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CITY HALL NEWS

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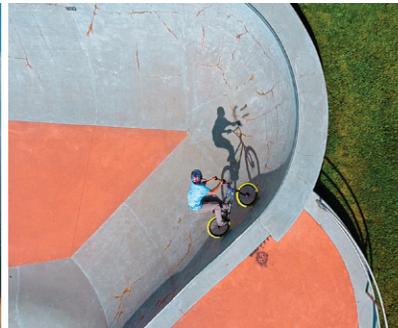


RE-OPENING PORT COLBORNE

On Friday, June 19, 2020, the City of Port Colborne, along with the Niagara region, entered Stage 2 of the Province's recovery framework. As the City looks forward to a safe and gradual recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic, more restrictions are being lifted allowing residents greater use, and access to, some outdoor spaces and municipal amenities.

What's open?

- Select public washrooms, including the Harbourmaster Building on West Street, H.H. Knoll Lakeview Park, Lock 8 Gateway Park, and Centennial Park-Cedar Bay Beach
- Centennial - Cedar Bay Beach access
- Port Colborne Farmers' Market (as of Friday, June 26, 2020)
- Nickel Beach (as of Friday, June 26, 2020)
- Algoport Skateboard and BMX Park at Lock 8 Gateway Park
- Tennis/Pickleball courts (143 Helen Street and Cedar Bay/Centennial Park)
- Public boat launch ramp at H.H. Knoll Lakeview Park



Remember to:



Maintain two metres physical separation



Wash or sanitize hands frequently



Stay home if you are sick

For more information about Recreation and Park amenities that are now open, what remains closed, including playground equipment and the Discovery Spray Pad at H.H. Knoll Lakeview Park, in addition to new guidelines put in place to protect everyone's safety, visit www.portcolborne.ca/page/covid-19/RecreationandParks.

By-law Enforcement will continue to enforce gatherings larger than ten people, dogs off-leash, and anyone using closed park amenities. To report an infraction to the By-law department, email bylawenforcement@portcolborne.ca.

City facilities/offices, including City Hall and the Vale Health & Wellness Centre, remain closed to the public; however, our staff are working hard to continue to be available to assist you, our residents, Monday - Friday, 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. by phone at **905-835-2900** or email. For a complete listing of all municipal staff and their contact information, visit www.portcolborne.ca/page/City_Contacts. For after-hours road and water/wastewater issues, residents should call 905-835-5079. For more information and updates about the City's efforts to minimize the spread of COVID-19, including re-opening and recovery plans, current facility closures, and department service disruptions, visit www.portcolborne.ca/page/covid-19.

COUNCIL MEETINGS

The next scheduled Council meetings for July are Monday, July 13, 2020, and Monday, July 27, 2020. To prevent the spread of COVID-19, Council meetings will continue to be held virtually and live streamed on the City's YouTube channel. Anyone wishing to be a delegate at Council meetings are asked to submit a written delegation that will be circulated to Council members prior to the meeting. Submissions must be received by 12 p.m. on the Monday of the Council meeting by emailing deputyclerk@portcolborne.ca, or handwritten delegations can be submitted in the after-hours drop box in front of City Hall, 66 Charlotte Street. Questions about the delegation process? Email deputyclerk@portcolborne.ca or call **905-835-2900 ext. 115**. The agenda package for the Monday, July 13, 2020, Council meeting will be available on Thursday, July 9, 2020. To read the agenda package, or to watch live at 6:30 p.m., visit www.portcolborne.ca/page/minutes_and_agendas. Alternatively, to sign up to receive Council information and agenda package directly to an email inbox, visit www.portcolborne.ca/page/subscribe_newsletter. Council meetings are also broadcast the Thursday following the Council meeting at 9 a.m. on YourTV (Cogeco), channel 10.



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CANADA DAY - WEDNESDAY, JULY 1, 2020



Communities from across the Niagara region are coming together for a Canada Day first - Canada Day, the Niagara Way! Join the 12 municipalities of Niagara, the Niagara Parks Commission and the Niagara Region for online activities and festivities for Canada Day.

Celebrate with performances by Tim Hicks, Avenue Inn, Great Lake Swimmers, Spencer Burton, Juliet Dunn, and Rick McLean.

The online festivities begin at 11 a.m. on Facebook. Tune in on the City of Port Colborne's Facebook page to catch the action!

Join St. John Ambulance in its first virtual Canada Day 5k. Register to participate online, then run or walk your own preferred 5km route anytime, anywhere between June 27 and July 1. If you are participating on July 1 make sure to wear some red and white to show your Canadian pride! For more information, contact Alyson at alyson.montovani@sja.ca or visit www.runforSJA.ca.

Visit www.portcolborne.ca/page/canada_day for more information about our virtual Canada Day activities.

#RESILIENTPORTCOLBORNE

As Port Colborne looks towards recovery from COVID-19, the City has implemented a variety of programs to help support local businesses with their recovery efforts to create a #ResilientPortColborne. Some of these programs include:

- A temporary patio extension program that permits Port Colborne restaurants, bars, and other food/drink establishments (e.g. breweries and coffee shops) to temporarily expand/create outdoor seating areas as they begin to reopen their businesses or expand current service offerings;
- 15-minute curbside pick-up parking for businesses in the Downtown and Main Street areas to ensure their customers have access to parking for take-out or curbside pick-up orders.
- The launch of Resilient Port Colborne, <https://resilient.portcolborne.ca/>, a curated website that allows Port Colborne businesses to share their current service offerings with customers; and
- Joining Digital Main Street's ShopHERE powered by Google program to help Port Colborne businesses start selling online.

To learn more about these programs and recovery and support for local businesses, visit www.portcolborne.ca/page/COVID-19_RecoveryandSupport.





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BURN RESPONSIBLY

Recreational Fires

The new Open Air Burning and Recreational Fire By-law, approved by Council on Monday, June 8, 2020, regulates when, where, and how you can have outdoor fires in the City of Port Colborne.

Here are the Top 10 By-law Regulations:

1. Fire Size - the fire is to be no larger than 1m (3') in diameter and .6m (2') in height.
2. Combustibles - the fire must be at least 3m (10') away from combustibles.
3. Vertical Clearance - 5m (16.5') top of the fire pit to combustibles.
4. Containment - the fire must be contained at all times.
5. Permitted Hours - burning is permitted until 11 p.m.
6. Attended - the fire must be supervised by someone 18+
7. Burning Materials - only burn clean, dry firewood.
8. Extinguishing - only use water to extinguish your fire, not an extinguishing agent.
9. Nuisance - make sure smoke from your fire is not bothering your neighbours.
10. Wind Speed - be mindful of direction/intensity.



For more information, contact

Port Colborne Fire & Emergency Services

Call: 905-834-4512

@PortColborneFire

@Port_Fire

ENERGY CONSUMPTION AND GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS REPORT

The City of Port Colborne is required under O. Reg 507/18 to prepare and post an annual **Energy Consumption and Greenhouse Gas Emissions Report**. This provincial regulation under the Electricity Act, 1998 aims to encourage a province wide reduction in energy. Since 2013, as outlined and required under the regulation, the City has been collecting and recording annual energy data. Such data includes energy consumption (electricity and natural gas), and resultant greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions for all City-owned facilities that are heated and/or cooled. This includes, but is not limited to, facilities such as the Library, Fire Station, City Hall, Roselawn Centre, Museum, and Recreational Complexes. These reports are a compilation of data from the calendar year two years previous (i.e., 2011 data reported in 2013, 2012 data reported in 2014 and so on), thus this year's report will include 2018 data.

These annual reports are used to inform The City's Energy Conservation and Demand Management (ECDM) Plan. The City's ECDM Plan was last updated and approved by Council in June of 2019, and outlines the City's commitment to energy conservation.

The 2019 Plan outlines the City's commitment to energy conservation and our objectives and goals related to it. Within the Plan, the City has agreed to engage in a variety of actions, ranging from behavioral to technical in nature, in order to help meet these goals. For example, the City has conducted energy audits of some of our largest facilities in order to identify opportunities for energy reduction and conservation. Since the City's implementation of the ECDM Plan, many facilities have undergone lighting retrofits to replace older fixtures with more energy efficient ones. Other exciting opportunities and initiatives for energy conservation within the City of Port Colborne can be found within our official 2019 Plan. The 2019 ECDM Plan and annual GHG emissions report are available on the City's website at www.portcolborne.ca/page/energy_conservation. Printed copies are available at the Engineering and Operations Centre, located at 1 Killaly Street West, during regular business hours.



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Curbside Pick-Up

The library is now offering contactless curbside pick-up for our library patrons. Have you made your appointment yet? It's as easy as 1-2-3!

1. Order your books, video games, and more online, by email or phone.
Don't know what to borrow? Library staff will help you with suggestions to help satisfy your reading needs.
2. Schedule your appointment with library staff.
3. Pick up your library materials at 310 King Street.

Please note the following:

- The book drop is open 24/7 to return your books and library materials.
- All fines will be waived on items due during the closure.
- If your library card expires during the closure, we will automatically extend your privileges.
- If you don't have a library card, visit our website to register online.
- Library programs are offered online. Please check our website and social media for upcoming events.
- Our e-resources are available 24/7 including e-books and e-audiobooks. Check out Universal Class to sign up for free online continuing education and personal development courses.
- If you need help, please call or email us and we will respond to your questions as soon as possible. Stay safe! We will see you soon.



Call us at 905-834-6512, visit our website, www.portcolbornelibrary.org, or like and follow us on social media

[f/PortColbornePublicLibrary](https://www.facebook.com/PortColbornePublicLibrary) [@PortColborneLib](https://twitter.com/PortColborneLib) [@PortColborneLib](https://www.instagram.com/PortColborneLib) as we share our library programs online!

Virtual Family Programming

Visit our social media pages for fun, family activities. Updated daily!

Online Book Club Discussions

Join our new book club discussion forum! Every week we will discuss a new topic. Login to Goodreads to join the conversation!

www.goodreads.com/PortColbornePublicLibrary

E-Resources

Did you know you can access free e-books, e-audiobooks, online courses, and e-resources through your Port Colborne Public Library? All you need is a library card.

Online TD Summer Reading Club

June 15 – September 7, 2020

Join the online TD Summer Reading Club! This is a free program encouraging children to read throughout the summer. Participants have unlimited access to a selection of ebooks. They can track their reading, earn badges, play games and trivia, write reviews and jokes, and much, much more.

www.tdsommerreadingclub.ca

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A MESSAGE FROM YOUR MEMBERS OF COUNCIL

To those in our community who have been, and are continuing, working to steer Port Colborne through the COVID-19 pandemic ...

THANK YOU!

Over these last few month's we have seen essential workers in our community continue to keep our city running amid a global pandemic.

To all healthcare workers on the front lines, we owe you our deepest gratitude ... **THANK YOU!**

To the grocery store workers and restaurants keeping our residents fed ... **THANK YOU!**

To the pharmacists and drug store workers ensuring our residents maintain their health ... **THANK YOU!**

To the truck drivers and postal workers ensuring products and mail are delivered to our residents and businesses ... **THANK YOU!**

To the teachers who have been navigating virtual classrooms to continue educating our residents ... **THANK YOU!**

To those working at financial institutions helping our residents navigate financial challenges ... **THANK YOU!**

To our business who have continued production, fabrication, and distribution of essential goods ... **THANK YOU!**

To the mechanics who have kept us moving ... **THANK YOU!**

To our residents who have been unemployed and have stayed at home caring for loved ones, we know how hard this time has been. For your resiliency, patience, and cooperation following all guidelines ... **THANK YOU!**

Because of all of you, and countless others, **our community will steer into recovery, together.**

To the staff at the City of Port Colborne,

THANK YOU!

Some of you set up offices at home, while others left their families and the safety of their homes to serve the residents of our community. For your continued dedication to our city and its residents, we **THANK YOU.**

You have kept our water safe, maintained our roads, cut our grass, picked up garbage, and maintained our city.

You have adapted to offer programs and services to residents digitally wherever possible.

You have patrolled our city, ensuring our community's safety at all times.

You have assisted our residents in navigating financial challenges.

You have been on the other end of the phone to answer residents phone calls, responded to their emails, and have kept our residents updated through our website, social media, and news outlets.

You have made difficult decisions to keep our residents safe by closing facilities and cancelling services. While we have gradually begun to re-open, the safety of our residents has remained your top priority.

On behalf of the residents of Port Colborne, **THANK YOU** for leading us through the COVID-19 pandemic.

