

**City of Port Colborne
Regular Committee of the Whole Meeting 02-20
Minutes**

- Date:** January 27, 2020
- Time:** 6:39 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
A. LaPointe, Acting Director of Corporate Services/City Clerk
S. Luey, Chief Administrative Officer
C. Madden, Deputy Clerk (minutes)
S. Shypowskyj, Acting Director of Engineering and Operations
S. Hanson, Manager of By-law Services

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. National Anthem:

Those in attendance stood for O Canada.

3. Introduction of Addendum Items:

Additions:

The addition of item 13, Memorandum from Luke Rowe, Event Coordinator Re: SportsFest 2020. This item was circulated via addendum on January 27, 2020.

The following addition to the motion in item 7, Corporate Services Department, Clerk's Division, Report 2020-11, Subject: Appointments to Boards and Committees:

That Claudia Brema and Albert Murphy be appointed to the Port Colborne Historical and Marine Museum Board for a term ending December 31, 2023;

That Bina Patel and John Maloney be appointed as Associate Members to the Port Colborne Historical and Marine Museum Board for a term ending December 31, 2023;

4. Confirmation of Agenda:

Moved by Councillor R. Bodner
Seconded by Councillor E. Beauregard

That the agenda dated January 27, 2020 be confirmed, as circulated or as amended.

CARRIED

5. Disclosures of Interest:

Councillor Beauregard declared a pecuniary interest regarding item 4 (Planning & Development Department, By-law Enforcement Division, Report 2020-05, Subject: Update with Respect to Council's Request for Proactive Enforcement) as he is employed by Sullivan Mahoney and the firm has provided legal advice with respect to proactive enforcement. Councillor Beauregard refrained from discussing and voting on item 4.

6. Adoption of Minutes:

(a) Regular meeting of Committee of the Whole 01-20, held January 13, 2020.

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

(a) That the minutes of the regular meeting of Committee of the Whole 01-20, held on January 13, 2020, be approved as presented.

CARRIED

7. Determination of Items Requiring Separate Discussion:

The following items were identified for separate discussion:

Items 1, 3, 4, 6, and 9.

8. Approval of Items Not Requiring Separate Discussion:

Moved by Councillor D. Kalailieff
Seconded by Councillor A. Desmarais

That Items 1 to 13 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:

2. Planning & Development Department, By-law Enforcement Division, Report 2020-15, Subject: 48 Kent Street Request of Relief of Fines

Committee of the Whole recommends:

That Council deny the request for financial relief at 48 Kent Street and all costs associated with the lot maintenance clean-up remain on the tax account until paid in full.

5. Planning & Development Department, By-law Enforcement Division, Report 2020-06, Subject: By-law Appointment of Madison Cassar as a Municipal Law Enforcement Officer

Committee of the Whole recommends:

That Madison Cassar be appointed as a Municipal Law Enforcement Officer for The Corporation of the City of Port Colborne, effective February 3, 2020; and

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

7. Corporate Services Department, Clerk's Division, Report 2020-11, Subject: Appointments to Boards and Committees

Committee of the Whole recommends:

That Laura Slade and Alexa Schonewille be appointed to the Accessibility Advisory Committee for a term ending December 31, 2023;

That Michael Scott and George McKibbon be appointed to the Active Transportation Advisory Committee for a term ending December 31, 2023;

That Dan O'Hara, Alexander Fazzari, Trevor Dirstein and Katherine Klauck be appointed to the Council Review Committee for a term ending December 31, 2020;

That David Semley and Andrea Boitor be appointed to the Economic Development Advisory Committee for a term ending December 31, 2023;

That Claudia Brema and Albert Murphy be appointed to the Port Colborne Historical and Marine Museum Board for a term ending December 31, 2023;

That Bina Patel and John Maloney be appointed as Associate Members to the Port Colborne Historical and Marine Museum Board for a term ending December 31, 2023;

That Brenda Haymes be appointed to the Grant Policy Committee for a term ending December 31, 2023; and

That Lesley Rickard and Audrey Garrett be appointed to the Port Colborne Senior Citizen Advisory Council for a term ending December 31, 2023.

8. Chief Administrative Officer, Economic Development Division, Report 2020-12, Subject: Pilot Innovation, Creativity & Culinary Co-Working Hub Project Update

Committee of the Whole recommends:

That the Chief Administrative Officer, Economic Development Division Report 2020-12 be received;

That Council approve the Incubator/Co-Working Hub Lease Agreement as the template for participants of the Incubator/Co-Working Space;

That staff bring forward a by-law to enter into a lease agreement with 3Post Organization Ltd; and

That staff bring forward the template agreement for other participants of the Incubator/Co-Working Space, as required.

**10. Memorandum from Karen Walsh, Executive Administrative Assistant
Re: Active Transportation Advisory Committee – Boulevard
Trees**

Committee of the Whole recommends:

That the Active Transportation Advisory Committee, supports the Environmental Advisory Committee report on Boulevard Trees.

11. Region of Niagara Re: 2020 Budget – Waste Management Services Operating Budget and Requisition (CSD 70-2019 REVISED)

Committee of the Whole recommends:

That the correspondence received from the Region of Niagara Re: 2020 Budget – Waste Management Services Operating Budget and Requisition, be received for information.

12. Region of Niagara Re: 2020 Budget – Water and Wastewater Operating Budget, Rate Setting and Requisition (CSD 71-2019)

Committee of the Whole recommends:

That the correspondence received from the Region of Niagara – Water and Wastewater Operating Budget, Rate Setting and Requisition, be received for information.

13. Memorandum from Luke Rowe, Event Coordinator Re: SportsFest 2020

Committee of the Whole recommends:

That the Council of The Corporation of the City of Port Colborne hereby deems the annual SportsFest as a municipally significant event and supports the application to the Alcohol and Gaming Commission of Ontario for a Special Occasion Permit.

CARRIED

9. Presentations:

Nil.

10. Delegations:

(a) John Lohuis and Ray Hurd, representing Communities in Bloom Ontario Re: The Communities in Bloom Program

John Lohuis and Ray Hurd of Communities in Bloom Ontario provided a presentation with respect to the Communities in Bloom Program and

responded to questions received from Council. A copy of their presentation is attached.

(b) Kruze Ovenden, Waiving of Fees Re: 48 Kent Street, Port Colborne

Moved by Councillor G. Bruno

Seconded by Councillor H. Wells

The rules respecting delegations, as outlined under Section 10 of the Procedural By-law, were suspended in order permit unregistered members of the public to speak regarding item 2, Planning & Development Department, By-law Enforcement Division, Report 2020-15, Subject: 48 Kent Street Request of Relief of Fines.

CARRIED

Mr. Kruze Ovenden presented a request seeking financial relief for charges and penalties on 48 Kent Street, Port Colborne. Mr. Ovenden stated that since the penalties occurred when he was a minor under the age of 18 and when he was not in control of the household, the fines cannot be transferred to him.

11. Mayor's Report:

A copy of the Mayor's Report is attached.

12. Regional Councillor's Report:

Nil.

13. Councillors' Items:

Staff responses to Previous Councillors' enquiries:

Nil.

Councillors' Issues/Enquiries:

(a) Signage on Clarence Street and Catherine Street (Kalailieff)

In response to Councillor Kalailieff's request for an update on the traffic-slowing signage to be posted at the Clarence Street and Catherine Street intersection, the Acting Director of Engineering and Operations confirmed that the installation will occur in the spring.

(b) Stop Sign on corner of Fielden Avenue and Killaly Street West (Danch)

Councillor Danch expressed concern about the stop sign at the corner of Fielden Avenue and Killaly Street West and requested that the Acting Director of Engineering and Operations arrange for it to be either raised or moved over.

(c) Ditching material near Reservoir Park (Bruno)

In response to Councillor Bruno's inquiry regarding ditching material left near Reservoir Park, the Acting Director of Engineering and Operations confirmed that some of the material will be used to create a berm in that area with the rest to be moved offsite.

(d) Tenders Re: Spirits and Banking (Bruno)

In response to Councillor Bruno's request regarding whether staff could reach out to see if there are expressions of interest from other vendors for the sale of alcohol at City-held events, the Chief Administrative Officer reported to Council that there are limited options as the sale of alcohol is regulated to only two (2) national vendors, however a conversation with staff will be held to discuss options. Similarly, Councillor Bruno inquired as to whether alternate vendors for City banking could be explored. The Chief Administrative Officer informed Council that the City has partnered for approximately 30 years with its current banking institution and explained the benefits of doing so. The Chief Administrative Officer further reported that while there are costs and upheaval associated with moving to a new banking institution, a conversation with staff will be held to discuss the potential benefits.

(e) Skelton Drain Court of Revision (Bagu)

Councillor Bagu reported that the Skelton Drain Court of Revision took place on January 21, 2020 and that no appeals were heard. He informed Council that work on the drain will commence soon.

(f) Roof Leaks (Bagu)

Councillor Bagu reported that he has been in contact with staff with regards to the roof leaks at the Vale Centre. The Acting Director of Engineering and Operations confirmed that materials have been acquired and the repairs will be conducted in the spring as soon as the temperature warms up.

(g) Strategic Planning (Bagu)

In response to Councillor Bagu's request for an update on the Corporation's Strategic Planning, the Chief Administrative Officer confirmed that the target timeline for the strategic planning final report to be brought to Council is the first meeting in April.

(h) Tree Replacement Program (Desmarais)

In response to Councillor Desmarais' concern regarding the amount of trees lost in the City due to the recent wind storms as well as her request for an update on the tree replacement program, the Acting Director of Engineering and Operations reported to Council that a tree inventory is currently being conducted and the Boulevard Tree Planting Program is being reviewed. He confirmed that the conjunction of both of these undertakings will progress the implementation of the Tree Replacement Program. In response to Councillor Desmarais' further inquiry regarding the number of trees to be planted this year, the Acting Director of Engineering and Operations informed Council that he will report back at the next Council meeting with that number.

(i) Barriers at the end of Weaver Road and Pinecrest Road (Wells)

Councillor Wells thanked the Acting Director of Engineering and Operations for arranging for the barriers to be placed at the end of Weaver Road and Pinecrest Road.

(j) Consistency on Road Ends (Wells)

In response to Councillor Wells' request for an update on arranging for the road ends in Ward 4 to have consistency with respect to gates and no parking signs, the Acting Director of Engineering and Operations reported that these items are being submitted through the 2020 budget process and if approved, will be implemented in the summer.

14. Consideration of Items Requiring Separate Discussion:

1. Motion by Councillor Beauregard Re: Request for Endorsement of Bill 164 – Protecting Vulnerable Persons in Supportive Living Accommodation Act, 2019

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

WHEREAS Niagara Centre MPP, Jeff Burch, introduced Private Member's Bill 164: Protecting Vulnerable Persons in Supportive

Living Accommodation Act, 2019 (the “Bill”) at the Legislative Assembly of Ontario;

AND WHEREAS the Province of Ontario regulates matters under the following statutes:

- a) Child, Youth and Family Services Act, 2017;
- b) Homes for Special Care Act;
- c) Long-Term Care Homes Act, 2007;
- d) Private Hospitals Act;
- e) Public Hospitals Act;
- f) Retirement Homes Act, 2010;
- g) Residential Tenancies Act, 2006;
- h) Services and Supports to Promote the Social Inclusion of Persons with Developmental Disabilities Act, 2008.

AND WHEREAS there is a need for regulating private supportive living accommodations to protect individuals requiring special care;

NOW THEREFORE the City of Port Colborne endorses the Bill and will complete the following:

1. Send a letter to the Premier, the Minister of Government and Consumer Services; the Minister of Health; the Minister of Children, Community, and Social Services; the Minister of Long-Term Care, and carbon copy the Association of Municipalities of Ontario stating the endorsement of the Bill and reasons for its support no later than one (1) month’s time from the passing of this resolution; and,
2. Circulate the resolution endorsing the Bill to all municipalities in Ontario.

CARRIED

3. Chief Administrative Officer, Report 2020-10, Subject: Revised Logo and Branding Update

Moved by Councillor F. Danch
Seconded by Councillor G. Bruno

That Council approve the proposed new logo and design concepts for staff to move forward with the creation of the Corporation’s visual identity guide and subsequent implementation across the city.

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

That consideration of Chief Administrative Officer, Report 2020-10, Subject: Revised Logo and Branding Update be referred to the Corporate Communications Officer for further review of alternative options; and

That the Corporate Communications Officer report back to Council at the February 10, 2020 Committee of the Whole meeting.

CARRIED

4. Planning & Development Department, By-law Enforcement Division, Report 2020-05, Subject: Update with Respect to Council's Request for Proactive Enforcement

Councillor Beauregard declared a conflict with this item and therefore did not vote.

Moved by Councillor R. Bodner
Seconded by Councillor G. Bruno

That Council approve the implementation of a stepped up approach (deal with all complaints in a timely manner and monitor all historical properties and repeat offenders) for 2020 and hire one (1) full-time Enforcement Officer and one (1) additional summer student and purchase one (1) additional AWD vehicle and other miscellaneous materials to support and house the new staff; and

That Council approve the expenditures through the 2020 budget process.

Moved in amendment by Councillor G. Bruno
Seconded by Councillor R. Bodner

That the main motion be amended by removing the following from the first paragraph:

“and hire one (1) full-time Enforcement Officer and one (1) additional summer student and purchase one (1) additional AWD vehicle and other miscellaneous materials to support and house the new staff”

That the main motion be further amended by replacing the second paragraph with the following:

“That the hiring of one (1) full-time Enforcement Officer and one (1) additional summer student and the purchasing of one (1) additional AWD vehicle and other miscellaneous materials to support and house the new staff be referred to the 2020 budget process.”

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

That Council approve the implementation of a stepped up approach (deal with all complaints in a timely manner and monitor all historical properties and repeat offenders) for 2020; and

That the hiring of one (1) full-time Enforcement Officer and one (1) additional summer student and the purchasing of one (1) additional AWD vehicle and other miscellaneous materials to support and house the new staff be referred to the 2020 budget process.

CARRIED

6. Planning & Development Department, Planning Division, Report 2020-09, Subject: Recommendation Report for Official Plan & Zoning By-law Amendment for Cannabis Production Facility

Moved by Councillor R. Bodner

Seconded by Councillor A. Desmarais

That the Official Plan Amendment, attached as Appendix A of the Planning and Development Report No. 2020-09, Recommendation Report for Official Plan & Zoning By-law Amendment for Cannabis Production Facility be approved;

That the Zoning By-law Amendment for cannabis production facility, attached as Appendix B of the Planning and Development Department Report No. 2020-09, Recommendation Report for Official Plan & Zoning By-law Amendment for Cannabis Production Facility be approved; and

That Staff be directed to prepare the Notice of Passing in accordance with the Planning Act and circulate to all applicable parties.

Moved in amendment by Councillor H. Wells

Seconded by Councillor A. Desmarais

That that main motion be amended by adding the following as the second and third paragraphs:

“That the definition of “Air Treatment Control” in Section 1 of By-law No. 6755/06/20 being a by-law to amend Zoning By-law 6575/30/18, as Amended, to Incorporate Regulations for Cannabis Production Facilities, be amended by replacing the words “similar technology” with “alternatively proven technologies”;

“That 2.94 under Section 6 of By-law No. 6755/06/20 being a by-law to amend Zoning By-law 6575/30/18, as Amended, to Incorporation Regulations for Cannabis Production Facilities, be amended by replacing the words “for security purposes” with “solely for security purposes”;

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

That the Official Plan Amendment, attached as Appendix A of the Planning and Development Report No. 2020-09, Recommendation Report for Official Plan & Zoning By-law Amendment for Cannabis Production Facility be approved;

That the definition of “Air Treatment Control” in Section 1 of By-law No. 6755/06/20 being a by-law to amend Zoning By-law 6575/30/18, as Amended, to Incorporate Regulations for Cannabis Production Facilities, be amended by replacing the words “similar technology” with “alternatively proven technologies”;

That 2.94 under Section 6 of By-law No. 6755/06/20 being a by-law to amend Zoning By-law 6575/30/18, as Amended, to Incorporation Regulations for Cannabis Production Facilities, be amended by replacing the words “for security purposes” with “solely for security purposes”;

That the Zoning By-law Amendment for cannabis production facility, attached as Appendix B of the Planning and Development Department Report No. 2020-09, Recommendation Report for Official Plan & Zoning By-law Amendment for Cannabis Production Facility, as amended, be approved; and

That Staff be directed to prepare the Notice of Passing in accordance with the Planning Act and circulate to all applicable parties.

CARRIED

9. Community and Economic Development Department, Health Services Division, Report 2020-13, Subject: Grant Funding Request to Support Community Palliative Care

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

That the City of Port Colborne approve \$25,000 from the Community Health and Wellness Reserve to be provided to Dr. Kim Scher in order to support the costs associated with a Nurse Practitioner.

CARRIED

15. Notice of Motion:

Nil.

16. Adjournment:

Mayor Steele adjourned the meeting at approximately 8:37 p.m.
CARRIED

AL/cm



Good Morning

We at Communities in Bloom Ontario would like to invite your community to participate in Communities in Bloom in 2020.

You will learn about the economic, social and environmental benefits of participation, best practices information, how to make your community more appealing to residents and visitors, and to encourage conservation and sustainability of your Green spaces.

Please visit our new Web site at <https://cibontario.ca/>

To find information on our upcoming workshops and registration information for 2020.

I look forward to hearing from you.

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Ontario CIB
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THE PROGRAM

Communities in Bloom is a Canadian non-profit organization committed to fostering civic pride, environmental responsibility and beautification through community participation and the challenge of a national program, with focus on enhancing green spaces in communities. National beautification programs have flourished in Europe – including Great Britain, France and Ireland – for decades, and were the inspiration for Communities in Bloom.

The program began in 1995 with 29 Canadian communities and has grown to improve the quality of life in hundreds of participating communities in the provincial, national and international editions.

All communities are invited to participate within their population category.

Trained volunteer judges travel across Canada during the summer to evaluate communities and the overall contributions of municipality, businesses & institutions and residents, including volunteer efforts in regards to the following criteria:

Tidiness. Includes an overall tidiness effort. Elements for evaluation are green spaces (parks, etc.), medians, boulevards, sidewalks, streets; municipal, commercial, institutional and residential properties; ditches, road shoulders, vacant lots and buildings; weed control, litter clean-up (including cigarette butts and gum), graffiti and vandalism programs.



Blue Water - Tidiness Award Winner, Sponsored by Osum

Environmental Action. Includes efforts and achievement with respect to: policies, by-laws, programs and best practices, 3-R initiatives (reduce/reuse/recycle), waste reduction, composting sites, hazardous waste collections, water conservation, naturalization, and environmental stewardship activities under the guiding principles of sustainable development pertaining to green spaces.



South Huron - Environmental Action Award Winner- Sponsored by Master's Turf Supply

Heritage Conservation. The criteria includes efforts to preserve heritage within their community. Priority in evaluation is given to natural heritage, as well as the integration of landscape and streetscapes as it pertains to the built heritage of a community. Also consists of preservation of cultural heritage which includes monuments, memorials, artefacts, museums and history, archives, traditions, customs, festivals and celebrations.



Perth & Central Huron - Heritage Conservation Award Winners, Sponsored by Trystan Site Furnishings

Urban Forestry. Includes the efforts with regards to written policies, by-laws, standards for tree management (selection, planting, and maintenance), long and short-term management plans, tree replacement policies, tree inventory, Integrated Pest Management (IPM), heritage, memorial and commemorative trees.



Mississauga - Urban Forestry Award Winner, Sponsored by OPA

Landscape. This section of the evaluation supports all efforts to create an environment showcasing the overall surroundings. The overall plan and design must be suitable for the intended use and location on a year-round basis. Elements for evaluation include: native and introduced materials; balance of plants, materials and constructed elements; appropriate integration of hard surfaces and art elements, use of turf and groundcovers.



Prescott - Landscape Award Winner, Sponsored by Landscape Ontario

Floral Displays. Evaluates efforts to design, plan, execute, and maintain floral displays. Evaluation includes the design and arrangements of flowers and plants (annuals, perennials, bulbs, ornamental grasses) in the context of originality, distribution, location, diversity and balance, colour, and harmony. This pertains to flowerbeds, carpet bedding, containers, baskets and window boxes.



Leamington - Floral Displays Award Winner, Sponsored by Home Hardware

PROGRAM STRUCTURE

Communities in Bloom is designed to be a continuous community improvement program. It is divided into three phases: Provincial, National and International.

Provincial Editions

Communities participate with other communities in their population category within their province. Provincial judges evaluate the communities on the criteria previously listed and award a certificate with a rating of 1 to 5 blooms (5 being the highest ranking) at a provincial awards ceremony in the fall. Any community is allowed to participate in a non-competitive category either to learn about the program or, if they are past participants, to maintain their initiatives, program and committees.

The provincial editions may also include a non-competitive Mentoring category, where an experienced community guides a new community through the process of their first participation. Each provincial organization also offers special programs and categories specific to provincial context and objectives.

PROGRAM COMMITMENT

The participating communities:

- Involve the entire community to participate (with the support of municipal council)
- Prepare for the judging during the summer
- Provide lodging for 1 or 2 nights for 2 judges.
- Provide transportation for the judges to and from the nearest airport/train station
- Attend the Provincial and/or National awards ceremonies.
- Pay a registration fee, based on population categories and level of competition.

THE JUDGES' VISIT – USEFUL TIPS

- Prepare information that addresses all criteria in the evaluation form.
- Make good use of the time spent by the judges in your community, to benefit from their expertise.
- The judges' itinerary should include all of the criteria.
- Provide the judges with the opportunity to interact with key individuals and network in your community.
- Let them see that you are proud of your achievements.



Capreol - Community Involvement Award Winner, Sponsored by OPA

AWARDS CEREMONIES

The Provincial Awards Ceremonies will be held at the Town of Perth on September 26, 2015 and will include presentations and awards to all participants along with the judges' feedback.

PROGRAM BENEFITS

Communities have recognized numerous benefits from participating in the program:

- Increased civic pride and community involvement
- Environmental stewardship through the enhancement of green spaces
- Mobilization of citizens, groups, organizations, businesses and the municipality
- Best practices and Information exchange
- Valuable information and feedback from the judges
- Economic development and increased property values
- Marketing and promotional opportunities
- Positive benefits for the tourism, hospitality and retail industries
- Improved quality of life
- Participation from all ages and walks of life of the community

OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

Awards are also part of the provincial and national editions and recognize exemplary achievement in each criteria, plus other special initiatives.



Prescott - Youth Involvement Award Winner, Sponsored by Master's Turf Supply

PROCESS FOR PARTICIPATION

Registration

Helpful Information on the program and the evaluation form are available at:

www.cibontario.ca and www.communitiesinbloom.ca

You can register online at: www.communitiesinbloom.ca/cib2015

Please contact us at: 1-888-991-9319 or bloom@cib-cef.com

Your Local Committee

The committee is usually composed of local citizens, including one member of council and members of associations, businesses and organizations interested in horticulture, heritage and improving community life.

The committee's objectives are:

- To involve the community by means of local contests, which increase awareness about the program, its benefits and opportunities.
- To act as a liaison with the municipal authorities and Communities in Bloom.

Budget

While participation in the program does not require considerable financial resources, obtaining funds to promote the program, involve the community, honour participants and volunteers, attend the award ceremonies, etc. is recommended.

It is suggested for the community to prepare an estimated budget and to find sources of funding, such as fundraising programs, community events, etc.

Communities in Bloom can provide fundraising ideas and examples from other communities.

Bloom Ratings

Communities are rated from 1 - 5 blooms

Up to 55 points:	1	bloom
56-63 points:	2	blooms
64-72 points:	3	blooms
73-81 points:	4	blooms
82 points and up :	5	blooms

***New in 2015:** There will be four (4) levels of 5 Blooms exclusive to the National and International Edition, for evaluated communities only.

5 Blooms:	82 to 83.9%
5 Blooms (Bronze):	84 to 86.9%
5 Blooms (Silver):	87 to 89.9%
5 Blooms (Gold):	90% and over

- A community does not have to be entered in a competitive category, but will need to be evaluated



Greater Napanee - Community of Gardeners Award Winner, Sponsored by Scotts Canada

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2020 ONTARIO

REGISTRATION DEADLINE: APRIL 30

(extension possible upon request)

Community (please indicate if City, Town, Village, etc.)		Population	Mayor or Head of Council
Name of Community Contact		Position / Title	
Address		Province	Postal Code
()	()	()	()
Phone	Fax	Cell Phone	Evening Phone
E-mail		Preferred evaluation date* * will be considered but cannot be guaranteed	
CATEGORY: Population (evaluation) <input type="checkbox"/>		Friends (non-evaluated) <input type="checkbox"/>	

Population Category (community is evaluated):

- two volunteer judges visit and evaluates the community to provide a **report, mention and bloom rating**
- evaluation will be planned to be scheduled for two days with accommodation provided by the host community
- The evaluation will take place in July or August. The dates are determined in consultation with the community subject to the availability of the volunteer judges.

Friends Category (community is not evaluated):

- community is not evaluated : becomes part of the Communities in Bloom network

Benefits of participation

- Communities in Bloom provides access to a reputable **information exchange network**
- **Economic, Social and Environmental** benefits (as detailed in program information)
- Promotion of the community in the **Ontario Edition** and during the **Awards Ceremonies** in September

Registration fees

- payment by Cheque is requested at registration by mail. If you wish you may email the registration form with the cheque to follow.
- **Population (evaluated):**
 - Up to 5,000: \$ 400
 - 5,001 to 10,000: \$ 575
 - 10,001 to 20,000: \$ 700
 - 20,001 to 50,000: \$ 850
 - Over 50,000 : \$ 1000

Friends (non-evaluated):

- \$ 250

Mail, your completed registration form and Cheque to:
Communities in Bloom Ontario
 276 Martha St. Goderich, ON N7A 4N1
 quinn@hurontel.on.ca



MAYOR'S REPORT – JANUARY 27, 2020

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).

SPORTSFEST

It's almost 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. Check out the city website for a full list of activities.

The Mayor's Cup Invitational Hockey Tournament will have your Port Colborne team playing at 6 pm on Friday night and 2 and 4 pm on Saturday at the Vale Health & Wellness Centre. Come out and cheer us on.

The final event of the weekend is the Polar Plunge to raise money for Special Olympics. Registration will take place at the boat launch at H.H. Knoll Lakeview Park on Sunday at 1 pm with the plunge happening at 3 p.m. Come out and cheer on the PORTicipants who will be Freezin' for a Reason.

PHOTO CONTEST DEADLINE

Our #PortColborneProud photo contest deadline is approaching on January 31st.

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.

All details of how to submit your photos is on the city's website.