



PORT COLBORNE

CITY HALL NEWS

A newsletter written by staff for the residents of Port Colborne

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Stay connected – COVID-19

To stay up-to-date on the latest information and impacts for Port Colborne, visit our webpage at www.portcolborne.ca/covid19.

Mark your Calendar:

Saturday, April 16, 2022 - Easter Egg Hunt

Vale Health & Wellness Centre, 550 Elizabeth Street

Schedule of events:

- 10 a.m. & 12 p.m. Dena Gelentso Easter Crafts
- 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Niagara Face Painters
- 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Colouring Station
- 11 a.m. Easter Egg Hunt (outdoors, weather permitting)
- 12 to 2 p.m. Free Skate
- 12 to 3 p.m. Free Swim with the YMCA (pre-registration is required for a one-hour time slot). Bookings will open one week in advance. Call the YMCA at 905-835-9622.

For more information about the Easter Egg Hunt, including any event updates due to weather, visit our webpage www.portcolborne.ca/easteregg hunt.



Friday, April 22, 2022 - Tree Giveaway

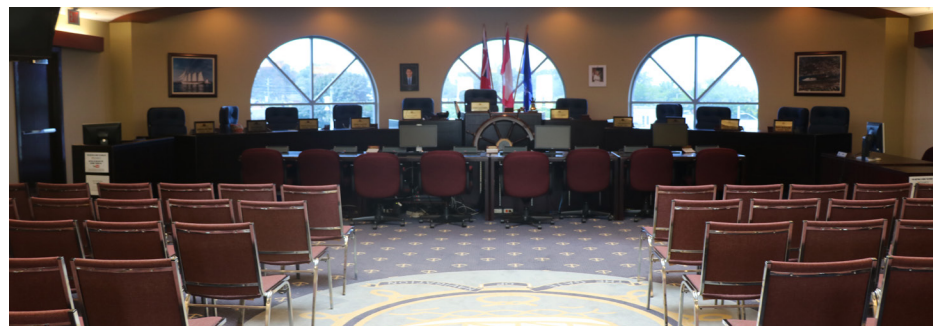
7 to 11:30 a.m.

King George Park during the Port Colborne Farmer's Market
In celebration of Earth Day, and in partnership with the Niagara Peninsula Conservation Authority (NPCA) and Sassafras Farms, we will be giving away 300 trees to Port Colborne residents (limit of three per household) on Friday, April 22, 2022, from 7 to 11:30 a.m. at King George Park. City staff will be collecting addresses from residents taking trees as part of a project to test the survival rates of the trees planted and assist with choosing tree species for the city in the future. Staff from NPCA and Sassafras Farms will also be hand to provide product and information about pollinator beds.

For more information about this event, pollinator corridors in our city, and our tree rebate program, visit our webpage www.portcolborne.ca/environment.

Tuesday, April 26, 2022 - In-person Council meetings resume

Councillors, staff, and the public will be returning to council chambers on Tuesday, April 26, 2022, for the regularly scheduled council meeting, beginning at 6:30 p.m. Members of the public are still encouraged to tune in from home, whether online, either live or afterwards, on our YouTube channel, or via YourTV on Cogeco channel 10 on Thursdays following council meetings at 9 a.m. For more information about council meetings, including council calendar or to subscribe to receive council packages to your email, visit our website www.portcolborne.ca/councilmeetings.



Monday, October 24, 2022 - Municipal & School Board Elections

To stay up-to-date on election information, including how to use VoterLookUp.ca to ensure you're on the voters list, visit www.portcolborne.ca/election.

2022 MUNICIPAL AND
SCHOOL BOARD ELECTIONS

ARE YOU ON THE LIST TO
VOTE?

HAVE YOUR SAY.
LOG ON TODAY.



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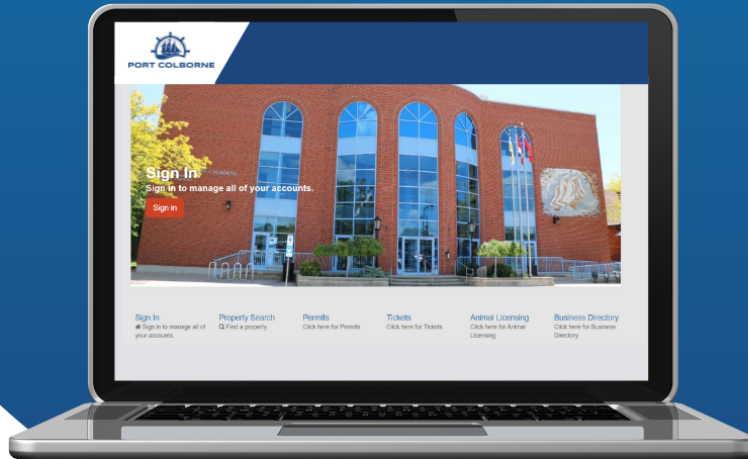
Re-connect with Recreation!

Child & Family Memberships are back at the Port Colborne YMCA!

As of April, child memberships will be available. More details are available on the YMCA website, www.ymcaofniagara.org, or by calling 905-835-9622.



NOW AVAILABLE!
**Child & Family
Memberships**



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.



REGISTER FOR PRE-AUTHORIZED PAYMENTS



UPDATE INFORMATION

Update mailing address and contact information.



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.

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).

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.





What's in the Works with Public Works?

Port Colborne awarded a 100% rating on Ministry Drinking Water System Inspection

In November 2021, the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP) conducted an annual, scheduled inspection of the city's drinking water system. The MECP is required to conduct at least one scheduled inspection of each drinking water system in the province annually – they may also conduct unannounced inspections.

After the inspection, digging deeper into the city's operations, the Inspector found no issues with the city's water records, procedures, or sample results, and our drinking water system was given another 100% inspection rating!

Congratulations to our Water Department staff who continue to maintain, monitor, and operate the Drinking Water System in accordance with the regulations and continue to ensure the residents and businesses in Port Colborne receive safe drinking water.

The **2021 annual drinking water quality report** is now available and can be found on our website, www.portcolborne.ca/water, or you can pick up a hard copy at the Engineering and Operations Centre, 1 Killaly Street West.

The city is committed to providing **CLEAN** drinking water:

Consistent compliance with legislation.

Listening and communicating with the public regarding safe drinking water.

Establishing a Quality Management System that is always improving.

Allowing only the safest water to reach your tap.

Necessity of life, of the highest quality.

For more information about water/wastewater services in Port Colborne, visit our website, www.portcolborne.ca/waterwastewater. Questions? Call 905-835-2900, or email customerservice@portcolborne.ca.



Spring Street Sweeping Operations

Our annual street sweeping is underway!

Staff are currently focusing on the downtown core and will then shift to primary and secondary roadways across the city.

Here are a few ways you can help city staff:

- Minimize street parking where possible
- Do not sweep your driveway and sidewalk debris onto the road
- Do not sweep the gutter or edge of road material into a pile
- Remove hockey and basketball nets from the edge of the road



Downtown Sidewalk Washing Program

Mark your calendars! Public Works crews will be completing the downtown sidewalk washing program the week of April 4!



Join an Advisory Committee/Board

Would you like to apply to become a member of an advisory Committee/Board?

Joining a citizen committee or board is a great way to get involved and offer your voice and valued skills in order to strengthen our shared sense of community.

The City of Port Colborne is accepting applications for positions on the following Committees/Boards:

- Joint Accessibility Advisory Committee
- Port Colborne Historical Marine and Museum Board
- Senior Citizens Advisory Council
- Social Determinants of Health Advisory Committee – Everyone Matters

Visit www.portcolborne.ca/committeesandboards to access the application form. Email deputyclerk@portcolborne.ca or call the Deputy Clerk at 905-835-2900 x115 for more information.

Completed applications can be submitted in the following ways:

- in-person on the second floor of City Hall, 66 Charlotte Street
- via email to deputyclerk@portcolborne.ca
- via regular mail to the attention of the Deputy Clerk at City Hall, 66 Charlotte Street, Port Colborne, ON L3K 3C8

**Applications will be received up to and including
Friday April 8, 2022.**

The City of Port Colborne is subject to the provisions of the Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act (MFIPPA). MFIPPA requires that a local government protect the privacy of an individual's personal information that exists in its records and that it follow rules regarding the collection, retention, use, disclosure and disposal of personal information in its custody or control.

Notice of Collection: Personal information on this form is collected under the authority of the Municipal Act, 2001 and will be used for the purposes of evaluating the suitability of applicants. Questions related to the collection of this information should be directed to the Deputy Clerk: deputyclerk@portcolborne.ca, 66 Charlotte Street, Port Colborne ON L3K 3C8, 905-835-2900.

Public Meeting – Building Permit Fee By-law

TAKE NOTICE that the Council of the Corporation of the City of Port Colborne will hold a public meeting to consider a proposed new Building Permit Fee By-law under Section 7 of the Building Code Act.

Public Meeting

Date: Tuesday, May 17, 2022

Time: 6:30 p.m.

Where: In-person in Council Chambers, 3rd floor City Hall, 66 Charlotte Street, or Virtual via our YouTube Channel, pending public health guidelines.

PURPOSE AND EFFECT The City of Port Colborne is proposing to adopt a new Building Permit Fee By-law following a review of the building permit fees under Section 7(b) of the Building Code Act.

The effect will be to increase the existing fee structure and introduce new fees. Information will be provided at the meeting on the estimated costs of enforcing and administering the Building Code Act, the amount of the proposed fee(s) and the rationale for changing (and/or imposing) fees.

The public meeting agenda package will be posted on our website on Thursday, May 12, 2022. Alternatively, you can subscribe to have meeting packages sent directly to your email inbox on the Thursday prior to the public meeting or regularly scheduled council meeting.

Any person wanting to participate in the meeting is asked to submit a written submission that will be circulated to City Councillors prior to the meeting. If anyone wishes to virtually participate in the meeting, they must pre-register with the Deputy Clerk. Written submissions and virtual participation requests must be received by noon on Tuesday, May 17, 2022, by emailing deputyclerk@portcolborne.ca or calling 905-835-2900 x115. Written submissions can also be submitted to the mail slot, located at the front-left of City Hall, 66 Charlotte Street.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION related to the proposed fees is available by calling Jon Taylor, Chief Building Official at 905-835-2900 x201 or emailing cbo@portcolborne.ca.

Dated at the City of Port Colborne March 31, 2022.
Jon Taylor, Chief Building Official
City of Port Colborne
66 Charlotte Street, Port Colborne, ON L3K 3C8



PORT COLBORNE
HISTORICAL & MARINE MUSEUM

**MORE THAN
A MUSEUM...**

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portcolborne.ca/museum | museum@portcolborne.ca

@PortMuseum @PortColborneHistoricalMarineMuseum
 @PortColborneMuseum

Spring at the Museum

Museum staff are getting the museum and the heritage village in tip top shape for our opening on May 1! Stay tuned to our social media accounts for announcements of upcoming events and activities.

We are excited to announce that Arabella's Tea Room will be opening for the 2022 season on June 1 by reservation only! The Edwardian-era styled tearoom is one of the longest running volunteer-based tea rooms in Canada, opening on the grounds July 1, 1978. The Auxiliary is looking for volunteers to be servers, bakers, and dishwashers. Interested in applying? Find our volunteer applications on our website at www.portcolborne.ca/museumvolunteers.



April will also feature Archives Awareness Week from April 2-8! Stay tuned to the Archive's Facebook to celebrate with a behind the scenes glimpse of the duties of our Archivist Dr. Michelle Vosburgh.

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FREE Easter Take & Make Craft Kits

Available Fri. Apr. 1.
Hoppy Bunny Craft (All ages) Have a hoppy time creating your very own Easter Bunny scene. Available while supplies last.



FREE S.T.E.A.M Activity Kits

Available Mon. Apr. 11.
My Amazing Body (Ages 6-12) Play and learn at the same time with S.T.E.A.M. (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Math) Activity Kits! Available while supplies last.



Virtual Escape Room

(Ages 11 and older) Visit our website to try these two fun, free adventures!

Bella's Book Mystery

Available Mon. Apr. 11. Decipher the clues to help Bella find her lost book.

Captain Colby's Lost Treasure

Decipher the clues to help Captain Colby find his lost treasure.

Ontario Parks Passes

Your Port Colborne Public Library is excited to offer free Ontario Parks Passes! These are single day-use passes that allow one vehicle and its occupants entry into an Ontario Park for free. With more than 100 operating provincial parks to choose from, you can explore hiking trails and day use beaches across our beautiful province.

Borrow a Parks Day Pass with your Port Colborne Public Library card and enjoy free day parking in many Ontario Provincial Parks. For more details, please call 905-834-6512, or for more information on day passes, please see the Ontario Parks page.