

**City of Port Colborne
Regular Committee of the Whole Meeting 18-18
Minutes**

Date: September 10, 2018

Time: 6:32 p.m.

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

Members Present:

B. Butters, Councillor
F. Danch, Councillor
A. Desmarais, Councillor
D. Elliott, Councillor
J. Maloney, Mayor (presiding officer)
J. Mayne, Councillor

Absent: R. Bodner, Councillor (due to a work commitment)
Y. Doucet, Councillor (due to vacation)
B. Kenny, Councillor (due to vacation)

Staff Present:

T. Cartwright, Fire Chief
A. Grigg, Director of Community and Economic Development
N. Halasz, Manager of Parks and Recreation
S. Hanson, Supervisor, By-law Enforcement Division
A. LaPointe, Manager of Legislative Services/City Clerk
C. Lee, Director of Engineering and Operations
S. Luey, Chief Administrative Officer
C. McIntosh, Deputy Clerk (minutes)
D. Rollo, Health Services Coordinator

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

1. Call to Order:

Mayor Maloney called the meeting to order.

2. Introduction of Addendum Items:

Addition:

The addition of item 6, request for a road closure for the 2018 Niagara Falls Barrelman Triathlon event on September 16, 2018.

By general consensus item 10 (Delegations) of the Committee of the Whole Agenda was brought forward for consideration after the Adoption of Minutes. The minutes reflect the order of the agenda.

3. Confirmation of Agenda:

Moved by Councillor D. Elliott
Seconded by Councillor J. Mayne

That the agenda dated September 10, 2018 be confirmed, as circulated or as amended.

CARRIED.

4. Disclosures of Interest:

Nil.

5. Adoption of Minutes:

(a) Regular meeting of Committee of the Whole 17-18, held on August 27, 2018

Moved by Councillor D. Elliott
Seconded by Councillor F. Danch

(a) That the minutes of the regular meeting of the Committee of the Whole 17-18, held on August 27, 2018, be approved as presented.

CARRIED.

6. Determination of Items Requiring Separate Discussion:

The following item was identified for separate discussion:

Item 2.

7. Approval of Items Not Requiring Separate Discussion:

Moved by Councillor A. Desmarais
Seconded by Councillor B. Butters

That items 1 to 6 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. Community and Economic Development Department, Parks and Recreation Division, Report 2018-126, Subject: Eighth Annual Downtown Harvest Festival

Committee of the Whole recommends:

That the request to host the eighth annual HarvestFest on Saturday, September 29, 2018 from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., as outlined in

Community and Economic Development Department, Parks and Recreation Division Report 2018-126, be approved;

That Market Square be closed to vehicular traffic from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. on September 29, 2018;

That emergency services, including ambulance, police and fire, and public works and public utility vehicles, be exempt from the above noted closure;

That the Engineering and Operations Department be directed to install and retrieve road closure barricades at the predetermined locations requiring same;

That the fee for a Noise By-law Exemption application, to be submitted to the By-law Enforcement Division, be waived;

That the permit fee for the use of the King George Park, be waived;

That all other permit/application fees and charges associated with 2018 HarvestFest, including the provision of hydro access and picnic tables, be waived;

That the Event Organizer submit a site plan prior to the event for review and approval by the Event Coordinator indicating the following: emergency access, locations of music stage, type and location of any food vendors, in compliance with Public Health requirements;

That the Event Organizer ensure that Certificates of Insurance are submitted from all third party vendors naming the BIA and City of Port Colborne as additional insured no less than \$2 million per occurrence in accordance with City's insurance requirements.

That the appropriate by-law be presented for approval.

3. Stephen Covey, Chief of Police and Chief Security Officer, CN Re: Request for Proclamation of Rail Safety Week, September 23 – 29, 2018

Committee of the Whole recommends:

That September 23 – 29, 2018 be proclaimed as "Public – Rail Safety Week" in the City of Port Colborne in accordance with the request received from Stephen Covey, Chief of Police and Chief Security Officer, CN.

4. Town of Fort Erie Re: The Right of Passage Act

Committee of the Whole recommends:

That the resolution received from the Town of Fort Erie Re: The Right of Passage Act respecting the Great Lakes Shorelines, be supported.

5. Niagara Police Services Board Re: Salvage/Scrap Yards – Niagara Police Services Board Licensing By-law

Committee of the Whole recommends:

That the correspondence received from Deb Reid, Executive Director, Niagara Police Services Board Re: Salvage/Scrap Yards – Niagara Police Services Board Licensing By-law, be received for information.

6. Niagara Falls Barrelman Triathlon event on September 16, 2018

Committee of the Whole recommends:

That the road closure necessary for the 2018 Niagara Falls Barrelman Triathlon event on September 16, 2018, as requested by Mr. Chris Pickering, be approved; and

That Elm Street between Stonebridge Drive and Forks Road be closed to general vehicular traffic and parking from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.; and

That emergency service vehicles, including ambulance, police and fire, as well as public works and public utility vehicles, be exempt from the above noted closures; and

That members, qualified participants, and participants of the Niagara Falls Barrelman Triathlon, be exempt from the above noted closures, through the issuance of an authorized permit; and

That the Niagara Falls Barrelman Triathlon be required to file a Certificate of Insurance, naming the City as an additional insured, in the amount of \$2,000,000, prior to the event; and

That traffic barricades be supplied by Public Works staff, on September 16, 2018 to, and delivered before the start of the race at the predetermined location requiring barricades; and

That the appropriate by-law be presented for approval.

CARRIED.

8. Presentations:

Nil.

9. Delegations:

- (a) **Laurie Elliott Leach, Safety at Home Program Manager and Darlene Upper, Snow Buddie Coordinator, regarding programs provided by Community Support Services of Niagara**

Laurie Elliott Leach presented with respect to the Safety at Home program and Darlene Upper presented with respect to the Snow Buddies program, provided by Community Support Services of Niagara. Ms. Upper advised that there are twelve clients in need in Port Colborne, however there are no volunteers from the community. The presentation is attached.

- (b) **Vic Kerschl, Chair, Board of Directors, Alzheimer Society Niagara Foundation regarding the 2018 Coffee Break Campaign and updates regarding dementia in the Niagara Region**

Vic Kerschl provided a verbal presentation with respect to the 2018 Coffee Break for Alzheimer's Campaign. A copy of the presentation is attached. The City of Port Colborne is holding a Coffee Break fundraiser for the Alzheimer's Society at the Farmers' Market on Friday, September 21, 2018.

10. Mayor's Report:

A copy of the Mayor's Report is attached.

11. Regional Councillor's Report:

Regional Councillor Barrick provided a synopsis of the Niagara Region's 2015-2018 Council Strategic Priority Projects. Regional Councillor Barrick also advised that although he is a member of the Police Services Board, he does not represent the Board for the purposes of the evening's public meeting but that he would bring concerns back to the Police Services Board.

12. Councillors' Items:

- a) **Parking at Pleasant Beach (Butters)**

Councillor Butters advised that she received a request from a resident to increase the no parking area at Pleasant Beach.

- b) **Pleasant Beach Signage (Butters)**

In response to an inquiry by Councillor Butters with respect to the timeline for installation of directional signage to Nickel and Centennial beaches, the Chief Administrative Officer advised that the City is undertaking a parks and recreation master plan and directional and wayfinding signage will be considered in the plan therefore it is anticipated that the directional signage may be in place for summer 2019.

c) Niagara Peninsula Conservation Authority (Butters)

In response to an inquiry by Councillor Butters with respect to the closed session meeting the NPCA held with respect to the Auditor General's report, the Mayor advised that he was unable to comment on the closed session meeting and that he anticipates the release of the full report shortly.

e) Stop signs at Chippawa Road and Berkley Avenue (Desmarais)

Councillor Desmarais advised that she has received complaints from residents about the stop signs at Chippawa Road and Berkley Avenue. The Director of Engineering and Operations advised that he would direct staff to review the intersection for improvements.

f) Intersection of Killaly Street East and Elizabeth Street (Desmarais)

In response to Councillor Desmarais' concern with respect to the intersection of Killaly Street East and Elizabeth Street and her request for a traffic study at the intersection, the Chief Administrative Officer advised that Council previously considered this item and since Council decided not to take action on this item, this was direction to staff not to initiate a traffic study or explore other options with respect to the intersection.

Staff Responses to Previous Councillor Enquiries:

Nil.

13. Consideration of Items Requiring Separate Discussion:

2. Public Meeting to Discuss Vandalism in Downtown Port Colborne

This meeting was called to address concerns reported by residents and business owners in the downtown area. City Council heard delegations from the public and discuss how to improve conditions in the future.

a) Staff Sergeant Rob LaPlante and Deputy Police Chief Brett Flynn, Niagara Regional Police Services

Staff Sergeant Rob LaPlante advised that with input from citizens, business owners, Council and City staff at the meeting and in the future, the police can implement operational solutions to make the City a safer place for visitors and residents. Staff Sergeant LaPlante provided a powerpoint presentation to with respect to the 6 District Detachment - Port Colborne, NRPS resources, 6 District statistics and crime prevention tips. A copy of the presentation is attached.

b) Betty Konc, Chair, Downtown Business Improvement Area

Betty Konc provided a verbal presentation and expressed the belief that there are a complex set of issues including joblessness, homelessness and mental health that are driving the vandalism and negative issues in the downtown area. Ms. Konc suggested that a community committee be implemented to address the issues occurring in the downtown, that the Staff Sergeant visit downtown businesses to recommend how business owners can increase security, and that CCTV cameras could be a budget consideration for the downtown area.

c) Fred Davies, CEO Laketown Investments and President, Niagara Business & Innovation Fund

Fred Davies provided a verbal presentation and related concerns with respect to the vandalism, theft and people behaving badly in the downtown area. A copy of the presentation is attached.

d) Brian Abbott, 30 Ridgewood Avenue

Brian Abbott expressed concerns with respect to the number of questions asked by the 911 dispatch and length of time it took when he called to report an act of indecent exposure as well as the lack of follow up by the NRPS.

e) Kim Simons, Port Colborne

Kim Simons provided a verbal presentation expressing her concern about criminal activity by tenants of supportive living facilities that are unregulated boarding homes in the City that provide precarious housing to destitute people who often come from outside of the City, having been discharged from the St. Catharines hospital or corrections facilities. Ms. Simons advised that municipalities such as Ottawa, Hamilton and London adopted by-laws to regulate these facilities and upon a request by Councillor Desmarais, Ms. Simons agreed to address the Social Determinants of Health Committee about this issue.

f) Rick Osborne, Owner, Ozzy's Garage (youth mentorship program), 25 Charlotte Street

Rick Osborne provided suggestions about how to make changes to the environment to deter crime, including blocking alleyways, removing places where people can hide and increased police visibility.

g) Bob Saracino, representing the Royal Canadian Legion Branch 56

Bob Saracino expressed concern about people sleeping behind the Legion's patio and finding needles on the property. The Chief Administrative Officer advised that property owners are responsible for

cleaning private property and that directions for proper disposal of needles are provided on the Region's website. The Chief Administrative Officer also advised that the Region or City will dispose of needles on public property reported to the waste information line or the City's public works number.

h) Brad Cutler, 266 West Street

Brad Cutler expressed the concern about escalating problems such as people stealing from the Salvation Army at night and physical violence. Mr. Cutler noted that the East Village Task Force made some impact on issues facing the East Village and advised that he would volunteer to be a part of a committee to address issues in the downtown.

i) Shawn Tedder, Niagara Falls

Shawn Tedder provided suggestions to improve conditions in the downtown including, a needle exchange program, a graffiti wall to deter vandalism, proper lighting, clothing receptacles that cannot be opened and a neighbourhood watch program.

j) Christine Clark-Lafleur, Port Cares

Christine Clark-Lafleur advised that Port Cares is working collectively with the police and community agencies through the PORTal program to take action to help people in the community who are in dangerous circumstances. Ms. Clark-Lafleur noted that the crime in the downtown is being committed by a few individuals and asked that the public recognize the distinction between people in need and individuals who want to cause social chaos.

k) Norman Leon, 629 Clarence Street

Norman Leon provided a verbal presentation and provided suggestions about how to address crime in the downtown and surrounding neighbourhoods. A copy of the presentation is attached.

Moved by Councillor A. Desmarais
Seconded by Councillor B. Butters

That the rules respecting delegations, as outlined under Section 10 of the Procedural By-law, be suspended in order to permit members of the public to speak regarding concerns about crime in the downtown area and how to improve conditions in the future.

CARRIED.

l) Ted Kalailieff, 15 Charlotte Street

Ted Kalailieff advised that thefts are occurring in the downtown area that people are not reporting and expressed concern with the length of time 911 dispatch questions a caller prior to dispatching police.

m) Chantale Tetroe, 27 Main Street East

Chantale Tetroe expressed concern with the consumption of drugs and youth who have broken into her business.

n) Norbert Gieger, 188 West Street

Norbert Gieger suggested that better communication and people working together are the best ways to solve the problems occurring in the community.

o) Janice Phillips, 481 Sugarloaf Street

Janice Phillips advised that there are a number of people living in tents at the quarry. Sherry Hanson, Supervisor of the By-law Enforcement Division advised that staff is working with the private property owner to remove the people from the property.

p) Jesse Boles, Green Apple Coffee House, West Street

Jesse Boles advised that his business was broken into and expressed concern about the perceived lack of action or consequences to offenders. Mr. Boles also expressed concern about harassment, loitering and squatters in the downtown area.

14. Notice of Motion:

Nil.

15. Adjournment:

Moved by Councillor F. Danch
Seconded by Councillor J. Mayne

That the Committee of the Whole meeting be adjourned at approximately 9:44 p.m.

CARRIED.



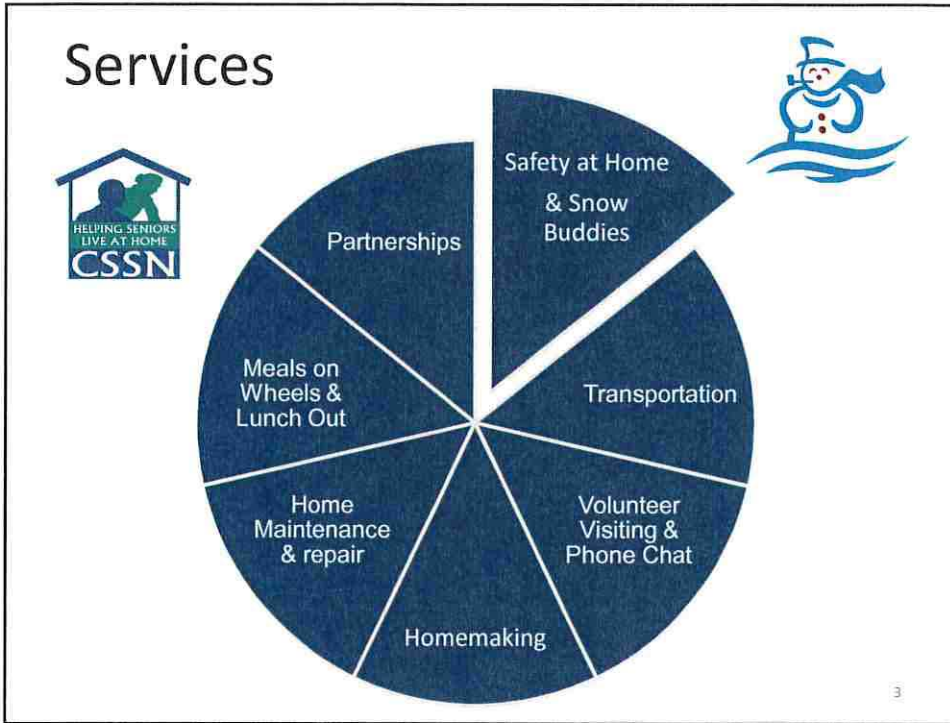
Community Support Services of Niagara

September 10, 2018
Port Colborne City Hall



“We help seniors live at home”

- Serve both seniors & adults with disabilities
- Non-profit; funding from the LHIN
- 3 offices; St.Catharines; Welland; Beamsville
- CSSN: Serving all of the Niagara Region
- Many services supported by volunteers



DID YOU KNOW?

- **Every 10 minutes** at least one senior visits an emergency department due to a fall^[1]
- **In Niagara, falls are the leading cause of injury related to hospital admissions.** In 2016 there were 18400 ED visits⁽²⁾
- **\$962 million** is the estimated annual cost for senior's falls in Ontario^[1]

[1] "The Economic Burden of Injury in Ontario" SMARTRISK – 2006 report 18400 ED visits

2 "Ambulatory Emergency External Cause (2000-16)



Why do you need to know this?



Why Safety at Home?


- People are injured at home more than any other location
- This program can help people stay living independent in their home





How “Safety at Home” helps?

Promoting Independence & Mobility

- Free individualized home visit & referrals
- Snow removal volunteers “Snow Buddies” 
- Assistive devices subsidy option
- Home modifications
- Brokered worker; Home Maintenance & Repair

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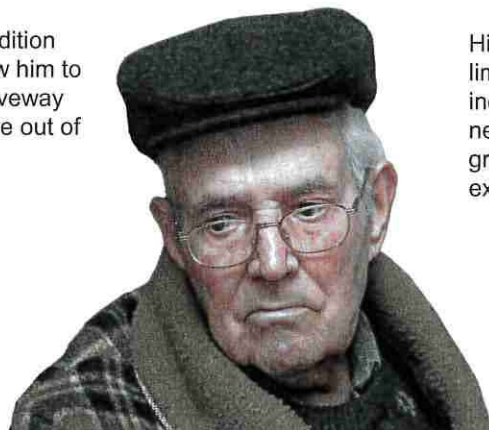


Leaf & Snow Buddies



Profile of a CSSN Client

His heart condition does not allow him to shovel his driveway
... His kids live out of town



His income is limited...expenses include medical needs, medications, groceries and home expenses

Leaf & Snow Buddies help a senior stay independent and safe in their homes.... Allowing support services to get to his home and allowing him to leave for medical appointments and the grocery store..... Snow Buddies can help him not feel trapped in his own house in the winter.

Leaf Buddies

- ✓ A lot of seniors also need support in the fall
- ✓ Prevents falls
- ✓ Gives students more volunteer hours
- ✓ Matching earlier and carries into the winter
- ✓ Community involvement; helping a neighbour
- ✓ Intergenerational interaction
- ✓ Free support; people cannot afford to pay





Snow Buddies



- ✓ Match volunteers with seniors
- ✓ Provide FREE snow removal
- ✓ Prevent slips & falls
- ✓ Volunteer opportunity
- ✓ A support for seniors



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What we have accomplished:



Media



Partnerships



Ambassador Award

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What are we asking of you?

- Continue to be Supportive of Leaf & Snow Buddies**
- Encourage students** to volunteer with the Leaf & Snow Buddies program
- You have been a Champion Partner**





Thank you

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Snow/Leaf Buddie Coordinator
dupper@cssn.ca 905-682-3800 ext 35



Laurie Elliott Leach
Safety at Home Program Manager
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Alzheimer Society of Niagara Region – 23rd Annual Coffee Break

City of Port Colborne, Mayor John Maloney

Presenter: Vic Kerschl

Alzheimer Society of Niagara Region

September 10, 2018 – 6:30 pm

Mayor Maloney, members of council, City staff and members of the public, my name is Vic Kerschl, Chair of the Board of Directors for the Alzheimer Society of Niagara Foundation. Thank you for the opportunity to appear before you this evening and share information about our Annual Coffee Break campaign, now in its 23rd year.

Originally the inspiration of the Niagara Alzheimer Society, Coffee Break is now the longest-standing national annual fundraising event for Alzheimer societies across Canada. Thousands of Coffee Breaks are held each year and annually raises more than \$1 Million to support the work of local Alzheimer Societies.

National Coffee Break Day is Thursday, September 20th, and we anticipate that more than 10,000 Coffee Breaks will take place across the country that day. In the Niagara Region, our Campaign will kick off in St. Catharines at the Lake Street Meridian Credit Union with a lunch with this year's Honourary Chair, Wade Stayzer, Senior Vice President and Chief Member Experience Officer for Meridian Credit Union. From 12 noon to 2 pm, Johnny Rocca's mobile pizza truck will be selling pizza with partial proceeds being donated back to the event, along with free ice cream samples from Marble Slab Creamery and Tim Hortons coffee from the Riediger Family.

Alzheimer's disease, already the seventh-leading cause of death in Canada, continues to grow as a public health concern as the number of Canadians with dementia rises. The latest statistics from Alzheimer Canada indicate that as of today, there are over half a million Canadians living with dementia - plus about 25,000 new cases diagnosed every year. By 2031, that number is expected to rise to 937,000, an increase of 66

per cent. The annual cost to care for those with dementia is currently estimated at \$10.4 billion.

Dementia doesn't discriminate – it can affect anyone regardless of background, education, lifestyle or status. It is not a normal part of aging. It's one of the fastest-growing diseases of our time, but still has no cure or effective treatments. Dementia is also a health condition with important social implications that impacts our communities. There is often a lack of awareness and understanding of dementia, resulting in stigmatization and barriers to diagnosis and care.

In the Niagara Region, there are over 10,000 people experiencing a progressive dementia and the number of cases continues to grow. Last year, we saw more than 1,900 new referrals to our Society and educated more than 11,000 Niagara residents and frontline staff. With a diagnosis of dementia, an individual and their family most likely will have questions about what it means, what to do and who can help, both in the short term and in planning for the future. Our service provision includes all individuals impacted by the diagnosis of dementia - spouses, families and friends who also need education and support to facilitate lifestyle, health and wellness changes for their family member.

The Alzheimer Society of Niagara Region is a recognized leader in the field of Dementia Care. Our vision is a community where individuals with dementia and their care partners are fully supported to maximize their quality of life and well-being. Working in partnership with those living with dementia, their care partners and the broader community, we offer a range of specialized programs and services that provide information, education, support and advocacy at every stage of the dementia journey.

Our goal is to enhance safety and independence within the home and community, strengthen resilience and coping capacity, and ensure that people living with dementia continue to participate in family and community life for as long as possible.

We offer people living with dementia a welcoming place where they can access information and support, as well as connect with others who share a similar experience. By accessing education, personalized in-home support services and wellness programs, families can better understand dementia, navigate the health system and access the resources they need

when they need them. We have had tremendous success with our Brain Wave Cafes that are offered in 6 communities across the Region.

To support a large variety of programs, the majority of which focus on those with early stage dementia and are provided at no charge to individuals or their families, our Society must fundraise for approximately \$500,000 each year and Coffee Break is our signature event.

Coffee Breaks are an opportunity to invite your friends, family, neighbours, co-workers, clients or customers to come together to enjoy a cup of coffee or other beverage and even treats at a break time or another social get-together in exchange for making a donation to support the work of your local Alzheimer Society.

Hosting a coffee break is easy to organize and provides a fun social opportunity. Our Society supplies each host with a free kit, while hosts supply the people and place. The kit includes coffee for that first pot, supplied locally by Barclay & Todd's, promotional signage and literature, as well as a donation box to support each event. While many of the Alzheimer Coffee Breaks in Canada will be held on the National Day, you can choose a date that is more convenient for you, since the Niagara campaign runs from September through to December. You may even consider organizing your event to coincide with World Alzheimer Day, which is September 21st.

Coffee Break events are held in homes, work places, community centres, schools, churches, city halls, stores, businesses – just about anywhere you can imagine a social gathering taking place, and where coffee, other beverages, or food and goodies can be served and a donation collected. Some of the most successful events have been a result of doing something a little different. Whether it's a barbecue, open house, raffle, dress-down days, selling coffee cup or forget-me-not decals or rounding up your bill at the cash register, no Coffee Break event is too big or too small and each one truly makes a difference in the lives of those living with the effects of dementia in the Niagara Region!

Thanks to this Council and over 100 hosts, we raised close to \$70,000 last year.


Organizing or taking part in a Coffee Break event in your community not only raises much-needed funds, but it can raise awareness and encourage discussion about Alzheimer's disease and dementia. You not only make all of the Society's accomplishments possible, but you ensure that individuals and their families – your loved ones, friends and neighbours, know that they are not alone in their journey.

Consider hosting a Coffee Break event this year and 'make your coffee count'. It's a fun and easy way to show your support for the Alzheimer Society. Anyone can register for a free Coffee Break kit by calling the Alzheimer Society of Niagara Region at 905-687-3914 or by visiting the website at www.alzheimerniagara.ca.

Thank you for your time this evening and your consideration in making a difference in your community today and making memories matter.

Mayor Maloney, may I please present you with your Coffee Break Host Kit? (present kit). Thank you.

NIAGARA REGIONAL POLICE SERVICE PORT COLBORNE PUBLIC MEETING




SEPTEMBER 10, 2018

Agenda

- 6 District - who are we?
- NRPS Resources
- 6 District statistics
- Crime prevention tips

NRPS 6 District

6 District provides front line policing services to the citizens and visitors of Port Colborne & Wainfleet.



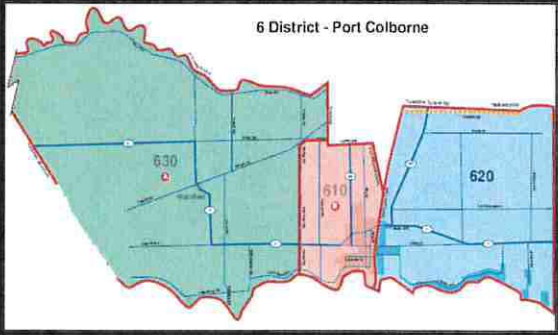
Population

- Port Colborne – 18,306
- Wainfleet – 6,372
- 20 million² visitors annually


1-2016 Canada Census
2-Port Colborne Economic Development Brochure

6 District Patrol Area


6 District - Port Colborne



NRPS 6 District

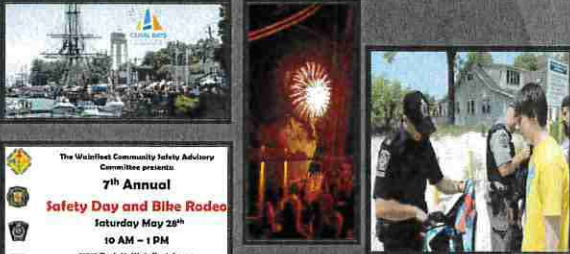


Uniform members efforts include both proactive initiatives to address concerns – usually identified by the community, as well as, reactive responses to a wide variety of calls for service.



6 District initiatives include: targeted traffic enforcement, ATV patrols & community engagement patrol (foot patrol).

NRPS 6 District



The Wellfleet Community Safety Advisory Committee presents:

7th Annual Safety Day and Bike Rodeo

Saturday May 22nd
10 AM – 1 PM
2877 Park St. Wellfleet Arena

- Kids of Police! - Fun Safety Broom Hunt!
- Free Admission! - Complimentary refreshments!
- Many Safety exhibits!

NRPS 6 District

Port- All Situation Table

- ⊙ Situation Tables initiated in Prince Albert Saskatchewan in 2011
- ⊙ Over 50 Situation Tables operating throughout Ontario
- ⊙ Port-all represents first Situation Table in Niagara Region
- ⊙ 11 agencies represented
- ⊙ Designed to assist persons in the community
- ⊙ Multi-agency response for rapid intervention strategies
- ⊙ Assisting persons who are experiencing acutely elevated risk of harm

Port-All Representatives

- ⊙ NRPS
- ⊙ Port Cares
- ⊙ Bridges Community Health Centre
- ⊙ Community Living of PTC / WFLT
- ⊙ Gateway Residential and Community Support Services of Niagara
- ⊙ Canadian Mental Health Association
- ⊙ Pathstone Mental Health
- ⊙ City of Port Colborne By-Law Dept.
- ⊙ RMON Community Mental Health
- ⊙ Community Addiction Services of Niagara
- ⊙ Contact Niagara
- ⊙ The Raft
- ⊙ Family Children Services (FACS)

NRPS 6 District

NRPS School Resource Officer (SRO)

Mandate – Support and educate Port Colborne youths while building a positive relationship with students , staff and the public.

Locations - Port Colborne High School
Lakeshore Catholic High School

Goal - Work with the students, parents, school staff and local business to promote positive relations between youth, the police and the school's neighbors.

NRPS 6 District

Ⓢ A District Detective Office is located in each of the districts and acts as a general investigative unit to investigate criminal matters, except those assigned to Uniformed members or other specialty units.

Types Of Investigations		
Attempt murders	Suspicious deaths & circumstances	
Deaths that may require an inquest	Firearms and offensive weapons crimes	
Serious assaults	Criminal harassment (stalking)	
Robberies	Thefts over \$3000	
Bomb threats	Missing persons	
Mischief (damages)	Assault/obstruct police	
Officer involved shooting (non - SIU)	Other – requiring detective office expertise	
Street Crime Unit		
Street level drugs	Break & enters	Other street level crimes

NRPS Resources

INVESTIGATIVE SUPPORT

- Major Crime Homicide Unit
- Forensic Services
- Central Fraud
- Polygraph

S.I.S.

- Intelligence Unit
- Morality Unit
- Guns, Gangs & Grows
- Opiate
- Education/Enforcement Unit
- Surveillance Unit

SPECIAL VICTIMS

- Child Abuse
- Sexual Assault
- Domestic Violence
- Offender Management
- E Crimes
- Crime Analysis

NRPS Resources cont....

- I.C.E. UNIT
- Technological Crimes Unit
- Computer Cyber Crime Unit (C3)
- Collision Reconstruction Unit
- Traffic Enforcement Unit

- Emergency Task Unit (ETU)
- K9 Unit
- Underwater Search and Recovery Unit (USRU)
- Corporate Communication and Community Engagement
- NRPS Auxiliary Unit

6 District Statistics

January 1 to December 31, 2016
January 1 to December 31, 2017
January 1 to August 30, 2018

	2016	2017	2018 (year-to-date)
BRE commitment	137	183	96
Assaults	80	74	48
Homicide	2	0	0
Robbery	5	2	2
Mischief under cover	89	94	78
Noise comp.	5 (140)	12 (164)	5 (81)
MVC's	278	244	162

6 District Stats by Zones

2016					2017				
Count of 610	Column Labels			Grand Total	Count of 610	Column Labels			Grand Total
Row Labels	610	620	630 (blank)	Grand Total	Row Labels	610	620	630 (blank)	Grand Total
ASSAULT	41	29	12	80	ASSAULT	41	20	11	74
BRE	59	53	24	136	BRE	94	63	22	182
HOMICIDE	1			1	HOMICIDE				1
MISCHIEF	66	33	10	109	MISCHIEF	59	39	13	91
MVC	137	73	68	278	MVC	123	55	66	244
NOISE COMPLAINT	1	2	2	5	NOISE COMPLAINT	1	9	2	12
ROBBERY	3	2		5	ROBBERY	1	1		2
(blank)			1	1	(blank)				1
Grand Total	290	188	117	595	Grand Total	309	188	114	611

2018 year-to-date				
Count of 610	Column Labels			Grand Total
Row Labels	610	620	630 (blank)	Grand Total
ASSAULT	25	19	4	48
BRE	42	26	27	95
HOMICIDE				
MISCHIEF	35	28	15	78
MVC	78	46	38	162
NOISE COMPLAINT	1	3	1	5
ROBBERY	2			2
(blank)				
Grand Total	183	122	85	390

Crime Prevention Tips

- ALWAYS lock your vehicles
- ALWAYS take your keys with you
- NEVER EVER LEAVE CHILDREN in a vehicle that is unattended or running
- DO NOT leave your vehicle running when unattended
- DO NOT leave any valuables in a vehicle in plain view
- Park your vehicles inside the garage if you have one
- Use your remote to unlock your vehicle, especially at night. This will activate interior dome light.



Don't become a victim of crime, it is simple to safeguard your vehicle and your property.

Home Security and Target Hardening

- Arrange for mail and flyer pick up, grass cutting and/or snow removal.
- Tell a trusted neighbor(s) when you will be away and your date of return
- Consider a house sitter for short periods away—trusted friend or relative
- Lock all doors and windows when away
- Lock all doors when at home or in the yard
- Garages with home access—lock entry door to home
- Lock detached sheds and gates
- Install motion sensor lights outdoors
- Video surveillance – install CCTV cameras and recording device

Home Security and Target Hardening

- ⊗ Indoor lights on timers with varying times
- ⊗ Alarm systems are a deterrent not a guarantee
- ⊗ Secure valuables within the house— safes are good but it should be lag bolted into studs or concrete so that it cannot be easily removed
- ⊗ Safes should be located discreetly within the home (furnace room is better than the master bedroom closet)
- ⊗ Shred all personal information before recycling (identity theft)
- ⊗ Park your vehicles inside the garage if you have one

NRPS Reporting

1. **Emergency** 9-1-1
2. **Non-emergency** (905) 688-4111

3. Report a Crime On-line


- ⊗ Use only if it's NOT an emergency.
- ⊗ You **MUST** have a valid email address to use this system.
- ⊗ Use only if there are NO known suspects; if a suspect is known, please contact us.
- ⊗ Use to report:
 - ⊗ Lost property
 - ⊗ Supplemental
 - ⊗ Theft under \$10,000.00
 - ⊗ Damage / Mischief to Property
 - ⊗ Theft from Vehicle
 - ⊗ Damage / Mischief to Vehicle

4. Crime Stoppers

Information

www.niagarapolice.ca


- ⊗ Alarm program
- ⊗ Child Seat Safety
- ⊗ Community Safety info
- ⊗ Crime Prevention strategies
- ⊗ Internet Transaction Zones
- ⊗ Know Your Neighbor program
- ⊗ Road Safety Tips



Crime Reports

- ⊗ Provides neighborhoods with valuable info about recent crime activity
- ⊗ Be vigilant, implement crime awareness and prevention efforts

Thank You



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905 - 688 - 4111 x3200

EMERGENCY
9-1-1

- We have a big problem but we can't lose sight of the fact that we have a downtown that is growing and new opportunities are being created. We are on the verge of something better than we have had in many decades.
- Clarify: We don't want to exaggerate the problem or create a view that Port Colborne is not generally safe. Port Colborne is not alone with these issues.
- **Every few years we seem to return to a disproportionate level of vandalism, theft and a bunch of people behaving badly.**
- I've been told before that for the most part, the trouble-makers eventually move on, but that is no longer a viable solution if we want to create and maintain a positive investment climate.
- Many people here have significant investments in the downtown and the community. We are not here to point fingers, but to find solutions.
- Clarify another point: - I see well dressed people with nice cars stealing too.
- But there is a high level of frustration. As much as the police want reports to be made, there appears to be very little investigation, visibility and follow up.
- I spend more time downtown than most people and I see an increasing level of suspicious activity. I was assaulted a few weeks ago, in the middle of the day, on Clarence Street.
- There have been several attempts to break into our buildings downtown. Security cameras have been broken. This has happened in several other places as well.

- I am interested in learning how the NRP can step up the activity, help us find some solutions, but we need a multi pronged approach:
 - Security Cameras downtown – we've talked about this before.
 - Live security options with patrols through the business community
 - Bylaw enforcement

- The business community needs to buy into the solutions, perhaps through a small increase in BIA assessment to help pay for additional security.
- City Hall needs to help us too.
- The police need to help us solve this too. With all due respect to the police, we pay big taxes and expect more than what we are getting at the moment.



PORT COLBORNE

Mayor's Report to the September 10, 2018 Council Meeting

Fire Chief of the Year Award

Port Colborne Fire & Emergency Services Chief Thomas B. Cartwright is the recipient of the Ontario Municipal Fire Prevention Officers Association Fire Chief of the Year Award and it was presented to him in Windsor last week.

This award recognizes the significant contributions made by a Fire Chief to the prevention of fire and public education in the community.

Since the fatal fire on December 14, 2016, Chief Cartwright has been a strong voice in the Province, advocating that fire services have to change to a pro-active approach to fire safety with the spotlight on prevention.

Chief Cartwright has prescribed that all members of Port Colborne Fire & Emergency Services increase prevention activities, with multiple initiatives created including a joint promotion on public education in Niagara Region.

Congratulations Chief Cartwright.

Norman Leon

Introduction, Hi My name is Norman Leon and I reside on Clarence street. Many nights I enjoy bicycling around the city during the late hours when the temps are cooler and the cars are almost non-existent.

On an early Wednesday morning about 1 month ago I saw the person riding the bike with the loaded trailer behind it after he crossed the Clarence street bridge. He was turning right into the East Village neighborhood. A couple of days later when I was made aware of Mr. Davies posting on the internet I told his son what I had saw. It is normal during the night to see people raiding the Salvation Army donation boxes. They also go behind the stores and through the neighborhoods combing for valuables. Break-ins are city-wide and epidemic. It isn't just a downtown issue. It seems to be organized and precise.

Before the summer months it was usual to see a Police Officer parked downtown, usually around the Food Basics between 1 and 4 am. Then during July and August you wouldn't see the police as much. I concluded that the increase in vacation population in the Niagara Region during the summer season time had stretched our Police Services to a minimum.

During this period the break-ins sky rocketed.

As I have experience with the so called '**night-life**' of the city ,,,

I suggest

1. Have a committed surveillance schedule during the hours of 11 p.m. and 4 a.m. Especially around the downtown core and surrounding neighborhoods.

2. If necessary install the CCTV cameras similar to those used by the Toronto Police Service. These can be located in the downtown core and on the canal bridges.
3. Have an officer riding a bicycle patrolling the downtown and close-by subdivisions. This will allow closer monitoring without the ability to spot the oncoming headlights and police vehicles.

My opinion is that there is a small amount of people responsible for this crime wave and once rooted out the trouble will quickly pass.

Thank you for letting me present.

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Toronto Police Service - CCTV cameras - CCTV signs



The TPS locates CCTV cameras where they have the biggest impact on protecting public safety. Those decisions are made only after exhaustive research. Divisions requesting CCTV cameras are required to do considerable work, including detailed crime analysis, and put together a comprehensive plan that explains why they believe that CCTV cameras will increase public safety.

The Toronto Police Service is mindful there are privacy concerns with respect to CCTV cameras in public places. Those concerns are important. The TPS is working and will continue to work, very closely with government agencies and community groups to ensure that, as the TPS continue to use CCTV to protect public safety, its policies reflect those concerns and it conforms to all government privacy legislation.

Each TPS division that requests CCTV cameras undertakes, as part of the project, to measure the cameras' impact by conducting detailed crime analysis for the selected locations for six months prior to the installation of cameras, for the six months the cameras are in place, and then for six months after the cameras have been removed. Surveys will be distributed to gauge community impact. The results of all measurements will be posted on the Toronto Police Service website and reported to the community through post-deployment public consultation meetings.

The TPS principles that govern the use of CCTV cameras in public places are:

1. The use of CCTV is to be considered only after other measures of deterrence or detection have been considered or rejected as unworkable;
2. The use of each camera is justified by verifiable crime reports and significant safety concerns from the public;
3. CCTV cameras are used to view public areas only;
4. Ongoing assessments of the impact on privacy are carried out and reported;
5. Ongoing consultation with the community as to the necessity and acceptability of CCTV;
6. All records and stored video are under the control of the Toronto Police Service;
7. There will be public notification before, during and after installation of CCTV cameras;
8. Large signs indicating the presence of CCTV cameras are displayed prominently at the perimeter of the area under observation.

[CCTV FAQs](#)

Contact Toronto Police with any CCTV camera or CCTV sign maintenance concerns.

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