



## **PORT COLBORNE**

### **MAYOR'S REPORT**

### **JANUARY 25, 2021 COUNCIL MEETING**

#### **COVID-19 UPDATE**

As you are aware, we are currently in the lockdown stage of the Province of Ontario's Response Framework in dealing with COVID-19. The message is clear "Stay Home."

We continue 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 through these tough lockdown times.

#### **Fire Department Poster Contest**

The Port Colborne Fire Department has launched a poster contest with respect to fire safety in the home.

We'd like to play you a short video from the Fire Chief talking about the contest.

*Video played.*

So, parents and grandparents, encourage the artists in your family to pull out their pencils and crayons and get colouring. I've seen the great work they did with our Christmas Card contest.

We are accepting submissions until Friday this week.

#### **T. Roy Adams Humanitarian of the Year Award 2021**

The Niagara Region is now accepting applications for the T. Roy Adams Humanitarian of the Year Award. This award honours the memory of the late Councillor T. Roy Adams and is presented annually to a current resident of Niagara who best exemplifies his values and

dedication to community service; a person who sees volunteerism as an integral part of their life.

Information is available on the Region's website and nominations are to be submitted to the Regional Clerk's Office by March 31, 2021.

### **Grants for Non-Profits**

The City of Port Colborne's community grant program is now accepting the first-round of applications from non-profit organizations until Monday, Feb. 1, 2021.

As approved at the Nov. 23, 2020 Council Meeting, the community grant program will increase by 20 per cent. This year the grant committee will distribute more than \$35,000 to non-profit organizations, charitable organizations, and service organizations that benefit the citizens of Port Colborne and enhance the quality of the community, especially during a pandemic.

The annual grant program is one of the many ways the City looks to give back to the community. It's important that we continue to support local organizations that go above and beyond to help our residents. Council and staff are proud of this initiative and are committed to seeing it expand, as evident in the 20 per cent increase this year.

Information is available on our website.

### **Closing**

We will continue to 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.