



MAYOR'S REPORT
OCTOBER 13, 2020 COUNCIL MEETING

COVID-19 UPDATE

Good evening and welcome to our virtual council meeting.

Tonight we are welcoming Councillors Bagu, Bodner, Bruno 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 four city councillors and various city directors are each attending from home.

Niagara remains in Stage 3 of the COVID-19 recovery process. You have seen the province roll back several regions to a modified Stage 2. We don't want to go there.

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, including restaurants as patio season will be coming to an end soon and these businesses still need our support.

Christmas Card Contest

Just a reminder that the deadline for our annual Christmas Card colouring contest is Thursday, October 22.

The contest is open to all children who live or go to school in Port Colborne up to and including those in grade 8. Parents and grandparents, please encourage your children to PORTicipate.

Submissions may be painted with fingers or brushes, or drawn with pencils, crayons, pastels, or markers on a standard white sheet of paper, 8 ½" X 11" in vertical or horizontal format. Remember that deep, dark colours produce a better illustration. Please include your child's name, address, and telephone number on the back of the artwork.

Region Garbage Collection

Starting next week the Region is moving to an every-other-week schedule for garbage pick-up.

How does that impact Port Colborne? Residents **will not** have garbage collection the week of October 19. Garbage will be collected the week of October 26, continuing on an every-other-week basis.

What will be collected the week of October 19 and weekly thereafter are your:

Blue Box

Grey Box

Green Bin

Leaf and yard waste

What you can put out bi-weekly, starting October 26 - Garbage with to a 2 bag limit

So be a good neighbour next week and if you notice neighbour has put out their garbage, remind them of the new schedule.

And if you need an additional blue, grey or green bin, call our Customer Service Representatives at 905-835-2900 and set up a time to come to city hall to buy one.

Meals on Wheels Bottle Drive

On Sunday, October 18th, Meals on Wheels Port Colborne will be holding a Bottle Drive to raise funds to support their meal program.

A drive-through collection will take place in the No Frills Plaza from 10-5.

So, clean up your garage and bring your empties to the collection point next Sunday.

Hallowe'en

I wanted to get everyone thinking about Hallowe'en even though it is three weeks away. While the Region has not released specific guidelines for Niagara, we have received these guidelines from the province.

- Stay home if feeling ill or if you have mild symptoms.
- Only go out with members of your direct household.
- Only trick or treat outside.
- Both trick or treaters and people handing out candy should wear a face covering:
 - A costume mask is not a substitute for a face covering and should not be worn over a face covering as it may make it difficult to breathe.
 - Consider building your face covering into your, or your child's, costume.
- Do not congregate or linger at doorsteps. Line up two metres apart if waiting. Avoid high-touch surfaces and objects.
- Whether collecting or handing out treats, wash your hands often and thoroughly or use hand sanitizer:
- Do not leave treats in a bucket or bowl for children to grab.
- Consider using tongs, or other similar tools to hand out treats.

Parents will need to make a personal decision about participating this year. If you do PORTicipate, please do it safely.

Closing

In closing, we ask for your patience while we all work together for a safe and gradual return of services. We must remain vigilant in fighting this virus.

Our number one priority is the health and safety of our staff and citizens as we continue the safe and gradual reopening of services and business activities.

Please stay safe.