

**City of Port Colborne
Regular Committee of the Whole Meeting 04-20
Minutes**

Date: February 24, 2020

Time: 6:30 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
C. Lee, Director of Engineering and Operations
S. Luey, Chief Administrative Officer
C. Madden, Deputy Clerk (minutes)
N. Halasz, Acting Director of Community and Economic Development

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 the Memo from Michelle Idzenga, Corporate Communications Officer to Item 2, Chief Administrative Officer, Report 2020-33, Subject: UPDATE #2 – Logo Revisions and Branding. This item was circulated via addendum on February 21, 2020.

The addition of item 12, City of Welland Resolution Re: Rural Economic Development Program Application to Fund the Niagara Central Dorothy Rungeling Airport Fuel Dispensing System. This item was circulated via addendum on February 24, 2020.

4. Confirmation of Agenda:

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

That the agenda dated February 24, 2020 be confirmed, as circulated or as amended.

CARRIED

5. Disclosures of Interest:

Councillor Beauregard declared a pecuniary interest regarding item 4 (Planning and Development Department, Planning Division, Report 2020-24, Subject: Land Sale on Lorraine Road - McIsaac) as he is employed by Sullivan Mahoney and the firm has provided legal advice with respect to this item. Councillor Beauregard refrained from discussing and voting on item 4.

6. Adoption of Minutes:

(a) Regular meeting of Committee of the Whole 03-20, held February 10, 2020.

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

(a) That the minutes of the regular meeting of Committee of the Whole 03-20, held on February 10, 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, 5, 6, 9, and 12.

8. Approval of Items Not Requiring Separate Discussion:

Moved by Councillor F. Danch
Seconded by Councillor E. Beauregard

That Items 1 to 12 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:

7. Community and Economic Development Department, Parks and Recreation Division, Report 2020-26, Subject: Port Colborne Downtown Cruiser's Association - 2020 Cruise Nights & Powerfest

Committee of the Whole recommends:

That the road closures necessary for the 2020 Downtown Cruise Night event on recurring Thursday evenings, from May 14, 2020 to September 17, 2020, as requested by the Port Colborne Downtown Cruiser's Association, (PCDCA) and outlined in Community and Economic Development, Parks and Recreation Division Report No; 2020-26, be approved;

That the following roads be closed to general vehicular traffic and parking from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m., each Thursday from May 14, 2020 to September 17, 2020:

- Clarence Street, from the eastern limit of the western driveway of the Food Basics parking lot, to the western limit of Catharine Street;
- Clarence Street, from the eastern limit of Catharine Street to the western limit of King Street;
- Clarence Street, from the eastern limit of King Street to the western limit of West Street; and
- Market Square;

That Market Square be closed to vehicular traffic on May 14, July 16, August 6, August 13, August 20, 2020 from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m., with the exception of the western access laneway, to be used as an ingress and egress to the CIBC Bank;

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;

That members, qualified participants, and volunteers of the PCDCA, be exempt from the above-noted closures;

That traffic barricades be supplied by Public Works staff every Thursday, from May 14, 2020 to September 17, 2020, to be delivered

before the end of the regular workday at the predetermined locations requiring barricades;

That PCDCA volunteers be responsible for installing appropriate signage at each intersection, stating "Cruise Night Clarence Street Temporarily Closed – 5 to 9 p.m.", including Market Square, for the duration of the event;

That PCDCA volunteers be responsible for ensuring road closure barricades are promptly removed and returned to the pick-up points at the end of the event each week;

That the PCDCA 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 for Cruise Nights and Powerfest;

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

That the appropriate by-law be presented for approval; and

That the fee for the park permit of H.H. Knoll Lakeview park with access to hydro for Powerfest on Saturday, June 6, 2020 be waived.

8. Community and Economic Development Department, Parks and Recreation Division, Report 2020-27, Subject: Community Bonfires at Nickel Beach

Committee of the Whole recommends:

That the provisions of By-law 6280/106/15, Being a By-law to Regulate Open Air Burning in the City of Port Colborne, respecting open air burning within the boundaries of the City, be waived in order to accommodate the Nickel Beach Bonfires on June 19, July 17 and September 18 (the "Event") at Nickel Beach;

That the provisions of By-law 5503/100/10, Being a By-law to Manage and Regulate Municipal Parks, respecting fires and bonfires in municipal parks, be waived in order to accommodate the Event at Nickel Beach; and

That Vale Canada Ltd. and other appropriate parties be so notified of the dates and times of the Event.

10. Karen Usick, Community Coordinator, Hepatitis C Care Clinic, Niagara Health System Re: Request for Proclamation of World Hepatitis Day, July 28, 2020

Committee of the Whole recommends:

That July 28, 2020 be proclaimed as "World Hepatitis Day" in the City of Port Colborne in accordance with the request received from Karen Usick, Community Coordinator, Hepatitis C Care Clinic, Niagara Health System.

11. Niagara Federation of Agriculture and Various Municipalities Re: Bill 156, Security from Trespass and Protecting Food Safety Act

Committee of the Whole recommends:

That the correspondence received from the Niagara Federation of Agriculture and various municipalities Re: Bill 156, Security from Trespass and Protecting Food Safety Act, be received for information.

CARRIED

9. Presentations:

- (a) Fire Chief Tom Cartwright presented a Retirement Award to Charles Tousignan, Volunteer Captain, Port Colborne Fire and Emergency Services. The Chief thanked Mr. Tousignan for his years of service with the City.

10. Delegations:

- (a) **Patty Moss regarding road side mowing initiatives and to request additional changes**

Patty Moss provided a verbal presentation with respect to the delayed roadside mowing initiatives undertaken in Ward 4. Ms. Moss requested that more roads and the Friendship Trail be included in the road side mowing initiative and that signs be put up along these roads for purposes of educating citizens in an attempt to improve the program. A copy of the presentation is attached.

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

That consideration of the road side mowing initiative request be referred to the Director of Engineering and Operations and the Manager of Parks and Recreation to work with Patty Moss as well as

the Environmental Advisory Committee in order to prepare a report that investigates the recommendations proposed by Patty Moss; and

That the Director of Engineering and Operations and the Manager of Parks and Recreation report back to Council at the April 27, 2020 Committee of the Whole meeting.

CARRIED

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

That the Director of Engineering and Operations work with the Environmental Advisory Committee in order to prepare a report that provides information on Pollinator Partnership Canada and bring it forward to Council.

CARRIED

(b) Cathy Kalynuik, 851 Pinecrest Road in response to Patty Moss delegation

Cathy Kalynuik provided a verbal presentation to Council expressing concerns about flooding, restrictive sight lines, and noxious weeds attributed to the delayed roadside mowing program. A copy of the presentation is attached.

11. Mayor's Report:

A copy of the Mayor's Report is attached.

12. Regional Councillor's Report:

Regional Councillor Butters informed Council of a Public Health Social Services Standing Committee presentation regarding an early development instruments study, and also of two motions that were brought forward at Regional Council meetings, one respecting the direct election of the Regional Chair and one respecting reconsideration of a closed session item. Councillor Butters concluded by advising that a feasibility study of a future business model for the airports will be reported on at the Region's upcoming meeting on February 27, 2020.

13. Councillors' Items:

Staff responses to Previous Councillors' enquiries:

Nil.

Councillors' Issues/Enquiries:**(a) Regional Planning Standing Committee Motion Re: Aquifer (Bodner)**

Councillor Bodner read aloud a motion that was passed by the Region's Planning Standing Committee regarding the aquifer. The motion was for staff to be directed to consider the highly vulnerable aquifer as an important, vital source of water to the rural residents in Niagara from Wainfleet, through Port Colborne to Fort Erie and ensure specific Official Plan policies are developed to reflect the importance and subsequent protection of this water source.

(b) Short-term Rental Accommodations (Bodner)

Councillor Bodner informed Council that he has received multiple inquiries regarding the City's position on short term rental accommodations and suggested that Council direct staff to prepare a report on this issue.

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

That the Director of Planning and Development investigate short-term rental accommodations and bring a report back to Council for information.

CARRIED

(c) Gates at Road Ends in Ward 4 (Bodner)

In response to Councillor Bodner's request for an update on gates at the road ends in Ward 4, the Director of Engineering and Operations informed Council that there is currently a temporary measure in place to respond to the concerns raised by citizens and that additional items to make the road ends consistent are being submitted through the 2020 budget process.

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

That the Director of Engineering and Operations be directed to bring forward a reserve for a Ward 4 road end consistencies program during the budget process and then proceed to work with the Ward 4 Councillors in order to prepare a draft report with regards to the implementation and development of this program which will be brought to a Ward 4 information meeting in the summer.

CARRIED

(d) Downtown BIA Meeting on February 12 (Kalailieff)

Councillor Kalailieff reported that the Downtown BIA held a meeting on February 12, 2020 and one of the main topics of discussion was how the Downtown BIA could work with the City during Canal Days to hold a celebration for the City's 150 year anniversary. In response to Councillor Kalailieff's request for an update on the plans being released to the public regarding the City's 150 year anniversary celebration, the Acting Director of Community and Economic Development informed Council of the following: that the celebrations will be happening a week before Canal Days; that she will soon be reaching out to the BIA and other community partners to request involvement; and that it will be an event similar to SportsFest which has third parties operating and hosting the event with the City assisting with promotional activities.

(e) Port Colborne/Wainfleet Chamber of Commerce – President of Awards (Kalailieff)

Councillor Kalailieff informed Council that the Port Colborne/Wainfleet Chamber of Commerce is holding their President Awards on March 25 at Roselawn. She listed the award categories and encouraged residents to nominate an individual or a business they know that makes the community a better place to live in.

(f) Process for Cancelling an Event due to a Significant Weather Event (Beauregard)

In response to Councillor Beauregard's concern with regards to the City not having a policy in place that prescribes how and when the City and its departments can cancel an event due to a significant weather event, the Chief Administrative Officer confirmed that currently, it is left to the discretion of whoever is running the event but that the topic of putting a uniform policy in place will be discussed with staff.

(g) Compostable Straws Update (Beauregard)

In response to Councillor Beauregard's request for an update on the motion he previously made with regards to the use of compostable straws, the Acting Director of Community and Economic Development informed Council that she will reach out to the Director of Community and Economic Development for a status on this initiative.

(h) Public Skating (Bagu)

Councillor Bagu encouraged residents to bring their children to the Vale Centre during the public skating hours as it is a fun and inexpensive way to spend time with loved ones.

(i) Niagara Region Social Services Committee – Niagara Counts (Desmarais)

Councillor Desmarais announced that Niagara Counts will soon be taking place which is a program that has the purpose of establishing the numbers of homelessness in the Region. She informed Council that this Count is scheduled on March 25 between 8 p.m.-11 p.m. and encouraged citizens to volunteer.

(j) “Renting in Niagara Talk” at the Port Colborne Library (Desmarais)

Councillor Desmarais informed Council that the Port Colborne Library will be holding a “Renting in Niagara Talk” on February 26 at 6:30 p.m. with the aim to provide information regarding the rental of properties and tenants’ rights in Niagara.

(k) Closure of Clarence Street Bridge (Desmarais)

Councillor Desmarais reported that she has received several concerns from citizens who are experiencing issues maneuvering and walking around the closure of the Clarence Street Bridge with assisted devices. The Director of Engineering and Operations confirmed that he will work with the St. Lawrence Seaway in order to get these issues resolved.

(l) Snider Dock Driveway Entrance (Desmarais)

Councillor Desmarais expressed concern with regards to the Snider Dock Entrance on the east side of the Clarence Street Bridge. She indicated that the driveway has varying degrees of instability and is also very muddy. The Director of Engineering and Operations confirmed that he will investigate this issue.

(m) Sherkston Shores Dragout (Wells)

Councillor Wells provided an update on the ongoing issue occurring at the Empire and Beach road ends. He informed Council that the Ministry of Environment has been notified of this issue and that he is awaiting their response with regards to how to move forward. He further explained that this issue is extending onto Miller Road and that the Region is responding to this particular issue.

(n) Updates on By-laws (Wells)

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 a report will be brought forth to Council as Legal has completed the process of reviewing these two by-laws.

(o) Concerns about Storm Sewer Fee (Wells)

In response to Councillor Wells' request for an update on the Storm Sewer Fee in urban areas, the Acting Director of Corporate Services indicated that this was referred to the Director of Engineering and Operations as well as to Peter Senese to address during the wastewater budget process.

14. Consideration of Items Requiring Separate Discussion:**1. Engineering and Operations Department, Operations Division, Report 2020-31, Subject: Greenhouse Gas Emissions Reduction Plan (2020)**

Mae Lannan, Climate Change Coordinator provided a presentation and answered questions received from Council. A copy of her presentation is attached.

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

That Engineering and Operations Department, Operations Division Report No. 2020-31, Subject: Greenhouse Gas Emissions Reduction Plan (2020) be received;

That the Council of the City of Port Colborne approves the Greenhouse Gas Emissions Reduction Plan, 2020; and

That Council direct Staff to publish, make available to the public and implement the City's Greenhouse Gas Emissions Reduction Plan, 2020.

CARRIED

2. Chief Administrative Officer, Report 2020-33, Subject: UPDATE #2 – Logo Revisions and Branding and Memo from Michelle Idzenga, Corporate Communications Officer

Moved by Councillor R. Bodner
Seconded by Councillor A. Desmarais

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

Moved in amendment by Councillor E. Beauregard

Seconded by Councillor G. Bruno

That the main motion be amended by replacing the words "Appendix B" with "Appendix C".

CARRIED

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

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

CARRIED

3. Planning and Development Department, Planning Division, Report 2020-22, Subject: Recommendation Report for Zoning By-law Amendment D14-06-19, 180 Fares Street

Moved by Councillor D. Kalailieff

Seconded by Councillor H. Wells

That Council of the City of Port Colborne approve the Zoning By-law Amendment, attached hereto as Appendix A, rezoning the subject property from Neighbourhood Commercial to R4-53-H; 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 E. Beauregard

Seconded by Councillor G. Bruno

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

"That the requirement to complete a Phase 1 Environmental Site Assessment (ESA), be removed as a condition of the Holding provision;

That the requirement for a successful Consent to be obtained from the Committee of Adjustment for an easement with a nearby property to

allocate additional parking spaces, be replaced with a lease agreement with a nearby property to allocate additional parking spaces;”

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

“That Council of the City of Port Colborne approve the Zoning By-law Amendment, attached hereto as Appendix A, as amended, rezoning the subject property from Neighbourhood Commercial to R4-53; and”

CARRIED

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

That the requirement to complete a Phase 1 Environmental Site Assessment (ESA), be removed as a condition of the Holding provision;

That the requirement for a successful Consent to be obtained from the Committee of Adjustment for an easement with a nearby property to allocate additional parking spaces, be replaced with a lease agreement with a nearby property to allocate additional parking spaces;

That Council of the City of Port Colborne approve the Zoning By-law Amendment, attached hereto as Appendix A, as amended, rezoning the subject property from Neighbourhood Commercial to R4-53; and

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

CARRIED

4. Planning and Development Department, Planning Division, Report 2020-24, Subject: Land Sale on Lorraine Road – Mclsaac

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

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

That By-law 6657/21/19 be repealed;

That the City enters into an Agreement of Purchase and Sale with Alisha Elizabeth Mclsaac for \$250,000 plus HST; and

That the Mayor, Clerk and City Solicitor be authorized to sign and execute any and all documents respecting the sale of these lands.

CARRIED

5. Community and Economic Development Department, Health Services Division, Report 2020-34, Subject: Physician Recruitment Equipment Incentive for Dr. Emily Wilson

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

That the City of Port Colborne support the request of a physician recruitment equipment incentive for Dr. Emily Wilson; and

That the request for \$8000 to be added to the Physician Recruitment Reserve be brought forward for consideration during the 2020 budget process.

CARRIED

6. Community and Economic Development Department, Parks and Recreation Division, Report 2020-29, Subject: Sugarloaf Marina Business Plan RFP

Moved by Councillor D. Kalailieff
Seconded by Councillor G. Bruno

That \$65,000 of the Marina reserves be allocated to the Community and Economic Development Department, Parks and Recreation for the purposes of creating a long term strategic plan for Sugarloaf Marina; and

That the Director of Community and Economic Development Department, Parks and Recreation be directed to release an RFP inviting Proposals for the procurement of a qualified and competent consulting firm to undertake the completion of a Business Plan that will allow the City to strategically manage the direction of Sugarloaf Marina until 2030.

CARRIED

9. Memorandum from Janice Peyton, Executive Assistant, DEO, Re: Environmental Advisory Committee – Vale Community Based Risk Assessment (CBRA) Questions and Responses

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

That the memorandum from Janice Peyton, Executive Assistant, DEO
Re: Environmental Advisory Committee –Vale Community Based Risk
Assessment (CBRA) Questions and Responses, be received for
information.

CARRIED

**12. City of Welland Resolution Re: Rural Economic Development Program
Application to Fund the Niagara Central Dorothy Rungeling Airport Fuel
Dispensing System**

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

That Council for the City of Port Colborne endorses the Pelham Rural
Economic Development program application to fund the Niagara
Central Dorothy Rungeling Airport fuel dispensing system.

CARRIED

15. Notice of Motion:

Nil.

16. Adjournment:

Mayor Steele adjourned the meeting at approximately 10:20 p.m.

CARRIED

AL/cm

Roadside Study Summary for 2019 And requests for 2020

Last year was the 5th year of the roadside mowing initiative study that I have performed on the rural roads in our city. I still come out to the roads every two weeks from the date of the first roadside cut until the last mowing cut is performed in September. I watch for concerns of seed dispersal, height of vegetation in regards to safety, drainage concerns, and count larvae of the Monarch Butterfly. However, this study has expanded into a bigger project to emphasizing that these are important corridors, the only natural corridors we have left to use as a connection from one fragmented patch of natural land to another. We must find ways of using these city owned lands to protect pollinators, and to create healthy waterways that run throughout our city lands leading into the Lake Erie. The only way for this protection I feel is through education and understanding of the needs of the natural world around us.

As everyone remembers last spring was long wet such a slow start to the growing season. Cold wet weather carried on throughout into June making it a difficult year for farmers and gardeners to get food crops planted. Such weather does not stop Monarchs arriving, nor slow the importance of the bees and other pollinators from collecting nectar and pollen. Given that fact, it emphasizes the need to creating natural habitat that is adaptable to the changing climate patterns. The roadside vegetation is a resilient species of plants that have adapted to many adverse conditions, and has the ability to survive future climate conditions.

Timing of roadside mowing

1st Cut June 17th

(this cut was performed later than usual)

Benefits: I observed the tall growth in the ditches (especially in the wet season) being beneficial to control mosquito larvae due to the fact spiders creating mass webbing along our ditch grasses. The tall grass also enabled dragonflies and Damselflies enough time to emerge as adults from the ditch waterways. I saw high concentrations of both species, whether it was due to the long cool weather or the late cut is to be determined.

Did the later scheduled cut delay seed development of flowering plants? I observed species such as Canada Thistle and Bull Thistle not being able to

produce flowers this study year, I believe it is because of the stress to the plant with a later spring cut. As well plants were delayed in the flowering development, a big factor could be the cool start to the growing season, continued observation is needed.

The overall height of vegetation was lower growing along the roads, therefore overall less seed development of aggressive species, and less dead organic matter at the time of fall after the final cut is preformed.

Disadvantages: The later cut did create a loss in Monarch larvae, Monarchs started arriving in the beginning of June, and therefore the timing of the cut did impact their habitat. But...not as detrimental to their habitat as the midsummer cut that is performed along the roads. The purpose of this study is to find the best solution for all scenarios, the farmers, residents and nature.

I also noticed important fall species of flowers are reduced where there is shallow ditches, so Goldenrod and New England aster had a reduction in flower development.

2nd Cut performed starting July 24th

There were still 6 roads still having the summer roadside cut, Brookfield road was the road I monitored for Monarch larvae just before the mowing was preformed. I collected over 370 caterpillars and eggs on the milkweed plants that grow along that road. The specimens I collected were carefully raised and 52 of the adult butterflies were released at the market in August at a roadside mowing display.

3rd Cut performed starting September 23rd

The fall mowing for all the roads was performed during the fourth week of September. The fall cut date will have to move ahead at least to the second or start of the third week. I'm considering the development of seed dispersal of Canadian Fleabane, and of another species called wild lettuce.

Overall Summary

Again the roadsides were humming with activity, of course with Monarchs and other butterflies but also lots of activity were noticed in the bee houses that I installed the previous years. I also noticed less residential properties mowing along the roads, and there are hopes that farmers can at least leave a window of 6 to 8 weeks of plant vegetation along the roadsides to grow during the summer months.

Spraying of herbicide is still being performed on various farmland and residential roadside areas. I have figured the only approach is through education on the impacts of herbicide on our waterways. Maybe the persons that are using the sprays are truly unaware of the impacts. Residents with continued negligence after being educated will be brought to the attention through the Ministry of Natural Environment, not through the city means of the bylaw that we have in place. Mainly due to reasons of the city staff not being able to perform the right testing to confirm the use of what type of herbicide was being used.

Requests for approval from council

- 1 To have the signs installed by May of this year, to have QR codes installed on them to educate the public on the corridor habitat and the study. This is a great way to create awareness of the need for healthy waterways, and to direct residents not to spray herbicides in the ditches. I really am hoping this was included in the budget this year, since the approval of the signs from council was approved after last year's budget.
- 2 To have all the roads removed off the summer cut schedule please, this is another reason to have the signs up to educate the public on this initiative. Roads that are left to be requested to be removed are as follows:
 - Elm Street
 - Chippawa Road

Sherkston Road

Killaly street East and West (last year west of Lorraine wasn't mowed)

Brookfield Road

Welland Street

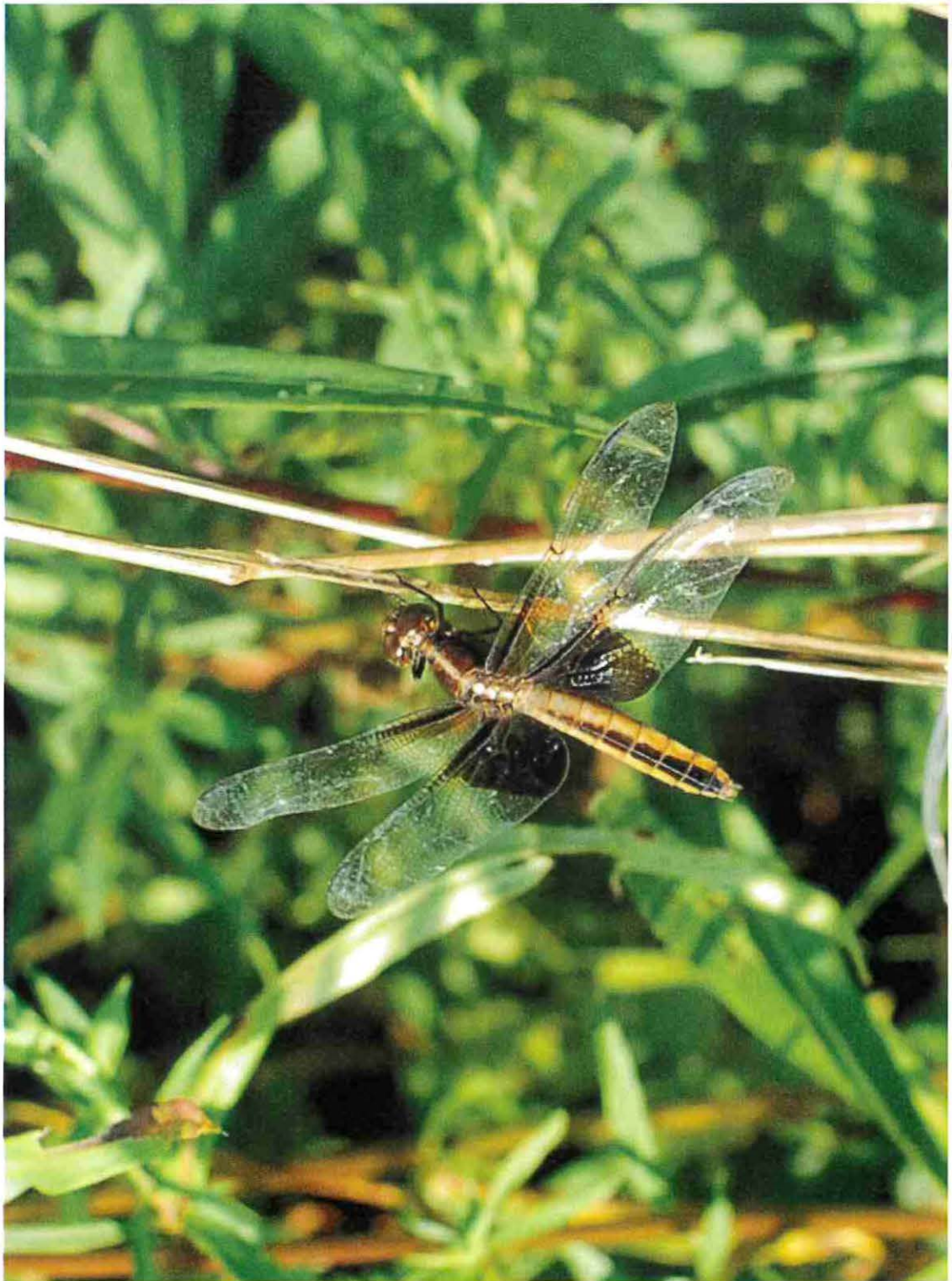
- 3 The trail system to have similar mowing schedule, with the inclusion of extra mowing performed at crossings and intersections of roadways. Suggestion of maybe a trial section of the trail system to decide on the best mowing practice?
- 4 Finally asking for additional city lands that have mowing performed, to be transitioned to natural areas. For example the large area that is mowed by staff along the trail system between Durham Road, east of Reuter Road. This would be a great location to start since it is behind the city urban area, if it becomes naturalized gives residents and kids a closer connection to nature near their homes and school.

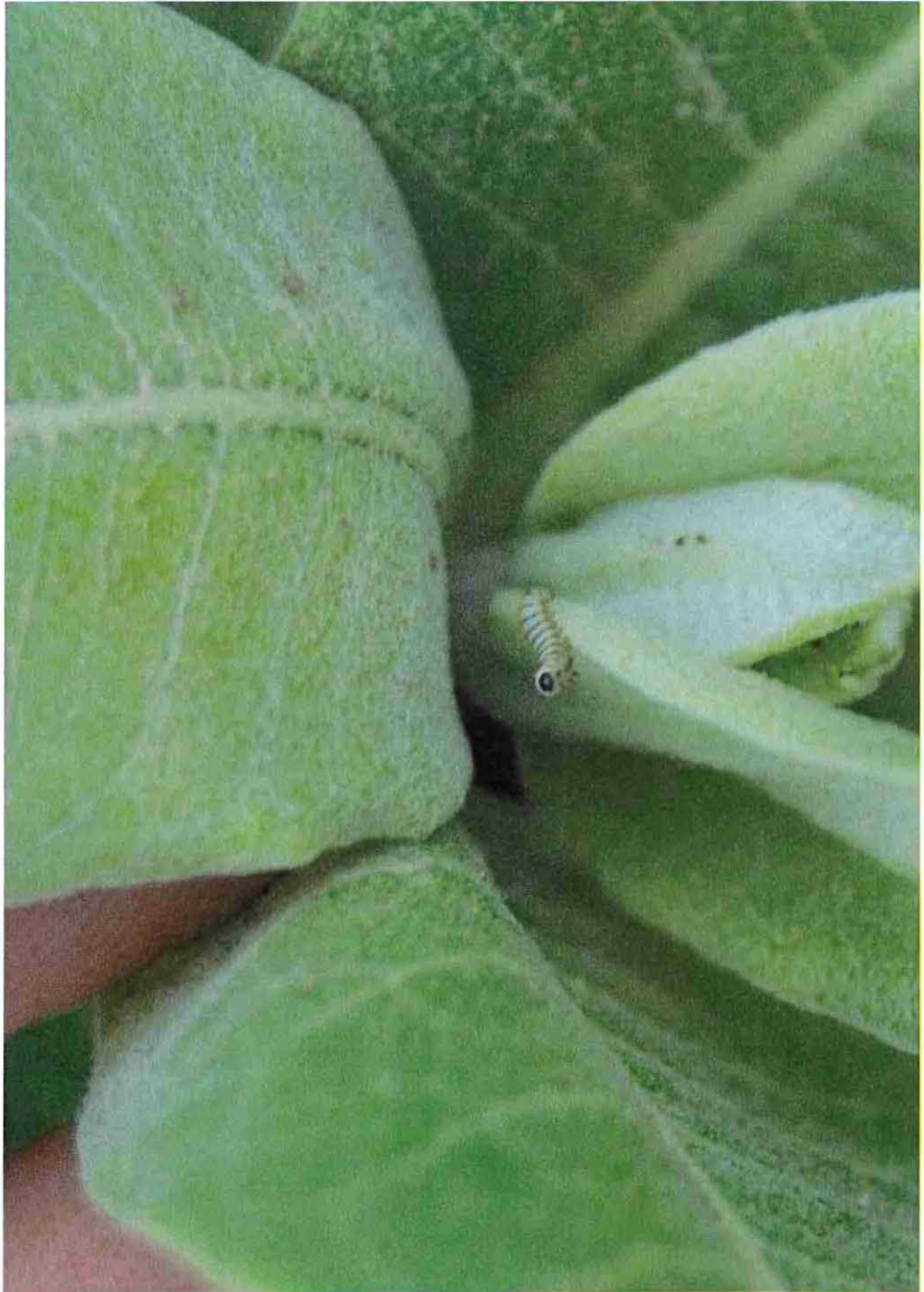
Many thanks to Council's and City Staff's support for this roadside mowing project, I have received much support and understanding from residents. I know it will benefit future generations, especially it will help encourage residents to create natural areas in their own yards. The more natural areas we create as a community the healthier our residents will be, not only for the food we grow, but for our minds and well being.

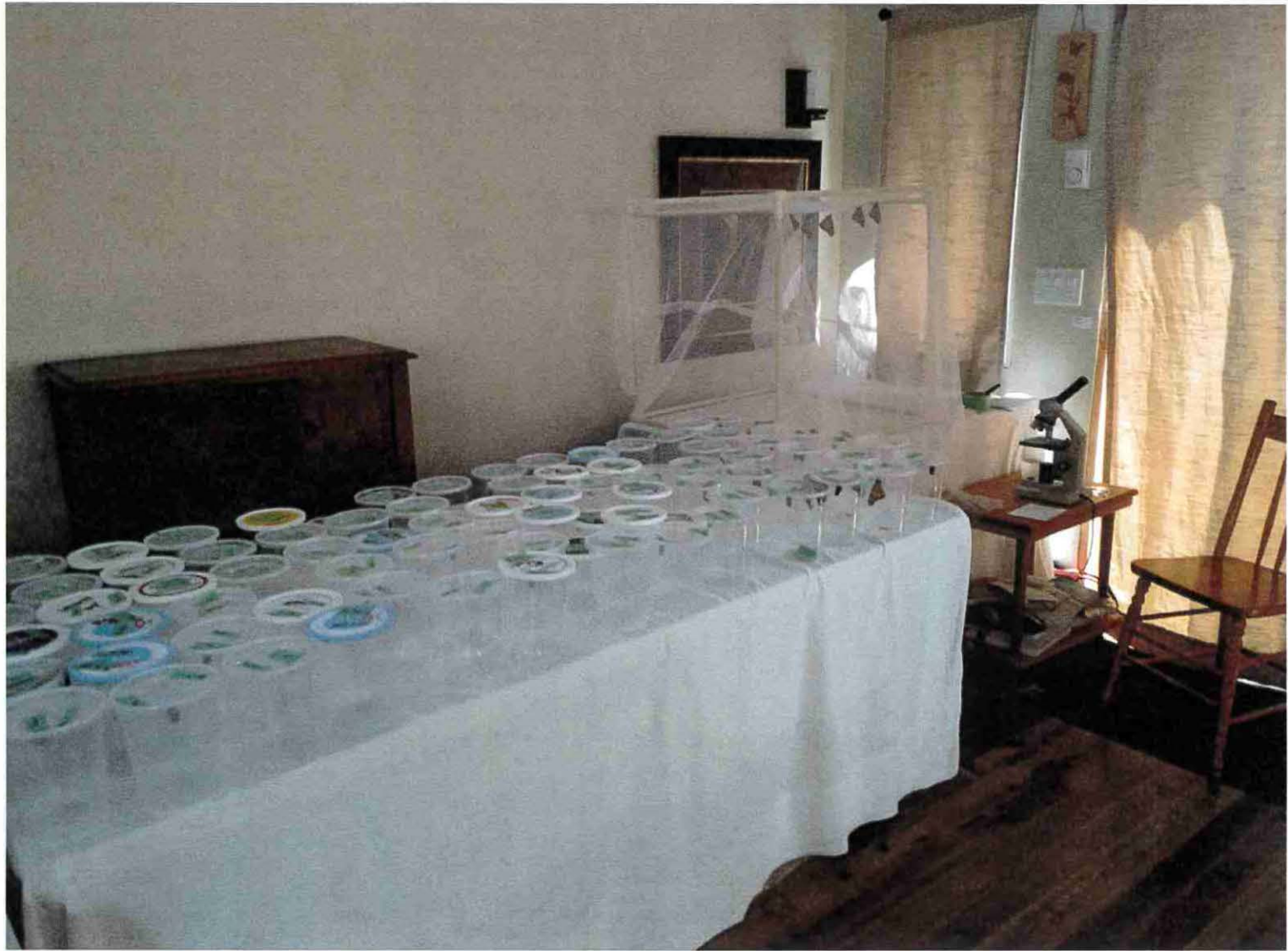
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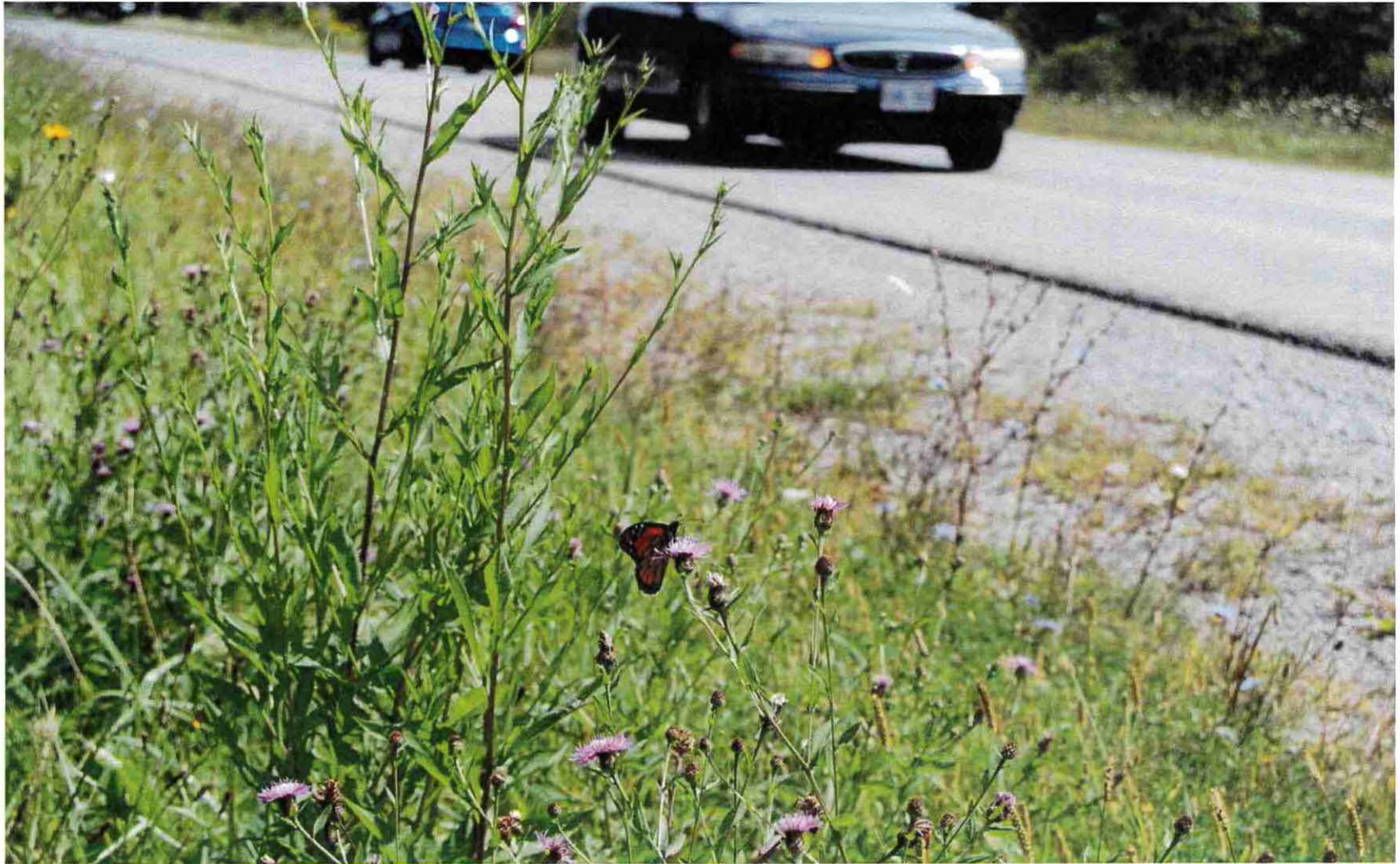
Market release of Brookfield road Monarchs







Killaly Street







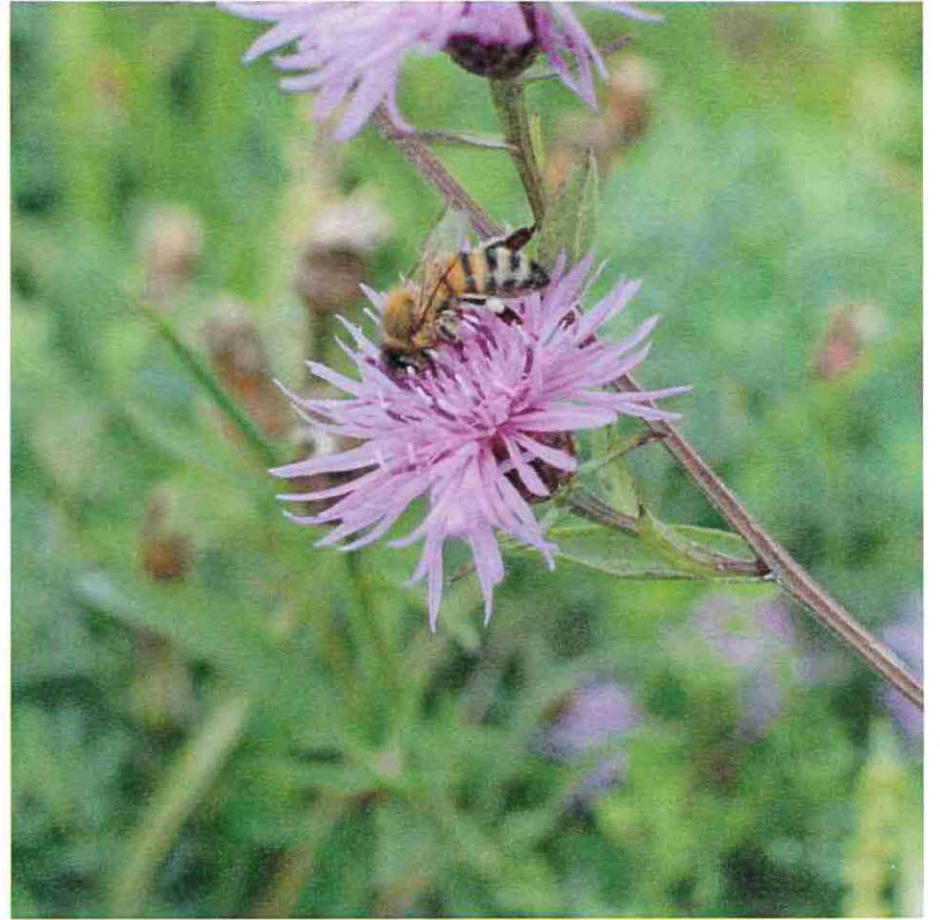




Herbicide use on waterways





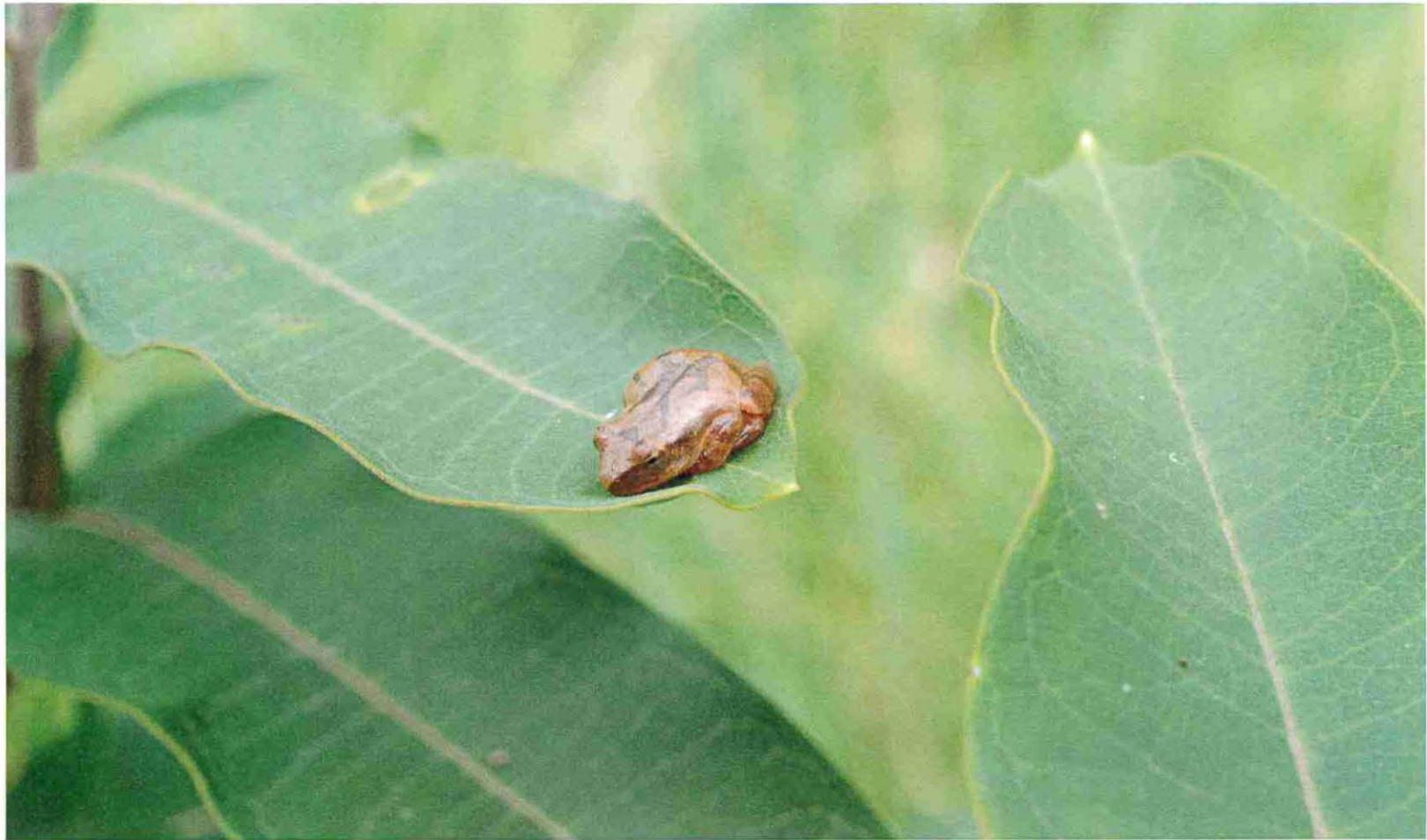
















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MAYOR'S REPORT – FEBRUARY 24, 2020

The Martin Van Gool Memorial Golden Puck Hockey Tournament

The Vale Health & Wellness Centre was very busy this weekend with teams attending the Martin Van Gool Memorial Golden Puck Hockey Tournament.

Teams from across Ontario attended with Peewee, Atom and Novice skaters taking to the ice over three days.

It was great to see such PORTicipation from families.

Congratulations to everyone who attended.

Russell Cup

It was also my privilege last night to drop the puck at the opening game of the Jr A GMHL Russell Cup Championship Playoffs featuring our own Niagara Whalers versus the Durham Roadrunners.

Our Whalers took the first game last night with game 2 tonight in Durham. It is a best of 3 for the quarter finals.

Come out and cheer on our Whalers during their next home game.

Girl Guides of Canada – World Thinking Day

On Friday morning I was visited by our local Girl Guides as they brought me their flag in celebration of World Thinking Day. We brought the flag up here for this evening.

World Thinking Day is a chance for Girl Guide to connect with 10 million other Girl Guides and Scouts across the globe and to shout about the amazing things they do.

The theme for 2020 is Diversity, Equity and Inclusion. At Girlguiding, these values are at the core of what they do, as they work to ensure that all girls receive the same great guiding experience.

Catharine Boitor

I'd like to give a shout out to 13 year old Catharine Boitor, a grade 7 student at McKay Public School as she takes PORTicipating to a higher level.

Catharine has been accepted in the Page Program at the Ontario Legislature and will be spending four weeks in Toronto with 19 other students assisting our MPP's.

Catharine was selected into the program after submitting an essay outlining her achievements, involvements and suitability for the program.

Congratulations Catharine.

Port Colborne Operatic Society

On Saturday evening I attending the 75th Anniversary of the Port Colborne Operatic Society and their current production of Mamma Mia.

Planning starts in September each year for their late winter production. Volunteers must commit to attending rehearsals, preparing props, back drops, music, dances and costumes.

The caliber and commitment of the individuals in these shows, both on stage and behind the scenes is remarkable.

Tickets are still available for upcoming shows which run until Sunday March 8th. Contact the Showboat Festival Theatre Office at the Roselawn Centre.

The City of Port Colborne

Greenhouse Gas Emissions Reduction Plan

*Engineering and Operations Department Report 2020-31
February 24, 2020*



Background

- In June 2018, the City applied to the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) for a Climate Change Staff Grant
- In the spring of 2019, staff learned that the City's request for funding had been approved
- Staff selected the climate change mitigation option, whereby the City would work on reducing municipal GHG emissions through the development and implementation of a GHG emissions reduction plan.

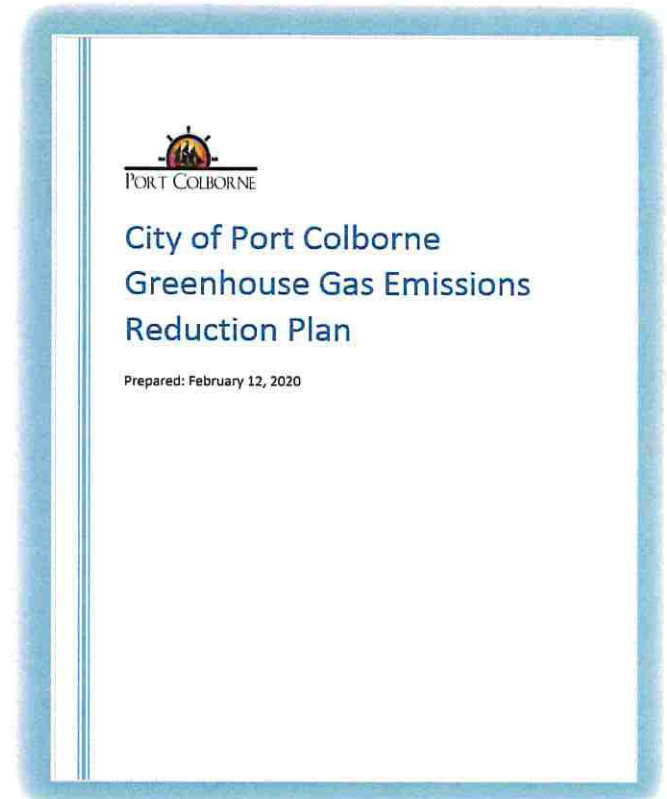


The Plan

This Plan has been developed to present a comprehensive strategy and action plan for reducing GHG emissions from the City's corporate operations; supporting international, federal, provincial and City goals.

Sectors included in this plan are:

- ***Facilities***
- ***Fleet***
- ***Streetlights***
- ***Landfilled solid waste***



Vision Statement

To carry out the strategic and proactive pursuit of responsible emissions reduction on a local level, which contribute to the federal governments' international commitments. Bearing in mind that one of the main considerations when establishing infrastructure is climate, it can be expected that rapid change in climate will have a crippling impact on existing infrastructure.

By taking action, the City has the opportunity to save money in municipal operations, lower energy costs for residents and businesses and increase investment in the local economy. Therefore, the City's GHG emissions reduction actions also contribute to the long-term environmental, economic, and social wellbeing of the residents, businesses and visitors of the City of Port Colborne.

Commitment

The City of Port Colborne aims to lead the community by example, and therefore commits to the following:

- *Allocation of the resources necessary to develop and implement a strategic GHG emissions reduction plan, aimed at reducing GHG emissions and the related environmental impacts, while increasing efficiency*
- *Promotion of responsible GHG emissions/energy management throughout the City, implementing economically viable emissions reduction projects, organizational measures, and renewable energy initiatives where possible*
- *Compliance with legislated environmental requirements and standards*
- *Continual improvement of the Plan and its projects and initiatives*

Breakdown of Corporate Energy Consumption by Sector and Energy Source

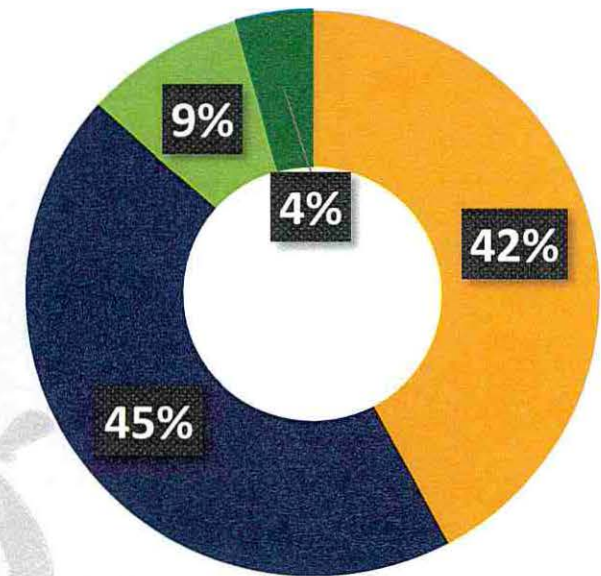
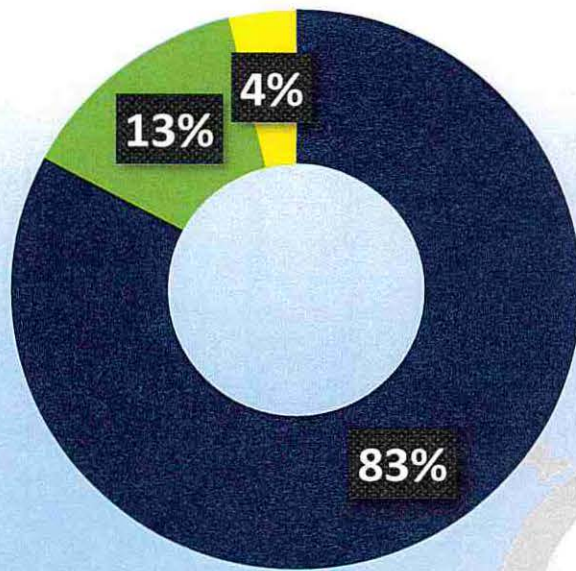
■ Buildings ■ Vehicle Fleet ■ Streetlights

■ Electricity

■ Natural Gas

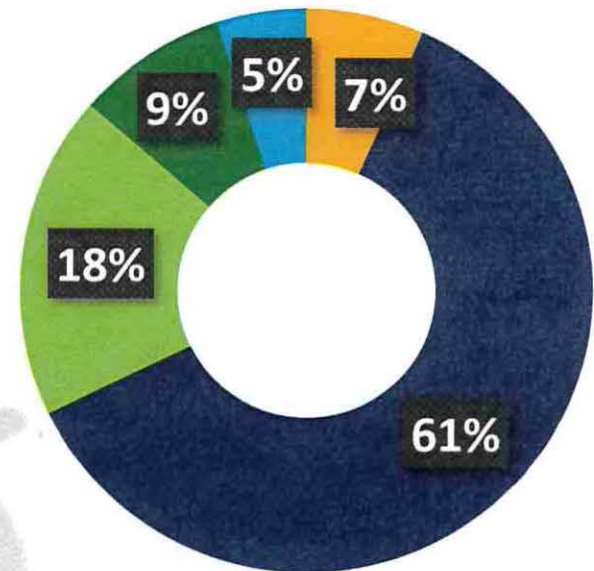
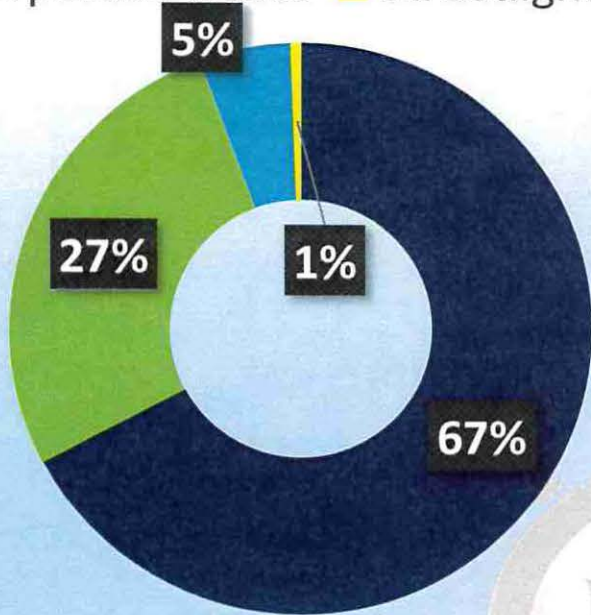
■ Diesel

■ Gasoline



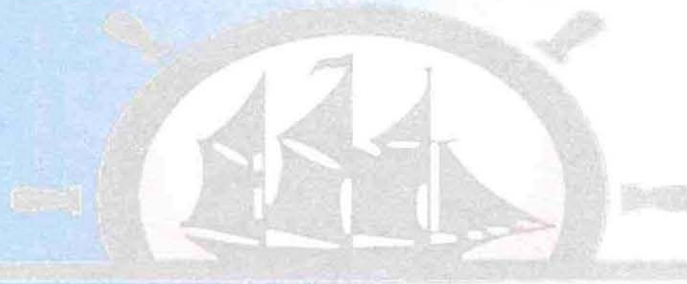
Breakdown of Emission Output by Sector and Output by Energy Source

- Buildings
- Vehicle Fleet
- Electricity
- Natural Gas
- Corporate Waste
- Streetlights
- Diesel
- Gasoline



Facility Emissions Change & Estimated GHG Inventory Change

Facilities			Estimated GHG Emissions Inventory Change (pre 2017)	
Year	GHG tonnes/year	GJ	Assumed 2013 inventory based on facility sum	2017 inventory sum
2013	1,355	34,548	2,015	1,730
2014	1,261	34,743		
2015	1,209	33,828	(-)14% change in the inventory	
2016	1,014	33,864		
2017	1,070	36,939		
Overall Change	(-)21%	7%		

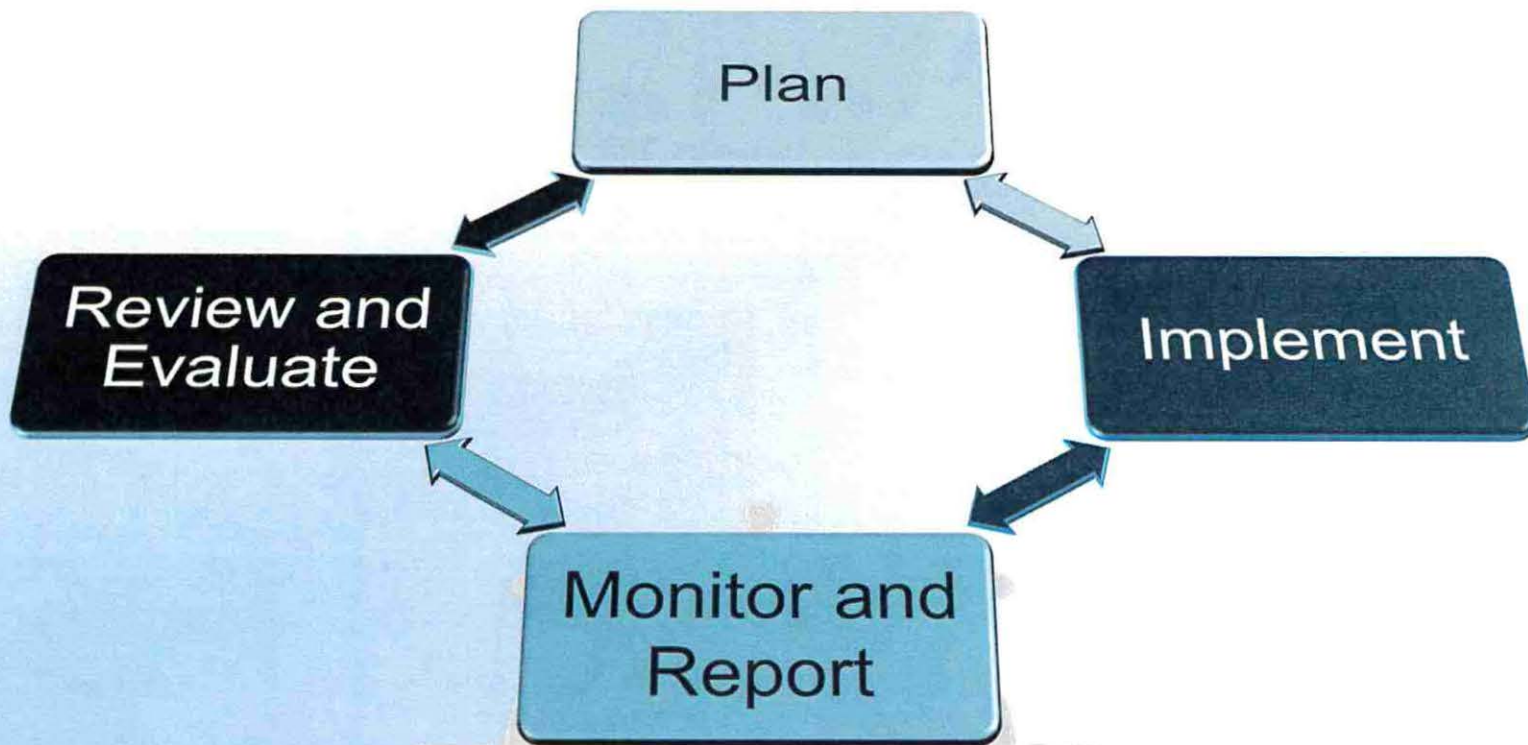


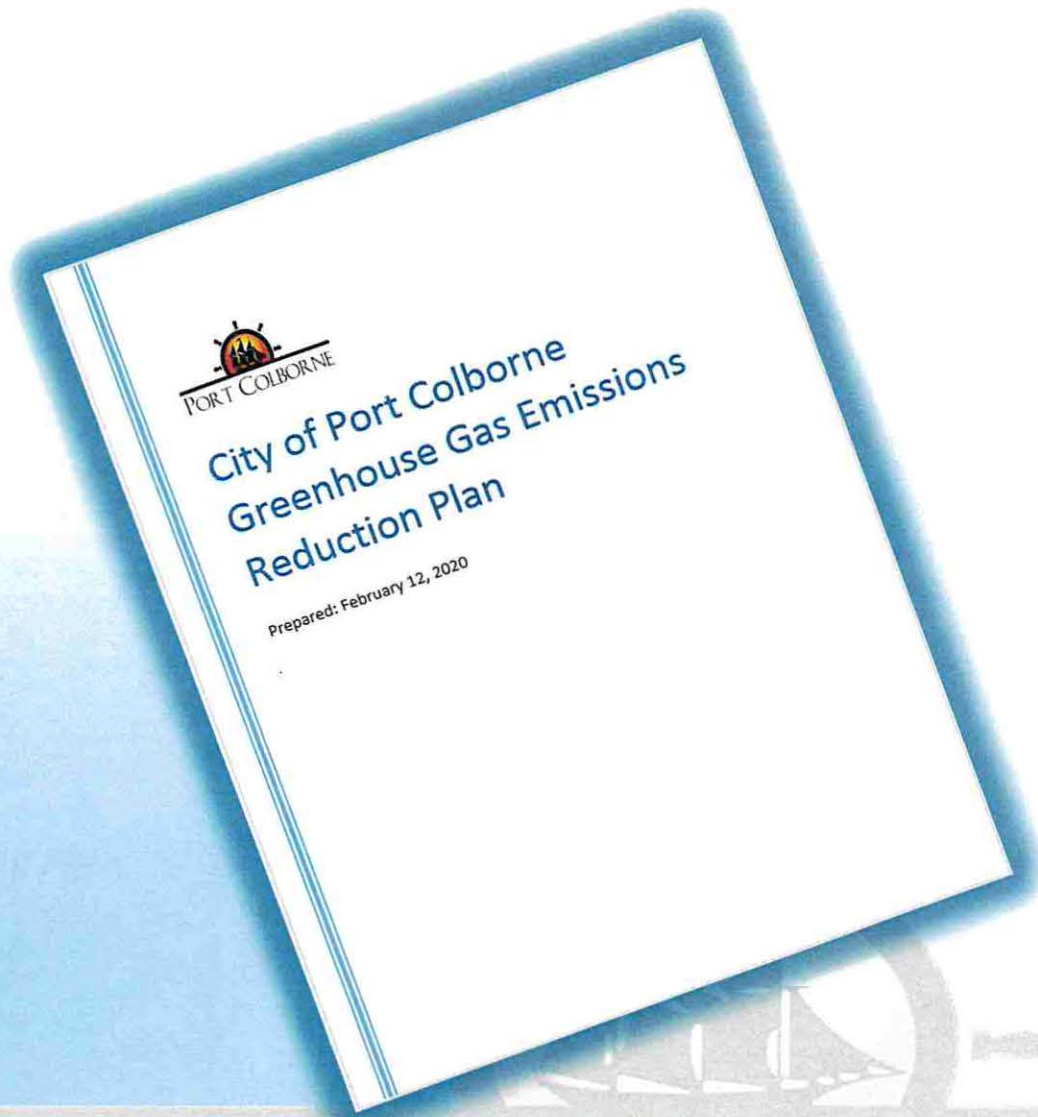
Quantitative Goal Breakdown

Lower Targets (1.5 – 2.5% each)
Building retrofits
Employee energy training
Waste diversion program
Energy efficiency standard commitment for new-builds
Higher targets (3 – 4% each)
Application of a Green procurement policy/ climate lens



Evaluation





Questions?