

**City of Port Colborne
Regular Committee of the Whole Meeting 01-20
Minutes**

Date: January 13, 2020

Time: 6:54 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
A. Desmarais, Councillor
D. Kalailieff, Councillor
W. Steele, Mayor (presiding officer)
H. Wells, Councillor

Absent: F. Danch, Councillor

Staff Present: D. Aquilina, Director of Planning and Development
A. Grigg, Director of Community and Economic Development
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 WeeStream.

1. Call to Order:

Mayor Steele called the meeting to order.

2. Introduction of Addendum Items:

Nil.

3. Confirmation of Agenda:

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

That the agenda dated January 13, 2020 be confirmed, as presented.
CARRIED

4. Disclosures of Interest:

Councillor Beauregard declared a pecuniary interest regarding item 7 (City of Niagara Falls Re: Resolution regarding Port Colborne Aquifer through Fort Erie) as he is employed by Sullivan Mahoney, the solicitor for Rankin companies. Councillor Beauregard refrained from discussing or voting on item 7.

Councillor Wells declared a pecuniary interest regarding item 7 (City of Niagara Falls Re: Resolution regarding Port Colborne Aquifer through Fort Erie) as it could affect the value of his property. Councillor Wells refrained from discussing or voting on item 7.

5. Adoption of Minutes:**(a) Regular meeting of Committee of the Whole 29-19, held on December 9, 2019.**

Moved by Councillor A. Desmarais
Seconded by Councillor G. Bruno

(a) That the minutes of the regular meeting of Committee of the Whole 29-19, held on December 9, 2019, be approved as presented.

CARRIED

6. Determination of Items Requiring Separate Discussion:

The following items were identified for separate discussion:

Items 2, 3, and 7.

7. Approval of Items Not Requiring Separate Discussion:

Moved by Councillor E. Beauregard
Seconded by Councillor D. Kalailieff

That Items 1 to 7 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:**1. Engineering and Operations Department, Engineering Division, Report 2020-01, Subject: Peter Storm Drain Petition – Appointment of Engineer**

Committee of the Whole recommends:

That the Council of the City of Port Colborne consider and approve the attached petition for drainage works;

That the Council of the City of Port Colborne direct the Clerk to notify the petitioners and others of Council's decision respecting the petition, in accordance with Section 5(1)(a) and (b) of the Act;

That the Council of the City of Port Colborne appoint Neal Morris, P. Eng. of K. Smart Associates Limited to prepare a new engineer's report under Section 4 of the Act for the Peter Storm Municipal Drain.

4. Memorandum from Janice Peyton, Executive Assistant, DEO, Re: Environmental Advisory Committee - Report on Boulevard Trees

Committee of the Whole recommends:

That the memorandum from Janice Peyton, Executive Assistant, DEO on behalf of the Environmental Advisory Committee Re: Environmental Advisory Committee - Report on Boulevard Trees, be received for information; and

That staff be directed to review previous decisions on boulevard tree planting, including the tree installation Policy, October 2007 and By-law No. 6175/01/15, and report back to Council.

5. Memorandum from Janice Peyton, Executive Assistant, DEO Re: Environmental Advisory Committee - Site Alteration Permit Review and Costing

Committee of the Whole recommends:

That the memorandum from Janice Peyton, Executive Assistant, DEO Re: Environmental Advisory Committee – Site Alteration Permit Review and Costing, be received for information; and

That staff consider the approach for a coordinated review and fee structure associated with a revised site alteration by-law as set out in memo Re: Environmental Advisory Committee – Site Alteration Permit Review and Costing; and

That staff review the recommendation by the Environmental Advisory Committee that the administration of the revised site alteration by-law be undertaken by the Director of Engineering and Operations.

6. Ministry of Children, Community and Social Services Re: Ontario's Poverty Reduction Strategy

Committee of the Whole recommends:

That the correspondence received from Todd Smith, Minister of Children, Community and Social Services Re: Ontario's Poverty Reduction Strategy, be received for information.

CARRIED

8. Presentations:

Nil.

9. Delegations:

(a) Kurt and Tami Pederson concerning a Partnership with the City regarding issues with Pleasant Beach and Pleasant Beach Road

Kurt and Tami Pederson provided a presentation with respect to ongoing issues occurring at Pleasant Beach and on Pleasant Beach Road including garbage and parking. They also provided a proposal to partner with the City to discuss potential solutions. A copy of their presentation is attached.

Moved by Councillor R. Bodner
Seconded by Councillor H. Wells

That the Director of Community and Economic Development lead an interdepartmental investigation into solutions to the ongoing issues occurring on Pleasant Beach Road;

That staff's investigation include discussions with Kurt and Tami Pederson and Ward Councillors; and

That staff report back to Council with possible solutions going forward.

CARRIED

10. Mayor's Report:

A copy of the Mayor's Report is attached.

11. Regional Councillor's Report:

Councillor Butters reported that the T. Roy Adams Humanitarian of the Year Award submissions are open and encouraged residents to review the award criteria on

the Region of Niagara's website and to nominate anyone who may be deserving. Councillor Butters also informed residents that it is the 50th anniversary of the Region of Niagara this year and there is a meeting tomorrow to discuss how to celebrate. She welcomes any and all feedback or ideas on this celebration from residents.

12. Councillors' Items:

Staff responses to previous Councillors' enquiries:

(a) Status of Community-Based Risk Assessment (Aquilina)

The Director of Planning and Development informed Council that as per direction received from Council in November, there will be an update on the status of community-based risk assessment located on the second floor counter and on the City of Port Colborne's website.

Councillors' issues/enquiries:

(a) Water Issues at Drains (Wells)

Councillor Wells reported that there are issues occurring with waters at some of the drains and requested that the Acting Director of Engineering and Operations arrange for these drains to be inspected regularly.

(b) Road End on Weaver Road (Wells)

Councillor Wells reported that there had recently been a transport trailer truck stuck down on the beach at the end of Weaver Road. In response to Councillor Wells' request for an interim remedy, the Acting Director of Engineering and Operations confirmed that he would arrange for some type of barrier to be installed in the interim.

(c) Ward 4 Information Meeting Notes (Wells)

Councillor Wells expressed appreciation towards the Acting Director of Engineering and Operations for providing valuable feedback on the Ward 4 information meeting notes which were distributed to various departments.

(d) Updates on By-laws

In response to Councillor Wells' inquiry as to the status of having the Discharge of Firearms By-law and Noise By-law reviewed and updated, the Director of Planning and Development informed Council that Legal is currently in the process of reviewing the two by-laws as well as the Site Alteration By-law.

(e) Snow Buddies Volunteer Program (Desmarais)

Councillor Desmarais encouraged residents of Port Colborne to volunteer in the Region of Niagara's Snow Buddies Program so that seniors in the area can be assisted in keeping their driveway and pathways clear of snow during the winter months.

(f) Thank you (Desmarais)

Councillor Desmarais expressed appreciation towards the Acting Director of Engineering and Operations for his prompt attention to inquiries she directed to him over the holidays. She reported that she wanted to pass on the gratitude she had received from the residents.

(g) Housing Strategy Update (Desmarais)

In response to Councillor Desmarais' inquiry as to the status of the Housing Strategy Update, the Director of Planning and Development confirmed that he is in the process of preparing the terms that go out to the public and to consultants who will bid on a price that covers the cost to complete the strategy. The Director of Planning and Development informed that he will provide a report to Council within the next month to outline next steps.

(h) Thank You to Staff (Bagu)

Councillor Bagu expressed appreciation towards all of staff for the great improvements made in addressing inquiries and issues received from citizens in 2019.

(i) Steele Street Storm Drain (Bagu)

Councillor Bagu reported that there have been some issues with the build-up of sand in and around the Steele Street storm drain near Northland Pointe and thanked the Acting Director of Engineering and Operations for speaking directly with the residents to determine a proper solution.

(j) Eagle Marsh Drain (Bagu)

Councillor Bagu reported that there are some potential issues with shoreline erosion on neighbouring properties to the Eagle Marsh Drain. Councillor Bagu requested that the Engineering and Operations department investigate this matter.

(k) Road End on Weaver Road (Beauregard)

Councillor Beauregard wanted to echo Councillor Wells' concern regarding the road end on Weaver Road. He reported that it is becoming an increasingly trafficked area and thanked staff for their attention to this matter.

(l) Repairing Street Lights (Kalailieff)

Councillor Kalailieff thanked the Acting Director of Engineering and Operations for repairing numerous street lights around the City as requested by residents and herself.

(m) Receipt for Taxes (Bodner)

In response to Councillor Bodner's inquiry regarding whether a resident can get a receipt for paying their taxes without having to come back to City Hall, the Interim Chief Administrative Officer informed Council that the City's current system cannot send out automatic receipts but a resident can call in to City Hall, ask for the Tax Clerk, and request that a copy of their statement be either emailed or mailed to them. The Interim Chief Administrative Officer further confirmed that a new system has been purchased which provides for online accounts where citizens will be able to go online to make payments and view their water and tax accounts.

13. Consideration of Items Requiring Separate Discussion:**2. Engineering and Operations Department, Engineering Division, Report 2020-02, Subject: Project 2020-01 Schihl Municipal Drain**

Moved by Councillor H. Wells
Seconded by Councillor M. Bagu

That Project 2020-01 Schihl Drain be awarded to Anthony's Excavating Central Inc. of Wellandport, Ontario, for the total tendered price of \$139,864.00 plus applicable taxes. Staff is directed to utilize the bid items as listed within the awarded Tender Documents, in such a manner as to complete all required works, all the while, taking into consideration the annual budget allocations by Council;

That funding for Project 2020-01 Schihl Drain be financed on an interim basis, under GL Account C33244 and that staff be authorized to initiate billings back to the Municipal Drains Watershed at the completion of the Watershed works and upon receipt of OMAFRA's granting;

That a by-law, in which the City enters into a Contract Agreement with the Contractor be prepared.

CARRIED

3. Corporate Services Department, Clerk's Division, Report 2020-07, Subject: Council Review Committee Terms of Reference

Moved by Councillor G. Bruno

Seconded by Councillor E. Beauregard

That Corporate Services report 2020-07, Council Review Committee be received;

That Appendix A to Report 2020-07, Council Review Committee Terms of Reference be approved; and

That the necessary by-law be brought forward for approval of Council.

CARRIED

7. City of Niagara Falls Re: Resolution regarding Port Colborne Aquifer through Fort Erie

Moved by Councillor R. Bodner

Seconded by Councillor A. Desmarais

That the resolution received from the City of Niagara Falls in support of the resolution of the Town of Fort Erie regarding Port Colborne Aquifer, be received for information.

CARRIED

14. Notice of Motion:

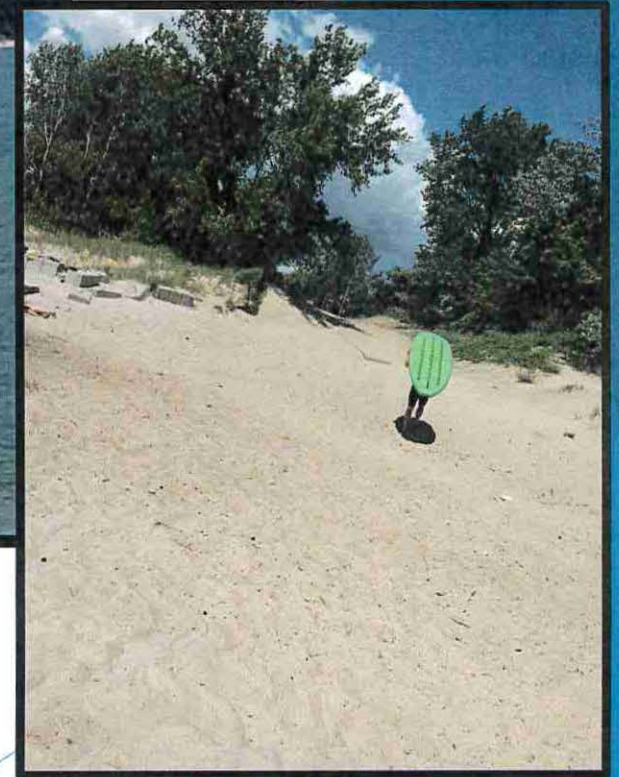
Councillor Beauregard provided notice of his intention to introduce a motion at the January 27, 2020 Committee of the Whole/Council meeting with respect to the endorsement of Bill 164 Protecting Vulnerable Persons in Support of Living Conditions Act 2019 brought forward by MPP Jeff Burch at Queen's Park.

15. Adjournment:

Mayor Steele adjourned the meeting at approximately 7:50 p.m.

CARRIED.

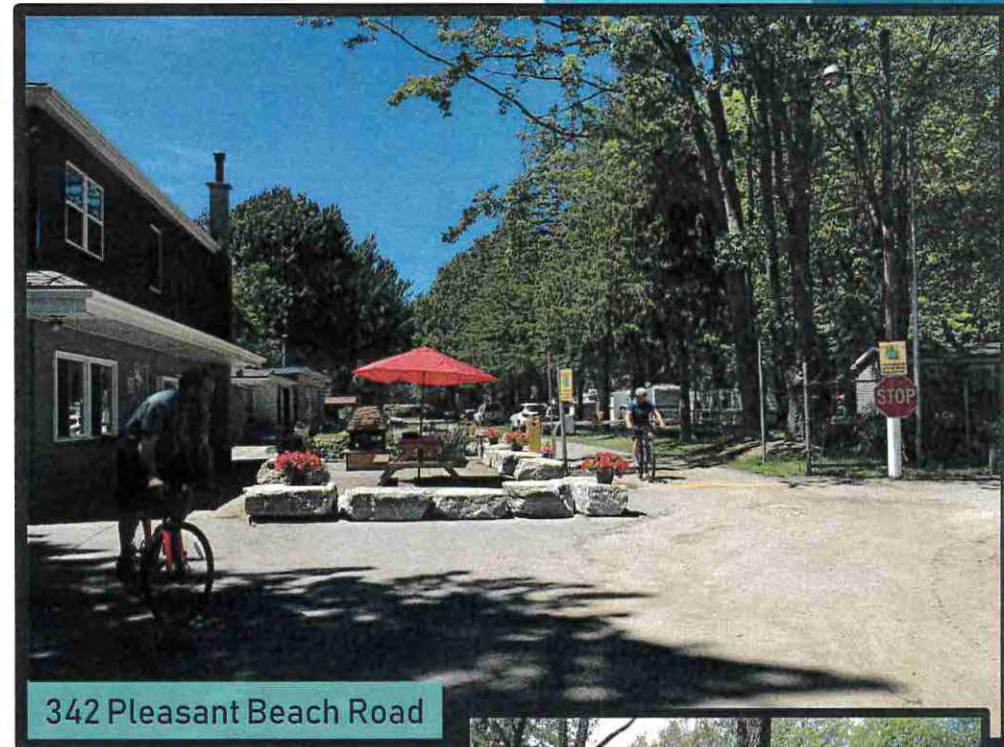
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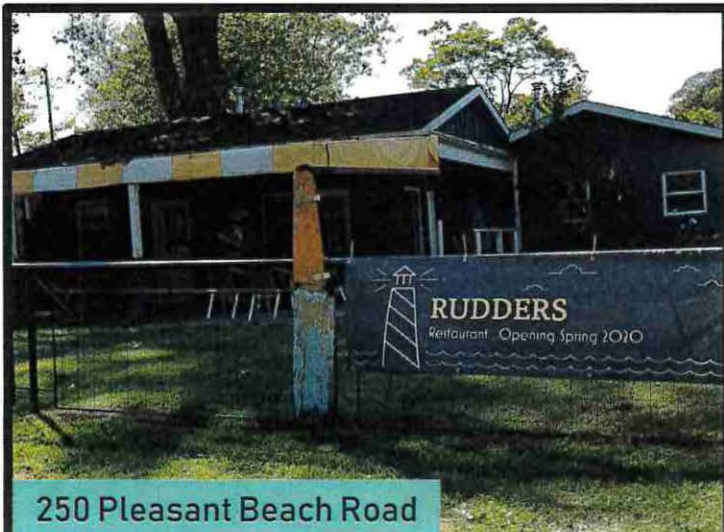
Pleasant Beach Campground

IMPROVEMENTS 2015-19

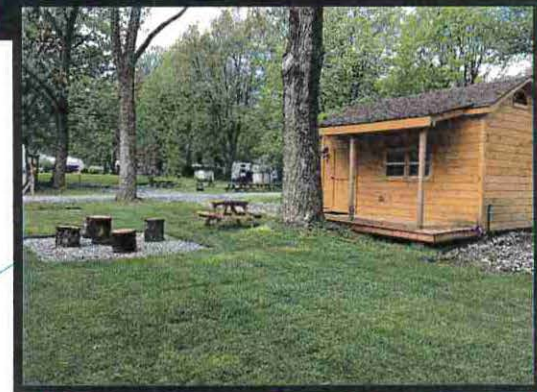
- Renos to buildings interior and exterior
- Landscaping / tree maintenance
- Recycling Centre / Garbage Management
- Electrical & Water System Upgrades
- Customer service / Community involvement



342 Pleasant Beach Road

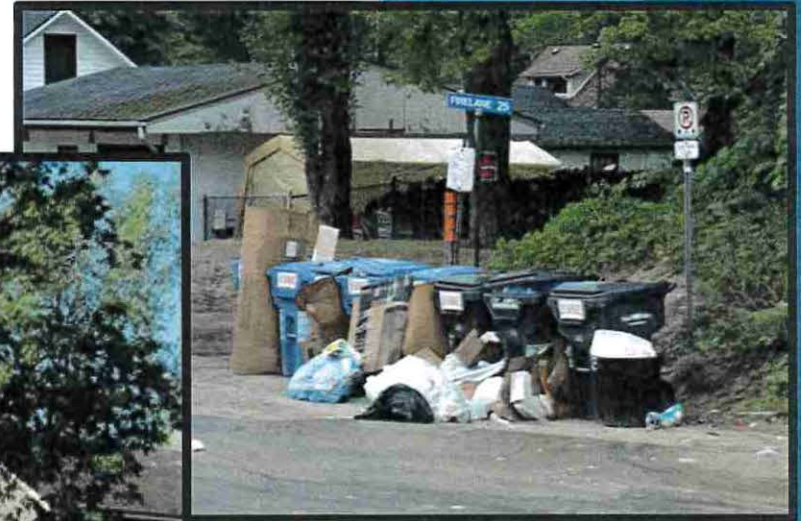
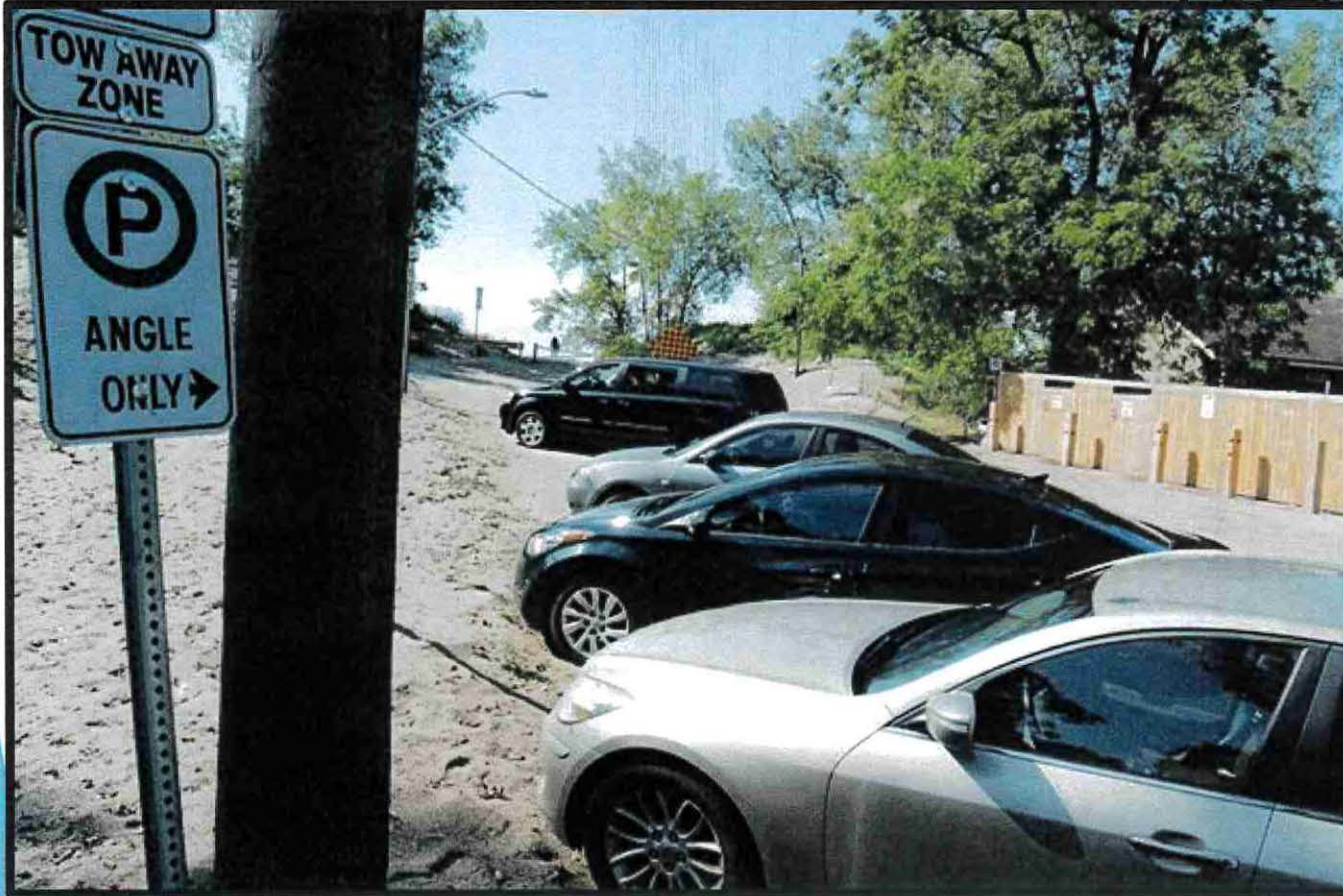


250 Pleasant Beach Road



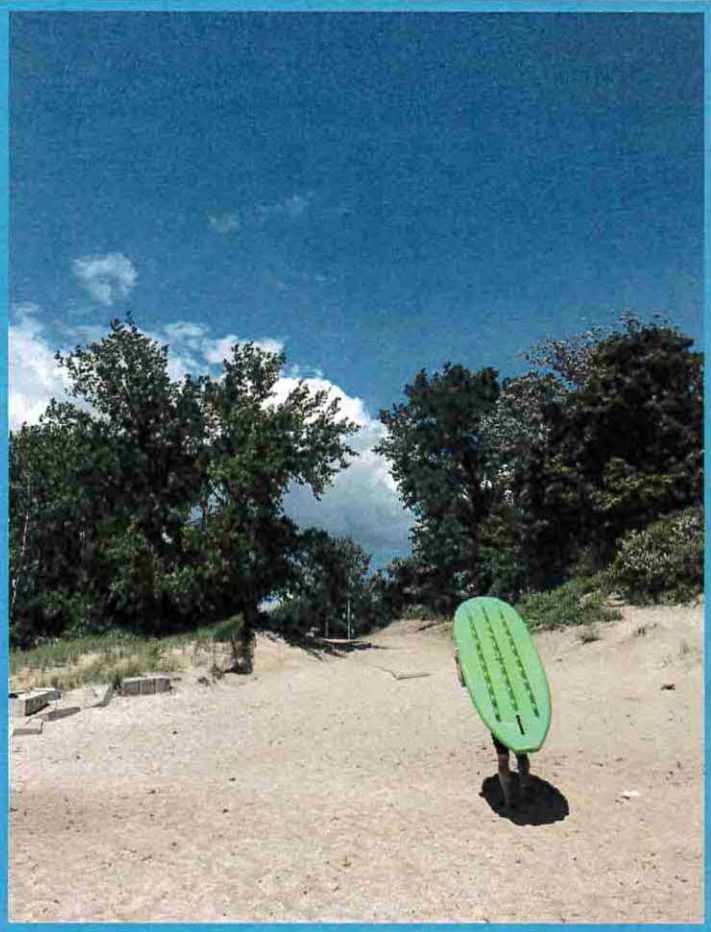
Pleasant Beach Road

CHALLENGES



Pleasant Beach Road

SOLUTIONS - Manage Resources





MAYOR'S REPORT – JANUARY 13, 2020

MARINE ORGANIZATION ACTIVITIES

On Thursday and Friday of this week, members of marine organizations from across Canada and the United States will be assembling in Toronto for a series of meetings. This is a great opportunity to network with marine companies, port authorities and support organizations.

I will be attending the Hwy H20 Annual General Meeting on Thursday, followed by the Chamber of Marine Commerce Annual Luncheon and the Marine Club dinner on Friday.

I am looking forward to establishing and continuing to develop relationships with the various members to bring new ideas to Port Colborne as we look to redevelopment our waterfront.

WINTER BERTHING

If you haven't taken a walk down West Street lately, you will be surprised to see a total of 7 great lakes ships moored in Port Colborne for the winter.

We are also expecting two McKeil Marine barges to arrive later this week who will be berthing by the grain elevators.

Winter berthing brings a boost to our economy and jobs in the city as the shipping companies source everything from food to supplies for their winter retrofits.

WELLAND CANAL BRIDGE CLOSURES

The closure of the Welland Canal to ship traffic also presents a time for major repairs to the Seaway bridges.

Bridge 19 (Main Street) is scheduled for a one day closure on Wednesday of this week and Bridge 19a (Mellanby Street) is scheduled for a one month closure, which we expect to start next week.

Check our website for the latest bridge closures.

GRANTS FOR NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATIONS

The City distributes approximately \$30,000 annually to non-profit, charitable and service organizations that benefit the citizens of Port Colborne and enhance the quality of life in the community.

Council recently updated the grant policy and application form and all information can be found on our website.

The City is accepting the first round of grant applications until Friday, January 31, 2020.

CUSTOMER SATISFACTION SURVEY

The City of Port Colborne is looking to gather feedback to improve our customer service delivery by launching a customer satisfaction survey.

Input from the community will assist the City with the modernization of our service delivery and improve our front line service to residents and visitors.

PORTicipate by completing the survey, which takes approximately five minutes, by visiting www.portcolborne.ca/page/customer_service.

Hard copies of the survey are also be available at City Hall (66 Charlotte Street) and the Port Colborne Public Library (310 King Street).

The survey is part of the City's implementation of the Municipal Modernization Program, a provincial grant program that provided the municipality with \$711,467 to modernize service delivery and improve front line services.

Other improvements include corporate branding, updating our customer service policy, redesigning front counters at city hall, upgrades to our phone system, which included the return to live answering last November and website redesign.

SNOWPORTANT INFORMATION

We've been fortunate not to get much snow yet this winter, but it's coming.

Remember, during a snow event don't park your car on the road, clear your sidewalks within 24 hours of the end of the snow event, help your neighbour, and check our website for specific details and SnowPORTant updates.

SPORTSFEST

And if the winter is getting you down, it's time to get out and enjoy our upcoming SportsFest, February 7th to 9th.

Providing a sense of community pride and greater awareness of each community group, SportsFest offers activities for all ages, promotes a healthy lifestyle, and is an opportunity for organized fund raising within the City of Port Colborne.

The Mayor's Cup Invitational Hockey Tournament, indoor volleyball tournament, FREE family skating & swimming and YMCA activities, music trivia, sno-golf, sno-pitch, ball hockey, euchre, soup cook-off are just some of the events that are offered to the community.

New this year is the Polar Plunge to raise money for Special Olympics.

Bundle up the family and get out and PORTicipate.