

**City of Port Colborne
Inaugural Meeting of Council 29-18
Minutes**

Date: December 3, 2018

Time: 6:30 p.m.

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

Members Present: Council Elect: Mayor William C. Steele
M. Bagu
E. Beauregard
R. Bodner
G. Bruno
F. Danch
A. Desmarais
D. Kalailieff
H. Wells
Regional Councillor-Elect: B Butters

Staff Present: D. Aquilina, Director of Planning and Development
A. Grigg, Director of Community and Economic Development
A. LaPointe, Manager of Legislative Services/City Clerk
S. Lawson, Acting Fire Chief
C. Lee, Director of Engineering and Operations
S. Luey, Chief Administrative Officer
C. McIntosh, Deputy Clerk (minutes)
P. Senese, Director of Corporate Services

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

Call Proceedings to Order: Chief Administrative Officer, Scott Luey

1. Procession of Mayor-Elect Steele and Councillors-Elect:

Councillors-Elect proceeded into the Council Chambers following the Town Crier, Piper, Flags and Honour Guard.

2. National Anthem:

Mr. and Mrs. Converset sang O Canada.

3. Declarations of Office:

The prescribed declaration of office was administered to each member of Council-Elect by the Honourable Madam Justice Theresa Maddalena of the Superior Court of Justice of the Province of Ontario.

4. Presentation of Chain of Office and Gavel to the Mayor:

Former Mayor J. Maloney provided the Chain of Office and Gavel to the Mayor.

5. Call Council Meeting to Order – 6:55 p.m.

Mayor William C. Steele called the Council meeting to order.

6. Confirmation of Agenda:

No. 175 Moved by Councillor W. Wells
Seconded by Councillor G. Bruno

That the Agenda dated December 3, 2018 be confirmed as circulated.

CARRIED.

7. Disclosures of Interest:

Nil.

8. Inaugural Address:

Inaugural addresses were provided by each City Councillor and by Mayor Steele.

9. Confirmatory By-law:

No. 176 Moved by Councillor M. Bagu
Seconded by Councillor D. Kalailieff

That the following by-laws be enacted and passed:

- 6632/87/18 Being a by-law to adopt, ratify and confirm the proceedings of the Council of The Corporation of the City of Port Colborne at its Inaugural Meeting of December 3, 2018

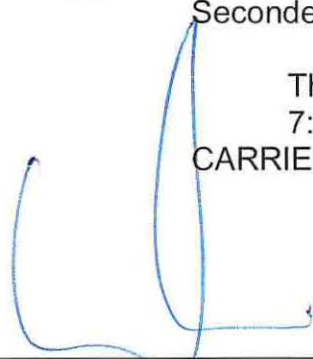
CARRIED.

10. Adjournment:

No. 177 Moved by Councillor A. Desmarais
Seconded by Councillor G. Bruno

That the Council meeting be adjourned at approximately 7:22 p.m.

CARRIED.



William C. Steele
Mayor



Amber LaPointe
City Clerk

“Every day you may make progress. Every step may be fruitful. Yet there will stretch out before you an ever-lengthening, ever-ascending, ever-improving path. You know you will never get to the end of the journey. But this, so far from discouraging, only adds to the joy and glory of the climb”

Sir Winston Churchill.

Madame Justice, Special Guests, Family, Friends.

It is with a profound sense of humility that I stand here today having earned your trust to lead this great City and will do everything to keep that trust as we work through the next 4 years.

I would first like to thank my wife Debby and sons Mitch Mack and Riley for sharing me with you the citizens, not only for the next 4 years but for the 17 I served as Ward One Councillor.

To my mother Gladys, Aunt Olive and mother in law Sue Napper, thank you for your unending support over the years and the love you have shared with everyone involved in our campaign.

To the 2 gentlemen that have guided me throughout my political career and who still guide me from above, my father Chuck Steele and Father in Law Bill Napper, I know their smiles are never ending, just as my admiration for them is.

To my friends those here in attendance and those who couldn't make it, or pay the scalpers price for a seat.

Thank you. Thank you for your faith in our campaign and in me, I will not let you down.

To the citizens of Port Colborne, our team assembled here this evening will do our utmost to work hard for you and deliberate the issues with thought, facts and resolve, We will get the job done with the ratepayer front and centre on each issue.

To all of our staff, don't be afraid to think outside the box, bring your ideas forward, the more inclusion from you is always paramount for the success of our city and this Council and remember we are a team so let's work together.

I would like to thank Mayor John Maloney for his service to all of us in Port Colborne, as well as his Council who gave their time to serve us over the past 4 years, Thank You to those not returning and good luck in all your future endeavors.

To our 8 Councillors, 4 years will fly by, so in the words of Winston Churchill.

"Courage is what it takes to stand up and speak, Courage is also what it takes to sit down and listen."

So let's get to work.

Thank you all.