



MAYOR'S REPORT  
NOVEMBER 23, 2020 COUNCIL MEETING

**COVID-19 UPDATE**

Good evening and welcome to our virtual council meeting.

Tonight we are welcoming Councillors Bagu, Bruno, Bodner and Desmarais into the council chambers. Also joining us are our CAO Scott Luey, Clerk Amber LaPointe, Deputy Clerk Charlotte Madden, and a member of Wee Stream who are live streaming this meeting for us.

Our other city councillors and various city directors are each attending from home with Councillor Kalailieff absent on vacation.

Based on the Province of Ontario's Response Framework in dealing with COVID-19, last week Niagara moved into the orange – restrict stage as defined by this framework. We need to continue to work hard so Niagara remains here and no further restrictions are put in place as is evidenced in other areas of the province. Remember the precautions you have taken over the past seven months, continue to save lives.

We emphasize the need for social distancing, hand washing and face coverings where social distancing can't be maintained or where required by the Region's face covering by-law.

We ask that you continue to support our local businesses.

**Holiday Drive-Through Toy Drive**

The Port Colborne Fire and Emergency Services Team have partnered with Port Cares to make a child smile this holiday season.

This coming Saturday, November 28 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Fire Hall, 3 Killaly Street West, fire fighters will be collecting unwrapped toys for ages 0-18 as well as non-perishable food items. Please support this important drive.

## **Home for the Holidays – Decorating Contest**

Calling all Clark Griswolds; we're looking for the best holiday decorations in town! Port Colborne residents are invited to PORTicipate in their very own home decorating contest.

The contest is open to Port Colborne residents. Entries must be submitted to [eventservices@portcolborne.ca](mailto:eventservices@portcolborne.ca) by Thursday, Dec. 10, 2020 at 5 p.m. To enter, please submit a photo of your home, including a brief description and which category it fall into.

### **Categories include:**

Best Lawn Decorations

Best Light Display

Best Balcony or Front Door Display

Best Window Decorations

Details about each category can be found on our website.

There will be one winner for each category. The winner will be selected by the community, in an online voting system. Each winner will receive a gift card to a local Port Colborne establishment (retail shop or restaurant) of their choice. Winners will be announced on Monday, Dec. 21, 2020.

## **Business Christmas Light Display Contest**

In partnership with the Port Colborne Downtown BIA, we are also inviting businesses and storefronts across Port Colborne to decorate in the most festive way they know how. There is no such thing as too many twinkle lights!

To enter, please email photos and a brief description to [eventservices@portcolborne.ca](mailto:eventservices@portcolborne.ca) by Thursday, Dec. 10, 2020. The winner will be chosen by the community in an online voting system. Voting will take place from Dec. 11 - 19, with the winner being announced on Monday, Dec. 21, 2020.

The winner will receive a Christmas Decoration Prize Pack and gift card to a local Port Colborne establishment (restaurant or retail shop).

## **Christmas at the Museum**

The Port Colborne Historical and Marine Museum will be spreading Christmas cheer on Sunday, December 6, with our Grand Old Christmas at Home Kits.

More details on the kits, and how to purchase and pick them up will be available soon. Although things will be different this year, rest assured the museum grounds will be decorated and the holiday spirit will be flowing.

## **Christmas Market**

On Friday, Dec. 11 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., join us at the Market Square for Port Colborne's first ever Christmas Market.

Featuring various local farmers and artisan vendors selling their products, this is the perfect opportunity to look for unique gifts this holiday season.

Anyone interested in being a vendor, can email [marketclerk@portcolborne.ca](mailto:marketclerk@portcolborne.ca).

## **Closing**

In closing, we ask for your patience while we all work together and remain vigilant in fighting the COVID-19 virus.

Our number one priority is the health and safety of our staff and citizens.

Please stay safe and be kind.