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A newsletter written by staff for the residents of Port Colborne

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City of Port Colborne to observe National Day for Truth and Reconciliation:

The City of Port Colborne will recognize and observe Sept. 30 as National Day for Truth and Reconciliation. The first observance of a National Day for Truth and Reconciliation was Sept. 30, 2021, following the identification of unmarked burials at former Indian Residential School sites.

The City of Port Colborne raised the Every Child Matters flag at City Hall on Monday, Sept. 26, 2022, at 10 a.m. to remember and honour the survivors of the residential school system, and the children who never made it home. The flag will be raised until Oct. 3, 2022.



For individuals interested in educational resources, visit the Port Colborne Public Library to explore its collection of books by Indigenous authors, illustrators, and publishers. The collections include adult and children's titles. Featured books on Truth and Reconciliation and Orange Shirt Day include:

- A Knock on the Door: The Essential History of Residential Schools from the Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada
- In this Together: Fifteen Stories of Truth & Reconciliation
- Legacy: Trauma, Story, and Indigenous Health by Suzanne Methot
- Truth and Indignation by Ronald Niezen
- Unreconciled: Family, Truth, and Indigenous Resistance by Jesse Went
- When we are Kind by Monique Gray Smith; illustrated by Nicole Neidhardt

- When we were Alone by David A. Robertson and Julie Flett
- Shin-chi's Canoe by Nicola I. Campbell; pictures by Kim LaFave
- Shin-shi-etko by Nicola I. Campbell; pictures by Kim LaFave
- Go Show the World: A Celebration of Indigenous Heroes by Wab Kinew; pictures by Joe Morse
- Orange Shirt Day: September 30th by the Orange Shirt Society

The National Day for Truth and Reconciliation also coincides with Orange Shirt Day, which began in 2013 and encourages people to wear orange shirts to honour Indigenous children forced to leave their families to attend residential schools.

In recognition of Orange Shirt Day, The Port Colborne Historical & Marine Museum is selling Orange Shirt enamel pins based on a beadwork design created by Cree artist Marcy Friesen in honour of the Residential School Survivors. The pins are \$11.50, and the proceeds go to the Saskatoon Survivors Circle and the Indian Residential School Survivors Society, organizations providing services to residential school survivors for more than 20 years.



Municipal offices, including City Hall, Operations Centre, Port Colborne Public Library, Roselawn Centre, and L.R. Wilson Heritage Research Archives, will be closed on Friday, Sept. 30, 2022, to recognize Sept. 30 as the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation.

The Vale Health & Wellness Centre, Sugarloaf Marina, and Port Colborne Historical & Marine Museum, including Arabella's Tea Room, will remain open, operating regular business hours.

Municipal offices will re-open Mon., Oct. 3, 2022, at 8:30 a.m. to continue to assist by phone, email, walk-in, or appointment. Residents requiring our Public Works department can call 905-835-2900 and press '9' to reach the after-hours dispatch. Alternatively, if it is not a public works emergency, residents can submit a service request using our online form at www.portcolborne.ca/requestaservice.

Did you know? We have an Event Calendar on our website! Be sure to visit and subscribe to make sure your calendar is up to date with all the fall/winter fun, including upcoming events like:

Saturday, October 1, 2022- Fire Prevention Week Kick-Off

Port Colborne Fire Hall – 3 Killaly Street West - 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Fire & Emergency Services will be kicking off Fire Prevention Week (which is Oct. 9 to 15) with a fun filled day for you and your kids! Face painters, carnival games, obstacle course and a live burn; even get a picture taken with Sparky! Come look at our fire trucks and meet some of our firefighters. We will be serving free hot dogs, popcorn, and juice.



Sunday, October 2, 2022- Main Street BIA Fall Festival

Lock 8 Gateway Park - 133 Mellanby Street - 12 to 4 p.m.

The Main Street BIA presents a free family friendly fall festival from 12 to 4 p.m. The event will include live music, food trucks, arts & crafts, retail vendors, and a kid's zone. For more information, email mainstreetportcolborne@gmail.com or visit www.facebook.com/portmainbia.

To learn more about City events, visit www.portcolborne.ca/events.

To view our Community Event Calendar, or submit your own community event, visit www.portcolborne.ca/eventcalendar or scan the QR code.



Saturday, December 3, 2022 - Lighted Santa Claus Parade

The City of Port Colborne is excited to bring back our traditional lighted Santa Claus Parade this year in Downtown Port Colborne. Save the date for Saturday, Dec. 3, 2022, starting at 6:30pm. For more information, visit our website at www.portcolborne.ca/events.

If you are interested in registering a float for the parade, please email eventservices@portcolborne.ca or call 905-835-2900 x566.



A call to children for Christmas in Port Colborne

Help design the City of Port Colborne's community Christmas card! On behalf of the City of Port Colborne, Mayor Bill Steele is inviting the children of our community to help design the City's 2022 Christmas card. The theme is "Christmas in Port Colborne." The mayor seeks an image that conveys the Christmas spirit with special focus on a Port Colborne person, place, or thing.

For complete rules and regulations, and how to submit an entry, visit: www.portcolborne.ca/christmas or contact, Gail Todd at 905-835-2900 x301, or email mayoradmin@portcolborne.ca.

Entries must be submitted by Oct. 21, 2022.



Upcoming Volunteer Opportunities

The City of Port Colborne has two exciting events with available volunteer opportunities:

- The Lighted Santa Claus Parade – Saturday, Dec.3, 2022
- New Years Eve Family Celebration – Saturday, Dec. 31, 2022

If you are interested in volunteering or for more information about these exciting opportunities, please email volunteers@portcolborne.ca or call 905-835-2900 x566.

Paint-a-Plow

This winter, be sure to keep an eye out on city streets for these newly painted plows. Seven elementary schools and one high school accepted our SnowPORTant mission to paint our city plows. Congratulations to Oakwood Public School on winning Mayor's choice.

PORTicipating Schools:


St. Therese Catholic Elementary School, DeWitt Carter Public School, St. John Bosco Catholic Elementary School, Saint-Joseph Catholic Elementary School, McKay Public School, Oakwood Public School and Lakeshore Catholic High School.



Vale Health & Wellness Centre

The Fall & Winter ice programs are back up and running at the Vale Health & Wellness Centre. To view the programs we have to offer and the schedule please visit

www.portcolborne.ca/arenaschedule.

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
Vale Health & Wellness Centre, Rink 1 *effective September 2022 – April 2023							
Rates (Rinks 1&2) Pre-School - Free Students - \$3 Seniors - \$3 Adults - \$4 +PAYP - \$3 Open PAYP - \$5	SR & ADULT SKATE 9:30-10:50 a.m. OPEN PAYP 12-1:20 p.m.	Ice Maintenance	OPEN PAYP 11-11:50 a.m. SR & ADULT SKATE 12-1:20 p.m.	PARENTS & TOTS 10-11:50 a.m.	50+ PAYP 11 a.m.-12:20 p.m.		
		STICK & PUCK 3:30-4:50 p.m.					
Vale Health & Wellness Centre, Rink 2 *effective September 2022 – April 2023							
*Stick & Puck - \$5 for adult & child; \$3 each additional child (10 years & under must be accompanied by an adult)	50+ PAYP 11 a.m.-12:20 p.m. PARENTS & TOTS 1-2:20 p.m.	Ice Maintenance	50+ PAYP 11 a.m.-12:20 p.m. PARENTS & TOTS 1-2:20 p.m.	STICK & PUCK 3:30-4:50 p.m.	SR & ADULT SKATE 9:30-10:50 a.m.	PUBLIC SKATING 7-8:20 p.m.	PUBLIC SKATING 12-1:50 p.m.
Program Cancellations Updated program cancellations will be posted, or can be found at www.portcolborne.ca/programcancellations or scan the QR code!							
							



New Member Offer with the YMCA

Back-to-school and back-to-work after summer vacation also means back-to-fitness for many people! We understand that families need a break: physically, mentally and financially. So, any new member who joins before Oct. 31, will receive their first payment free!



Y Parties Are A Blast!

YMCA Birthday Parties are fun for energetic kids between the ages of 3 and 12 years. Children have a great time and adults will enjoy a fuss-free birthday celebration with no messy clean-up. Leave the details to us! Choose between two packages: Jump and Splash or Jump and Play. We are now booking dates up until Dec. 2022. To ensure a spot, drop by your branch or call us.





PORT COLBORNE

HISTORICAL & MARINE MUSEUM

MORE THAN A MUSEUM...

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@PortColborneMuseum

2022 School Programs:

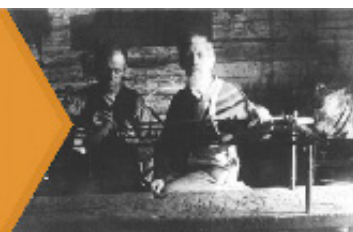
Classes are back in session and the Port Colborne Historical & Marine Museum is offering a variety of educational school programs! To learn more call our Public Programmer Sloane McDowell at 905-834-7604 or email sloane.mcdowell@portcolborne.ca.

Speaker Series:

The L.R. Wilson Heritage Archives' Speaker Series returns this fall with exciting new talks from Archivist Dr. Michelle Vosburgh and guest speaker historian Arden Phair. Learn more about local history including: the Graf Weavers, Gravelly Bay burial grounds, HMCS Humberstone & HMCS Port Colborne, and editorial cartooning in Niagara. Pre-registration required, call 905-834-7604 or email archives@portcolborne.ca

September 29

Hand Weavers:
The Graf Family of Humberstone



October 13

Graves in the Dunes:
The History of Gravelly Bay Burial Ground



November 3

HMCS Humberstone and HMCS Port Colborne: Local Namesakes in the Royal Canadian Navy



November 24

EDITORIAL CARTOONING IN NIAGARA:
175 Years of Observing History
By Arden Phair, St. Catharines Historian



Fall Cemetery Tours:

Go for a walk-through history on a tour of Overholt, Oakwood, or St. Paul's Lutheran Cemetery.

- Saturday, Oct. 8, 2022, at 10 a.m.: Overholt Cemetery, Part 1 (Bethel)
- Saturday, Oct. 8, 2022, at 1 p.m.: St. Paul's Lutheran Cemetery and Overholt Cemetery, Part 2 (Bethel)
- Saturday, Oct. 15, 2022, at 10 a.m.: Oakwood Cemetery, Lakeshore Road, Wainfleet
- Saturday, Oct. 15, 2022, at 1 p.m.: "We Will Remember" Tour at Oakwood Cemetery to honour military service, Lakeshore Road, Wainfleet.

Tours are a minimum of \$5 per person and last approximately 1.5 hours. Tour sizes are limited, so don't delay in booking your spot. Pre-registration is required, call 905-834-7604.



"Stitches in Time" Exhibit at Roselawn :

As the days get shorter and we feel a nip in the air, being wrapped in a cozy quilt feels even more comforting. This Autumn, we open "Stitches in Time", a collection of community quilts at the Roselawn Centre open Wednesday to Saturday from 1 to 3 p.m. until Oct. 29. Join us to view quilts that recognize anniversaries, friendships and events that celebrate our Port Colborne heritage.



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Want to stay up-to-date with the latest events at your Port Colborne Public Library?
Subscribe to our Off the Shelf Newsletter at www.portcolborne.ca/subscribe !

Hours of Service:

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday: 10 a.m. - 8 p.m.

Wednesday: 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Friday, Saturday: 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Hours of Service:

The library will be closed:

Friday, Sept. 30, 2022 (National Day for Truth and Reconciliation)

Monday, Oct. 10, 2022 (Thanksgiving Day)

Employment Opportunities and Job Training with PC Works

Tuesday, Oct. 5, 12, 18 & 25, 2022, 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Learn more about computer and academic upgrading, employment opportunities and job training within the Niagara Region and talk to a team member from PC Works who will be available on Tuesday mornings for two hours. They will be available to answer any questions and offer guidance to help get you moving towards your desired path! All services provided by PC Works are FREE!



Speak with Niagara Region Public Health Nurse

Wednesday, October 4, 13, 19 & 26, 2022, 1 to 2 p.m.

Starting this October, a Niagara Region Public Health Nurse from the Family Health division will be on-site on Wednesday mornings to answer questions you might have about different topics such as your pregnancy, adjusting to parenthood, your well being as a parent, parenting tips, your child's growth and development and more! They can also link you to services and programs available in the Niagara Region. No registration required. FREE.



October is Canadian Library Month

Oct. 1 to 31, 2022

We are asking our patrons to tell us why you love your library. Pick up a form at the library during the month of October. Submit your response before Oct. 31, 2022, to be entered into a prize draw for one of two Niagara Parks Attractions and Historic Sites Passes. These passes were generously donated by the Niagara Parks Commission. For full contest details, please contact the library.



**NIAGARA
PARKS**

Living the Dream: Sailing the Great Lakes to The Mediterranean

Thursday, Oct. 20, 2022, 6:30 to 8 p.m.

Join us for an exciting evening with Aubrey Millard, as he recounts his sailing adventures through Northern Europe, the Mediterranean, and the Caribbean. Aubrey currently resides in Port Colborne and has been living and sailing across the world for the past 20 years. Pre-registration is required. FREE.





THE CITY OF PORT COLBORNE 2022 MUNICIPAL ELECTION NOTICE OF ELECTION

Municipal Elections Act, 1996, S.O. 1996, c. 32, Sch., s.40

In accordance with the Municipal Elections Act, 1996, an election is being held as follows:

Advance Poll Locations and Times

All Advance Polls will be held at the Vale Health & Wellness Centre (550 Elizabeth Street, Port Colborne).

The dates and times are as follows:

- Saturday, October 1, 2022 – 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.
- Wednesday, October 12, 2022 – 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.
- Friday, October 14, 2022 – 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.

NOTE: Electors who require voting assistance equipment are encouraged to attend an Advance Poll.

Voting Day Locations and Times

The following locations will be open on Monday, October 24, 2022, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. for voting:

Ward	Polls	Location	Address
1	1, 2, 3	L. R. Wilson Heritage Research Archives	286 King Street
1	4, 5, 6	Port Colborne Baptist Church	84 Ridgewood Avenue
2	7, 8, 9	Community Living Port Colborne-Wainfleet	100 McRae Avenue
2	10, 11	Vale Health and Wellness Centre	550 Elizabeth Street
3	12, 13, 17	Port Colborne Seniors Centre	554 Fielden Avenue
3	14, 15, 16	Christian Life Assembly	484 Barrick Road
4	18, 20	Bethel United Church	1742 Third Concession Road
4	19, 21	St. Therese Catholic Elementary School	530 Killaly Street East

Voting Location and Times for Retirement Homes and Institutions will be provided in accordance with Section 45(7) of the Municipal Elections Act, 1996.



Alternate Voting Methods

New for 2022: Vote by Mail on Demand! Between September 1 to September 26, 2022, all eligible electors may register to receive a Vote by Mail on Demand Kit. Electors participating in Vote by Mail on Demand are responsible for returning their ballots to City Hall (66 Charlotte Street, Port Colborne) by mail or in person prior to 8 p.m. on October 24, 2022.

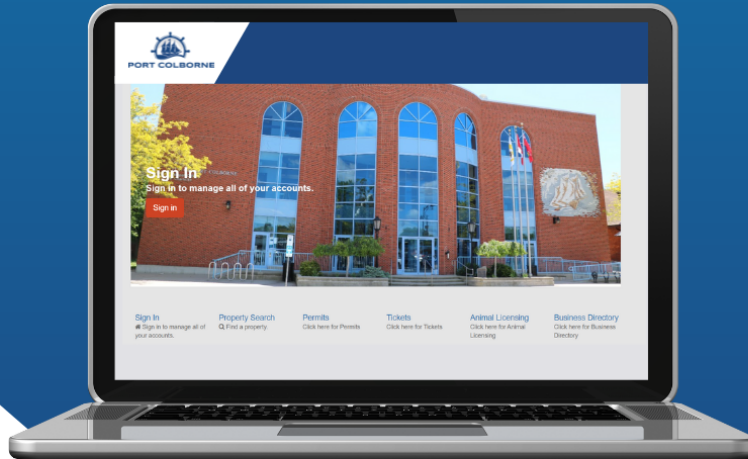
Proxy Voting - An eligible elector may appoint a voting proxy to vote in-person on their behalf. A person may act as a voting proxy for one eligible elector who is not a relative OR for one or more eligible electors who are direct relatives (i.e., spouses or siblings, NOT cousins or other distant relatives). The voting proxy must come to the Clerk's Office prior to 4:30 p.m. on October 24, 2022, to have the appointment certified. The Clerk's Office will also be open from 12 to 5 p.m. on October 1, 2022, and until 5 p.m. on October 12 and 14, 2022, for certifying proxies.



Candidates and electors with accessibility questions or concerns are encouraged to contact the Clerk's Division to ensure all accessibility needs are addressed.

For more information, visit City Hall, www.portcolborne.ca/election, or contact the Election Coordinator by calling 905-835-2900 x211 or emailing election@portcolborne.ca.

Nicole Rubli, Dipl. M.A. - Acting City Clerk/Returning Officer - City of Port Colborne



CITY HALL IS NOW AVAILABLE VIRTUALLY!

You can manage property taxes, water and wastewater bills online with the City's launch of Virtual City Hall.



24-HOUR ACCESS

Create a secure and confidential online account, that can be logged into 24 hours a day/seven days a week, to manage property tax bills, water and wastewater bills, in addition to account receivable invoices in real time.



GO PAPERLESS

Sign-up for paperless billing. Anyone who activates paperless billing will receive a one-time credit up to \$25 (\$10 for property taxes and \$15 for water/wastewater). The incentive has been extended until Dec. 23, 2022. Also, if you set up pre-authorized payments for your property and water/wastewater accounts you can also receive an additional one-time credit up to \$25.



ACCESS PROPERTY INFORMATION

Access property information that is provided to the City by Municipal Property Assessment Corporation (MPAC), including searching for properties to view assessments and tax information.



NEW PAYMENT METHOD

Use a credit card to make full or partial payments directly to property and utility accounts (a convenience fee will be charged for any online payments made with a credit card through the third-party merchant Paymentus).



REGISTER FOR PRE-AUTHORIZED PAYMENTS



UPDATE INFORMATION

Update mailing address and contact information.

To get started creating your account, or for more information, including 'how to' videos, visit our website www.portcolborne.ca/virtualcityhall or scan the QR code. Require assistance? The City's customer service representatives are available Monday to Friday from 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. either by phone at 905-835-2900 or by emailing customerservice@portcolborne.ca.





New Service Line Warranty Program for Port Colborne Homeowners

The City and homeowners share the ownership and responsibility for the repair and maintenance of water and sewer service lines. Homeowners may not be aware they are responsible for any repairs required for these service lines buried on their property boundary.

The City of Port Colborne has partnered with Service Line Warranties of Canada (SLWC) to help inform residents of their service line responsibilities and provide eligible homeowners access to affordable protection plans for their external water and sewer service lines. In the event of a covered service line emergency repair, residents with a plan can call SLWC’s 24/7/365 repair hotline and a licensed & insured plumber will be dispatched to repair or replace the line – eliminating the hassle of finding the right plumber. Plus, you pay \$0 for covered repairs up to the benefit amount.

Eligible homeowners will soon receive information in the mail about the program and available service plans. The mailing administered by SLWC includes Port Colborne’s logo to let residents know that the offer is legitimate, it is for the residents’ benefit and has the approval of the City. The program is provided at no cost to Port Colborne, and no public funds are used to promote or administer it.

There is no obligation to sign up for a plan – participation in the program is voluntary. Prior to enrolling, homeowners are encouraged to check with their homeowner insurance provider to understand their coverage, deductible and exclusions on their water and sewer service lines.

To learn more about this partnership visit: www.portcolborne.ca/slwc

For more coverage information and enrollment

Please visit: www.slwofc.ca
Or call 1-844-616-8444