Colborne Economic Development and Public Library with the support of Corporate Communications.

# Campaign Description

#PORTCOLBORNEPROUD

The 2019 Contest entries can be based on one of two themes:

- Heritage, Arts and Culture: entries depicting Port Colborne's rich history and cultural elements, as well as the creativity and innovation within the community.
- Outdoor Adventure: entries depicting Port Colborne's unique natural and man-made areas and/or experiences.

The digital photo submission contest allows entrants to compete to submit a "Photo", which is defined as a digital .jpeg, .jpg, .gif or .png.

- a. entrants may submit up to two (2) photos (one submission per category) maximum.
- b. Photos may be submitted in one (1) or both categories.
- c. All pictures must be taken in the City of Port Colborne.

# Eligibility #PORTCOLBORNEPROUD

19 YEARS OF AGE (OR OLDER)

OPEN TO ALL RESIDENTS AND
VISITORS OF PORT
COLBORNE, WHO ARE
RESIDENTS OF CANADA
(EXCEPT RESIDENTS OF
QUEBEC)

- 2 ENTRIES ARE LIMITED TO AMATEURS ONLY
- NON-EMPLOYEES OF THE
  CITY OF PORT COLBORNE,
  PUBLIC LIBRARY AND THEIR
  IMMEDIATE FAMILY
  MEMBER

· EMPLOYEES/FAMILY MAY SUBMIT PICTURES BUT ARE NOT ELIGIBLE FOR PRIZES



## How to Enter

- · Digital entries only will be accepted.
- Entrants who require assistance are invited to visit the Port Colborne Public Library.
- Each Entrant can enter a maximum of two (2) Photos to the Contest.

Next

## http://portcolborne.ca/page/ PortColborneProud

#### · SNAP IT

Take a photo
depicting what makes
Port Colborne
Beautiful, Creative,
Innovative and
Authentic to you.

#### 2. SUBMIT IT

The Entrant must complete an entry form. Photo entries can be uploaded electronically as .jpeg, .jpg, .gif or .png files or entrants may insert the link to download the file (WeTransfer, Dropbox, GoogleDrive) in the registration form at PortColborne.com/page/PortColborneProud.

#### 3. WIN IT

Win cash and gift prizes, as well as public recognition of your achievement.

#### SHARE & TAG IT

•along with the campaign hash-tag (#PortColborneProud) and mention @portcolborne @portcolbornelib in your post.

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#### COMPETITION SUBMISSION

#### SUBMISSION DATES AND DEADLINE

November 25, 2019 and ending on January 31, 2020.

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#### SUBMIT NOW

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#### FINALIST PHOTO EXHIBITION

Finalists will be on display on the City of Port Colborne Website and on

Port Colborne Public Library, 310 King St, Port Colborne and,

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#### COMMUNITY PRIDE

# Campaign Period #PORTCOLBORNEPROUD

- Contest entries will be accepted online starting
   November 25, 2019 and ending on January 31, 2020.
- All online entries must be received by January 31, 2020, 11:59 p.m. EDT (the "Submission Deadline").
- The City of Port Colborne and Port Colborne Public Library reserves the right to cancel or suspend this Contest in the event of any accident, printing, administrative, or other error of any kind without prior notice or obligation.

#### **IST PLACE**

The First place winner from each of the two (2) photo categories will win a total prize valued at approximately \$500 in cash and prizes.

#### **1ST RUNNER-UP**

The 2nd place winner from each of the two (2) photo categories will win a total prize valued at approximately \$250 in cash and prizes.

#### ALL OTHER SELECTED FINALISTS

•All selected finalists not chosen as First place and 1st Runner-Up winners will be awarded a \$25 gift cards/vouchers.

The specifics of the prize shall be solely determined by the City of Port Colborne Economic Development Division and Public Library. The organizers reserves the right to substitute a prize or a prize component with one of equal or greater quality/value.



# FINALIST AND WINNER SELECTION





#### PANEL OF JUDGES

A panel of judges appointed by the Competition Organizers will judge all photos submitted on the basis of alignment with purpose of the campaign, tourism relevance, creativity and originality, and quality.

#### FIRST PRIZE WINNERS

The first prize winners will be chosen from the selected finalists by public vote

#### **PUBLIC VOTE**

Public vote will take place online at PortColborne.com/page/PortColborneProud or in person at:

- City of Port Colborne City Hall, 66 Charlotte
   Street
- Port Colborne Public Library, 310 King St, Port Colborne, from February 8-22, 2020.

# FINALIST PUBLIC PHOTO EXHIBITION

Finalists will be on display on the City of Port Colborne Website and on Exhibition at

- Port Colborne Public Library, 310 King St, Port Colborne and,
- Select locations throughout the City of Port Colborne.





# THANK YOU

#### PRESENTED BY:

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DIVISION-JULIAN DOUGLAS-KAMEKA
AND
PORT COLBORNE PUBLIC LIBRARY- SUSAN THERRIEN

# Niagara Region TRANSPORTATION SERVICES CAPITAL PROJECTS - 5 YR OVERVIEW



#### 1-5 Year Capital Forecast

#### Regional Road 3 Main Street E From Highway 140 to Barber Dr

· Road reconstruction

RR 3 (Main Street E) looking west to Dolphin St



#### Agenda

#### > 1-5 Year Capital Forecast

- Niagara Region's Capital Budget is broken down into four (4) main areas:
  - Network Expansion
  - Intersection Improvement Program
  - Roads Rehabilitation Program
  - Structure Rehabilitation Program

#### Regional Vision

#### 1-5 Year Capital Forecast

#### Hot Mix Resurfacing Candidates

- · RR3 Main St W from Townline Rd to Elm St
- RR98 Wilhelm Rd from Hwy 3 to RR98 Forks Rd

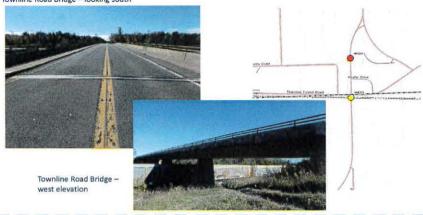




# 6-10 Year Capital Forecast

#### Townline Road Bridge Structure Rehabilitation

Townline Road Bridge - looking south





# Thank-you

### Regional Vision

- ➤ Complete Streets ➤ 6 Typologies
- > Regional Wayfinding
- Safety Initiatives
- ➤ Niagara Escarpment Crossing
- ➤ Developments



# **On-Demand Transit**

**Presentation to Port Colborne City Council** 

November 25, 2019

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# Agenda

- Background
- IMT West Expansion
- Fixed-Route versus On-Demand
- Why Via?
- Port Colborne Pilot
- Next Steps





# Background – IMT Expansion

Upload of Port/Fort Link routes to Region retroactive to January 1, 2019



- With uploads, Region now providing all inter-municipal routes across Niagara network
- IMT Service Enhancement Implementation Strategy (LNTC-C 21, 22, 23, 2018)
  - · Identified NRT expansion pilot projects for Niagara West, as well as Pelham and Lincoln connections
- Niagara Transit Service Delivery and Governance Strategy (Dillion, 2017)
  - · Identified need for Crystal Beach and Sherkston connectivity





# **IMT** West Expansion

- Connectivity to:
  - · Existing transit network
  - · GO Transit stations
- Seamless rider experience
- Concept approved by Regional Council
  - Pending budget approval Dec. 12
  - Tentative Q1 2020 deployment







## Fixed-Route versus On-Demand

#### **Fixed-Route**

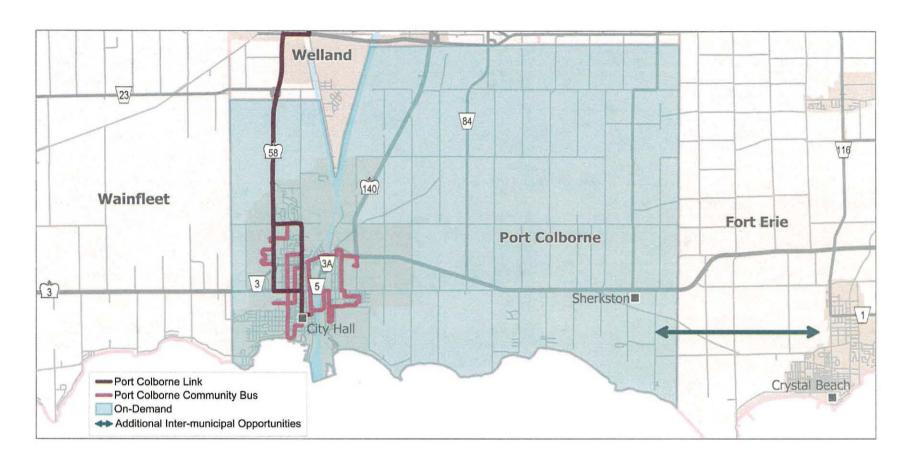
- Limited area coverage
- Relies on peak demand to maximize vehicle utilization
- Requires 4 months to adjust schedules and routing
- Limited data potential

#### **On-Demand**

- Complete area coverage
- Vehicle utilization responds to demand in real-time
- Dynamically adjusts routing
- Significant data analytic potential











# **On-Demand Benefits - Providers**

- Maximizes coverage areas access for everyone
- Cost containment
- Increased ridership potential
- Operating model flexibility
  - · door to door / curb to curb / corner to corner
- Eliminates need for separate specialized transit service
- Worldwide proven deployment record
- Big Data





# On-Demand Benefits - Riders

- Unique user profile
- Accessible vehicles
- Multiple booking options
  - · Phone & App
- Improved connectivity
- Consistent pricing
- Real-time vehicle arrival information







# Why Use Via?

#### **Consulting and Planning**

In-depth analysis using proprietary approaches and tools to understand the potential for innovative mobility











#### Microtransit Operations (TaaS)

Turnkey solution that includes technology plus drivers, vehicles, and operations management









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#### Microtransit Platform (SaaS)

Licensing Via's on-demand shuttle system to transit agencies and operators who prefer to use their own vehicles and drivers











#### **New Mobility Solutions**

Mobility-as-a-Service (MaaS) products, demand management tools, school bus platforms, and more...













# Via's Global Presence: Via, ViaVan and Partners

Global Deployments

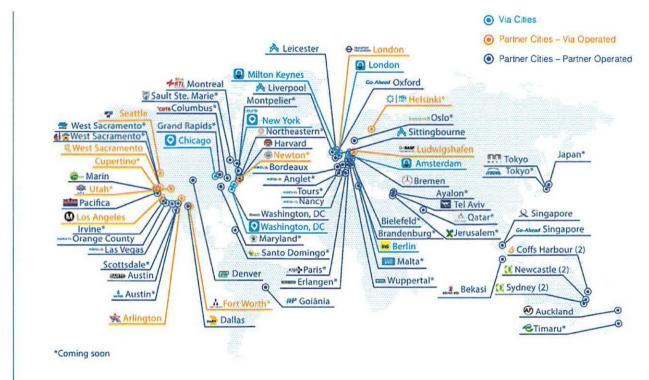
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Rides/Month

2m+

Engineers

225+







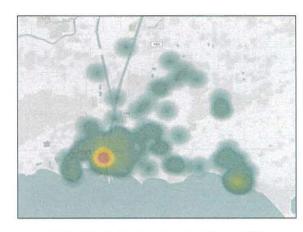
# Port Colborne Pilot

#### **Purpose:**

 Test feasibility of a fully on-demand system powered by Via

#### Demand:

- Community bus 40 60 trips / day within urban boundary
- On-demand service 50 150+ trips / day across the entire municipality with 3-4 vehicles

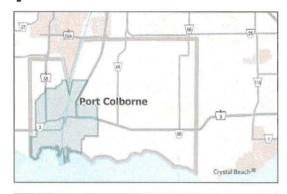


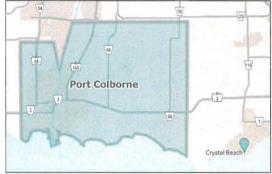
Heat map and service area used to simulate on-demand transit





# **Options for Port Colborne**





#### Option 1 - Urban Boundary

- Local Trips only
- · No connectivity with Sherkston or Crystal Beach
- Led by Municipal staff
- Requires 1-2 vehicles

#### Option 2 – Municipal Boundary

- IMT Connection to Fort Erie Transit, includes Regional funding contribution
  - Sherkston local and intermunicipal connections
  - Crystal Beach intermunicipal connection only
- Leveraging Niagara Region's partnership with Via
- Requires 3-4 vehicles





# **Additional Considerations**

- Maintaining relationship with Welland Transit
  - Community bus with software + supplemental Via vehicles where needed
  - Use unionized staff where possible
- Service Parameters Define Costs
  - Weekday evenings
  - Saturday midday
  - # of vehicles
- Suggested pilot duration of one year, plus additional 12 month option
  - Extend Community Bus Service Agreement with Welland Transit to match pilot duration





# **Next Steps**

# Service Model Design and Simulation

Hours of operation, number of vehicles, zone identification

Advanced microtransit simulation measuring demand and expected quality of service (wait times, trip lengths, etc)

01

#### Model Confirmation

Approved by Regional Council November 14

Confirm budget and local partnerships

02

#### Localization and Implementation

Finalize service design and prepare for implementation

Roll out applications and service for testing in preparation of launch

03

# Continuous Optimization

Ongoing support to ensure targets are being reached

04





# **Questions?**

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#### MAYOR'S REPORT - NOVEMBER 25, 2019

#### **UPCOMING CHRISTMAS EVENTS**

Several events are happening as the City of Port Colborne steps into the Christmas season.

We kick off with a Grand Old Christmas on the Museum grounds on Sunday, December 1<sup>st</sup> from 12 – 4 p.m.

Come join the Museum as they celebrate Christmas in Black and White with hot chestnuts, apple cider, candle making, carriage rides, blacksmiths at work and Christmas cards printed on the old printing press.

Enjoy Christmas pudding and tea at Arabella's Tea Room on Sunday and continuing for the entire following week.

There is fun for whole family.

On Saturday December 7<sup>th</sup> Santa Claus comes to town first on the tugboat in the afternoon on West Street, followed by our evening lighted parade.

Enjoy over 60 floats decorated for the season. The parade starts at 6:30 p.m. from Port Colborne High School and travels into the downtown area along Steele and Clarence Street.

A parade favorite - The West Seneca Marching Band will be back in town this year.

Bundle up and join us with the entire family.

Hot chocolate will be served at the Guild Hall following the parade.