



PORT COLBORNE

CITY HALL NEWS

A newsletter for the residents of Port Colborne

SEPTEMBER 2023

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Ways to #PORTicipate in September:

Clean Community Day - Sept. 16, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Join the Community Safety and Enforcement Department for the next Clean Community Day. Happening Saturday, September 16.

Step 1: Pick up the refuse, garbage, and debris around your house.

Step 2: Load it into a wheelbarrow, truck, or trailer.

Step 3: Dispose of it at our Clean Community Day



Terry Fox Run - Sept. 17

43rd Annual Terry Fox Run at H.H. Knoll Lakeview Park. Celebrate the life of Terry Fox while raising money for Canadian cancer research. Bring your running shoes, bike, or roller blades. Registration begins at 12 p.m., the 16th Annual head shave begins at 12:30 p.m. and the run starts at 1 p.m.

For more information, contact Nancy Salvage at Nancy.salvage@sympatico.ca



Open House: Touch-a-Truck & Fire Prevention Kick-off - Sept. 21, 4 to 7 p.m.

Join us Thursday, September 21 from 4-7 p.m. to touch-a-truck and learn more about fire prevention at our Open House. Explore the Engineering and Operations Centre, 1 Killaly Street W to touch-a-truck and learn more about the equipment that help the City staff perform their day-to-day jobs. Then visit the Fire Hall, 3 Killaly Street W, for our Fire Prevention Week Kick-Off, in celebration of Fire Prevention Week (October 8-15).



Community Concerts - Sept. 22, 6 to 9 p.m.

Join us, Sept. 22 at King George Memorial Park for a Community Concerts featuring: MY LIFE - Tribute to the Music of Billy Joel.





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Harvest Festival - Sept. 23, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

The Downtown BIA is pleased to bring you the 12th Annual Harvest Festival happening on Saturday, Sept. 23, from 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.. Join the fun-filled day for all ages, including children's activities, retail & food vendors and so much more.



Sip and Shop - Sept. 30, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Fall is just around the corner and what better way to celebrate than enjoying a warm beverage and shopping! Join us at H.H. Knoll Lakeview Park on Sept. 30 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Enjoy a variety of local artisan vendors and warm beverages.

For more information, please contact morgan.j.maclean@gmail.com

Community Concerts - Sept. 30, 7 to 8:30 p.m.

Join us, Sept. 30 at H.H. Knoll Lakeview Park for a Community Concerts featuring: Message in a Bottle - A Tribute to the Police & Sting.



Community Logo

The City of Port Colborne is proud to announce the launch of its new community logo, a symbol designed to capture the essence of our vibrant city and honor its rich marine heritage. Intended to foster a sense of belonging and unity, the logo will be available for members of our community to wear proudly on hats, t-shirts, sweaters and more. Residents and visitors are invited to display their Port Colborne pride by wearing the new logo around town and beyond.

For a limited time, the City will be offering t-shirts, sweaters, and hats for sale with the new community logo displayed proudly on the front. The merchandise will be available for purchase at various City events, the weekly Port Colborne Farmers' Market, City Hall and more.

Vale Health & Wellness Centre

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

www.portcolborne.ca/arenaschedule.

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
Vale Health & Wellness Centre, Rink 1 <i>*effective September 2023 - April 2024</i>							
Rates (Rinks 1&2) Pre-School - Free Students - \$4 Seniors - \$4 Adults - \$5 50+PAYP - \$4 Open PAYP - \$5 *PAYP - Play As You Play	SR & ADULT SKATE 9:30-11 a.m.	PARENTS & TOTS 10 a.m. - 12 p.m.	PARENTS & TOTS 10 a.m. - 12 p.m. SR & ADULT SKATE 12-1:30 p.m.	Ice Maintenance OPEN PAYP 1:30- 3 p.m.	50+ PAYP 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m.		
Vale Health & Wellness Centre, Rink 2 <i>*effective September 2023 - April 2024</i>							
*Stick & Puck - \$5 for adult & child; \$3 each additional child (10 years & under must be accompanied by an adult)	50+ PAYP 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m. PARENTS & TOTS 1-2:30 p.m.	OPEN PAYP 11 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. STICK & PUCK 3:30-5 p.m	50+ PAYP 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m.	Ice Maintenance STICK & PUCK 3:30-5 p.m	SR & ADULT SKATE 9:30-11 a.m.		PUBLIC SKATING 10 a.m.-12 p.m.
						PUBLIC SKATING 7-8:30 p.m.	

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Holiday Hours

Monday, Sept. 4 (Labour Day)

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

Have THAT Talk

Tuesdays, Sept. 19 & 26, Oct. 3 & 10, 10:30 a.m. – 12 p.m.

The Have THAT Talk series was developed by the Niagara Region to raise awareness about the importance of mental health in all areas of our lives. Everyone can take action to promote mental health where we live, work and play.

Talking about mental health can be hard for some people. Learn about safe ways to talk about your own mental health or illness and how to support others sharing their challenges with you. Learn about how you can take action to reduce stigma, increase support, and encourage people to get help sooner.

Pre-register. Free.

Class Visits

Port Colborne elementary teachers and community groups are invited to contact the library to schedule a Class Visit with a librarian! We have in-library, virtual, and Pop-Up options available starting in October. For more details, please call: 905-834-6512.

Adult Painting with Kyla: Algonquin Sunset

Thurs. Sept. 28, 2023, 1 – 2:30 p.m. & 5:30 – 7 p.m.

In this acrylic painting workshop, learn how to create a vibrant and truly Canadian sunset! Blending and shading techniques will be explored, as we capture the spirit of the Canadian North. You will also learn perspective and reflection paint techniques. \$15 per person. Pre-register.

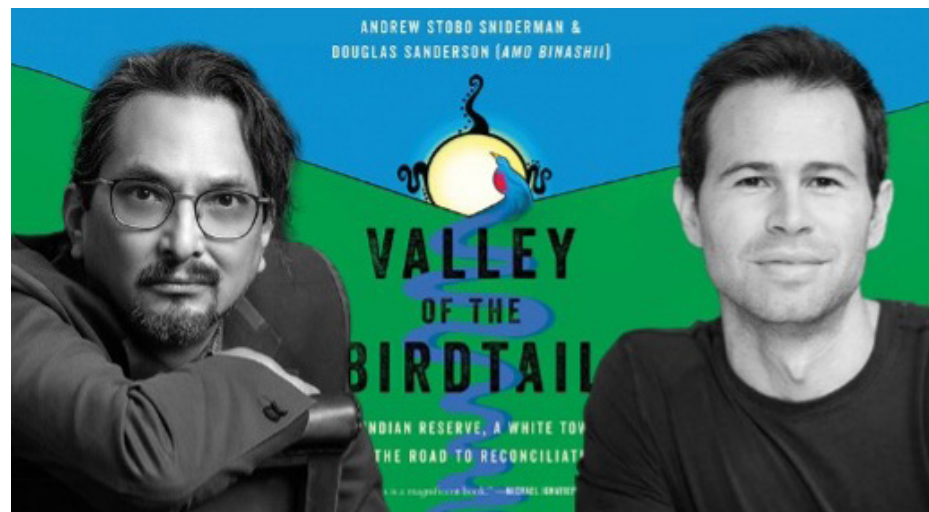


Valley of the Birdtail: An Indian Reserve, A white Town, and the Road to Reconciliation (Virtual)

Mon. Sept. 25, 2023, 6:30 – 7:30 p.m.

Listen to authors Andrew Stobo-Sniderman and Douglas Sanderson (Amo Binashii) discuss their award-winning book Valley of the Birdtail: An Indian Reserve, a White Town, and the Road to Reconciliation.

This event is hosted by Lincoln Pelham Public Library (LPPL) and is partially funded by the Niagara Community Foundation. Register for a virtual link by calling: 905-563-7014. Free. families. Free. Pre-registration is required.

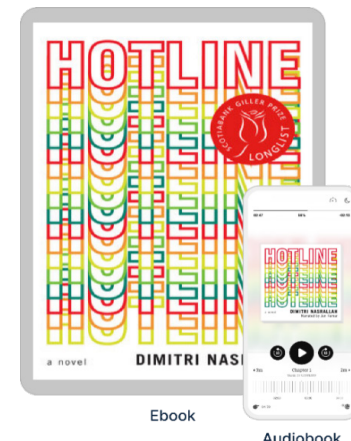


Together We Read

Aug. 30 – Sept. 13

TogetherWeRead is a digital book club that connects readers to the same e-book at the same time with no waitlists or holds! The featured title is the Scotiabank Giller Prize nominee, 'Hotline' by Dimitri Nasrallah. Download Libby on your smart phone or tablet to borrow the free e-book or audiobook, then join the conversation:

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Last Call for Tea and Biscuits

Arabella's Tea Room closes for the season on Sept. 30. Make your way down to 61 Princess St. during September to enjoy fresh homemade biscuits and jam made by volunteers. Open daily 2-4 p.m.



Centennial Art Show: Open September 23

This juried art show of current and former students in honour of the 100th Anniversary of Port Colborne High School will be presented in partnership with the Port Colborne Art Club and the Friends of Roselawn Centre. Come see local talent in different mediums from September 23 to October 23, open Wednesday to Saturday from 1-3 p.m. and admission is free.

New Gift Shop at Roselawn

The Roselawn Centre is excited to announce our new gift shop! Peruse a collection of locally sourced goods including candles, jewelry, and some Victorian delights the next time you visit us at 296 Fielden Avenue. Call 905-835-2900 x561 for more information.



Join the History Chasers

Go back in time with the History Chasers. Sign up for our free monthly letter series and follow the story of William Turner, a British Home Child in 1912 Port Colborne. Email sloane.mcdowell@portcolborne.ca or call 905-834-7604 to join now.

Museum & Grounds Tours

Visit the Museum at 280 King St. and enjoy a private tour of our newest exhibits 'Old School: Port High's 100th Anniversary' and 'British Home Children: Local Stories' as well as an exploration of our heritage village and marine park. Want a private tour? Call 905-834-7604 or email sloane.mcdowell@portcolborne.ca to book now.

Port Colborne Historical & Marine
MUSEUM
...more than a museum!

MUSEUM & GROUNDS TOURS

Available Monday-Friday by Appointment Only

Explore our latest exhibits, marine park, and heritage village on a private tour with Public Programmer, Sloane McDowell! Walk through history and learn more about Port Colborne's history.

\$5.00/PER PERSON

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION

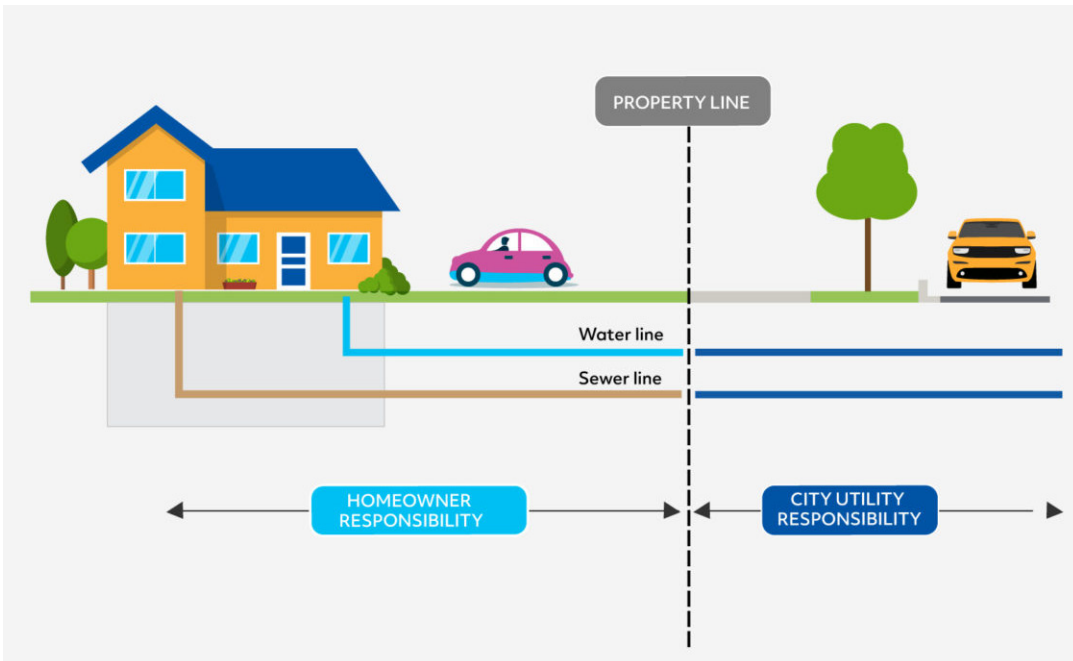
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Coming this Spooky Season...

Stay tuned for upcoming announcements about Fall Cemetery Tours, Speaker Series, Lantern Tours, and more! Follow us on our Facebook or Instagram accounts to see exciting announcements.

Water Service and Sewer Lateral Replacement Grants and Loan Program:

As part of the 2022 Water and Wastewater Budget, City Council approved a grant and loan program to assist residents with the cost to replace their water line and/or sewer line. As shown in the picture below, the City is responsible for the water and sewer lines extending from the watermain or sewermain in the road to your property line; however, property owners are responsible for the water and sewer lines that run from your property line to your home.



Why replace a water or sewer line?

While the private water and sewer lines are the responsibility of the property owner, when any of the issues listed below become known on the section which is owned and maintained by the City, the City or one of their approved contractors, will repair or replace the City's side of the line(s).

There are many different reasons a property owner may need to replace their water or sewer line:

- When a water or sewer line is found to be damaged, leaking, deteriorating, or undersized
- If the water line is constructed with lead pipe

All residential property owners who receive a water/wastewater bill are eligible to apply for and receive the following grant(s) and/or loans:

Replacement Grants:

Water Line	\$1,000
Sewer Line	\$1,000

Replacement Loans:

Water Line	\$2,500
Sewer Line	\$2,500

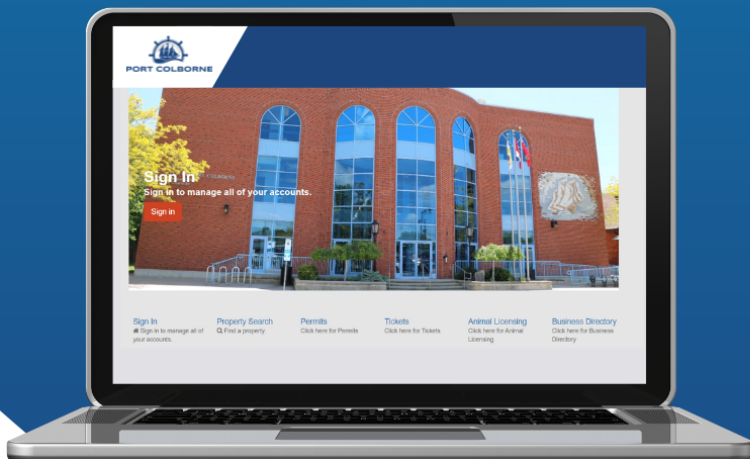
If you are interested in learning more about the program and the eligibility requirements, please visit www.portcolborne.ca/watergrantsandloanprogram, scan the QR code, or request a hard copy information and application package by calling our Customer Service Representatives at 905-835-2900 or by visiting City Hall.





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VIRTUAL CITY HALL



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, 2023. 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.

Note: When creating your account, please use the name exactly how it appears on your bill.



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.

