

**City of Port Colborne
Regular Committee of the Whole Meeting 12-18
Minutes**

Date: May 14, 2018

Time: 6:30 p.m.

Place: Council Chambers, Municipal Offices, 66 Charlotte Street, Port Colborne

Members Present: R. Bodner, Councillor
F. Danch, Councillor
A. Desmarais, Councillor
D. Elliott, Councillor
B. Kenny, Councillor
J. Mayne, Councillor
J. Maloney, Mayor (presiding officer)

Absent: B. Butters, Councillor (due to illness)
Y. Doucet, Councillor (due to vacation)

Staff Present: D. Aquilina, Director of Planning and Development
T. Cartwright, Fire Chief
N. Halasz, Manager of Parks and Recreation
A. Grigg, Director of Community and Economic Development
A. LaPointe, Manager of Legislative Services/City Clerk
C. Lee, Director of Engineering and Operations
S. Luey, Chief Administrative Officer
C. McIntosh, Deputy Clerk (minutes)
P. Senese, Director of Corporate Services

Also in attendance were interested citizens, members of the news media, YourTV and WeeStream.

1. Call to Order:

Mayor Maloney called the meeting to order.

2. National Anthem:

Joel Longfellow sang O Canada.

3. Introduction of Addendum Items:

Nil.

4. Confirmation of Agenda:

Moved by Councillor A. Desmarais
Seconded by Councillor J. Mayne

That the agenda dated May 14, 2018 be confirmed, as circulated or as amended.

CARRIED.

5. Disclosures of Interest:

Nil.

6. Adoption of Minutes:

- (a) **Special meeting of Committee of the Whole 07-18, held on March 14, 2018.**
- (b) **Special meeting of Committee of the Whole 10-18, held on April 20 and 21, 2018.**
- (c) **Regular meeting of Committee of the Whole 11-18, held on April 23, 2018.**

Moved by Councillor J. Mayne
Seconded by Councillor B. Kenny

- (a) That the minutes of the special meeting of the Committee of the Whole 07-18, held on March 14, 2018, be approved as presented.
- (b) That the minutes of the special meeting of the Committee of the Whole 10-18, held on April 20 and 21, 2018, be approved as presented.
- (c) That the minutes of the regular meeting of the Committee of the Whole 11-18, held on April 23, 2018, be approved as presented.

CARRIED.

7. Determination of Items Requiring Separate Discussion:

The following items were identified for separate discussion:

Items 1, 2, 5, 7.

8. Approval of Items Not Requiring Separate Discussion:

Moved by Councillor A. Desmarais
Seconded by Councillor B. Kenny

That Items 1 to 27 on the agenda be approved, with the exception of items that have been deferred, deleted or listed for separate discussion, and the recommendation contained therein adopted.

Items:**3. Corporate Services, Finance Division, Report No. 2018-60, Subject: 2018 Final Tax Rates**

Committee of the Whole recommends:

That the rates of taxation for the year 2018 be approved and the tax rate by-law be executed by the Mayor and City Clerk.

That the 2018 final billing for the residential, multi-residential, commercial, industrial, pipeline, farmland, managed forest and farmland awaiting development tax classes have a demand (mailing) date of June 12, 2018 with due dates of July 3 and October 1, 2018.

4. Fire and Emergency Services, Report No. 2018-64, Subject: Emergency Call Summary 2017

Committee of the Whole recommends:

That Fire and Emergency Services Department Report No. 2018-64 with respect to the 2017 emergency call summary be received for information purposes.

6. Community and Economic Development, Parks and Recreation Division, Report No. 2018-66, Subject: Summary of Comments and Changes – Updated Municipal Alcohol Management Policy

Committee of the Whole recommends:

That the revised Municipal Alcohol Management Policy, attached as Appendix "A" to Community and Economic Development Department, Parks and Recreation Division Report No. 2018-66, Subject: Summary of Comments and Changes - Updated Municipal Alcohol Management Policy, be approved; and

That the appropriate by-law be presented for approval.

8. Community and Economic Development, Parks and Recreation Division, Report No. 2018-63, Eighth Annual Port Colborne Art Crawl

Committee of the Whole recommends:

That the request to host the eighth annual Port Colborne Art Crawl on Saturday June 23, 2018 from 11:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m., as submitted by the Port Colborne Art Crawl Committee, and outlined in Community and Economic Development, Parks and Recreation Division Report No. 2018-63, be approved;

That the following roads be closed to general vehicular traffic and parking on Saturday, June 23, 2018 from 10:30 a.m. to 11:00 p.m.:

- West Street, from the southern limit of Clarence Street to the northern limit of Kent Street;
- Clarence Street, from the eastern limit of King Street to the western limit of West Street;
- Charlotte Street, from the eastern limit of King Street (with signage indicating "local traffic only") to the western limit of West Street;

That emergency services, including ambulance, police and fire, and public works and public utility vehicles, be exempt from the above noted closures;

That qualified participants of the Event be exempt from the above noted closures through the issuance of an authorized permits;

That the Engineering and Operations Department install and retrieve road closure barricades at the predetermined locations requiring same;

That the Community and Economic Development Department install and retrieve picnic tables at the predetermined locations requiring same;

That the Event Organizer be responsible for installing appropriate signage at the predetermined locations stating "Art Crawl Clarence Street Temporarily Closed – 10:30 a.m. to 11:00 p.m.;"

That the Event Organizer be responsible for ensuring road closure barricades are promptly removed and returned to the retrieval points at the conclusion of the event;

That the restrooms at the Harbourmaster Building remain open until 11:00 p.m. for the Event;

That a site plan be prepared and submitted to the Community and Economic Development Department for distribution to emergency services and appropriate City departments;

That the Event Organizer file a Certificate of Insurance, naming the City as an additional insured, in the amount of \$2,000,000, in advance of the Event.

That the fee for a Noise By-law Exemption application, to be submitted to the By-law Enforcement Division, be waived.

That the appropriate by-law be presented for approval.

9. Memorandum from Gina Tartaglia, Event Coordinator Re: Canal Days 2018 (Designation of Canal Days Marine Heritage Festival as a Municipally Significant Event)

Committee of the Whole recommends:

That the Council of The Corporation of the City of Port Colborne hereby deems the annual Canal Days Marine Heritage Festival as a municipally significant event and supports the application to the Alcohol and Gaming Commission of Ontario for a Special Occasion Permit.

10. Memorandum from Janice Peyton, Recording Secretary, Environmental Advisory Committee Re: Letter of Support – Niagara Coastal Community Collaborative

Committee of the Whole recommends:

That the Council of The Corporation of the City of Port Colborne endorses the letter written by the Environmental Advisory Committee setting out the goals and actions being undertaken by the newly formed Niagara Coastal Community Collaborative (NCCC), in an effort to improve the near shore water quality along the northern shore of Lake Erie.

11. Memorandum from Janice Peyton, Executive Assistance, DEO Re: Transit Advisory Committee – Support of Increase in Port Colborne Community Bus Fares

Committee of the Whole recommends:

That the Memorandum received from Janice Peyton, Executive Assistance, DEO on behalf of the Transit Advisory Committee Re: Transit Advisory Committee – Support of Increase in Port Colborne Community Bus Fares, be received for information.

12. Ed Dujlovic, President, Ontario Chapter, Canadian Public Works Association, Director of Infrastructure and Development Services, City of Stratford Re: Request for Proclamation of National Public Works Week, May 20 - 26, 2018

Committee of the Whole recommends:

That the week of May 20 – 26, 2018 be proclaimed as “National Public Works Week” in the City of Port Colborne in accordance with the request received from Ed Dujlovic, President, Ontario Chapter, Canadian Public Works Association, Director of Infrastructure and Development, City of Stratford.

13. Steve Bowering, VP Sales, snapd Re: Request for Proclamation of June is Seniors Month

Committee of the Whole recommends:

That June 1 – 30, 2018 be proclaimed as “Seniors Month” in the City of Port Colborne in accordance with the request received from Steve Bowering, VP Sales, snapd.

14. Justin Bergamini, Administrative Support Assistance, Office of the Senator, Nancy Greene Raine Re: Request for Proclamation of National Health and Fitness Day 2018

Committee of the Whole recommends:

That the first Saturday in June be proclaimed as “National Health and Fitness Day” in the City of Port Colborne in accordance with the request received from Justin Bergamini, Administrative Support Assistance, Office of the Senator, Nancy Greene Raine.

15. Dewitt Carter Public School Re: Request for Use of Picnic Tables for a School Event to be Held on June 7, 2018

Committee of the Whole recommends:

That the correspondence from Dewitt Carter Public School requesting the use of City picnic tables for a School Event to be held on June 7, 2018 be received, and;

That the picnic tables be made available for their use, with arrangements for pick-up and return to be the responsibility of Dewitt Carter Public School.

16. Region of Niagara Re: Review and Comments on Watershed Planning in Ontario – Guidance for Land-Use Planning Authorities (PDS Report 14-2018)

Committee of the Whole recommends:

That the correspondence received from the Region of Niagara Re: Review and Comments on Watershed Planning in Ontario – Guidance for Land-Use Planning Authorities, be received for information.

17. Memorandum from Vance Badawey, Member of Parliament, Niagara Centre Re: Canada’s Long-Term Infrastructure Plan

Committee of the Whole recommends:

That the Memorandum received from Vance Badawey, Member of Parliament, Niagara Centre Re: Canada's Long-Term Infrastructure Plan, be received for information.

18. Richard Rybiak, Chair Niagara Central Airport Commission Re: Niagara Central Dorothy Rungeling Airport (NCDRA): Position regarding Niagara Region Uptake of Control and Governance of NCDRA and NDA

Committee of the Whole recommends:

That the following Motion be adopted by City Council:

Whereas the Regional Municipality of Niagara at its Regional Council meeting on September 22, 2016 approved a motion and direction to staff from the Transportation Steering Committee;

Whereas *The Welland-Port Colborne Airport Act* was assented to on May 7, 2006 and this act contains the following applicable section;

Under Schedule B section 2 subsection 2 (b)

That the Commission shall not sell or otherwise dispose of the said airport Provided however, that the Commission may in its sole discretion sell, lease or otherwise dispose of the buildings on the said airport as the Commission may consider advisable and for sole benefit of the Commission;

And further under Schedule b subsection 2 (c)

That the Commission shall not use or permit to be used the said airport for purposes other than airport purposes and shall maintain and operate said airport as a public airport.

Whereas Schedule A of *The Welland-Port Colborne Airport Act* provides the following clauses governing the ongoing activities of the Commission as follows:

"And whereas pursuant to the provisions of the *Municipal Act* R.S.O. 1970 chapter 284, section 352, paragraph 9, bylaws may be passed for the establishment, operation, maintenance of air harbours or landing grounds, together with such other rights and powers as are contained therein;

Whereas section 254 of the *Municipal Act*, R.S.O 1970 chapter 284 provides for the passing of by-laws by a municipality for entering into and performing any agreement with any other Council for fulfilling, executing and completing at their joint expense and for their joint benefit, any undertaking or work within the jurisdiction of the Council;

Whereas the Niagara Region is currently considering the longer-term opportunities to grow the economic impacts of these airports as Regionally managed and operated airports;”

Whereas the Regional Municipality of Niagara (Niagara Region) has two municipally supported and funded airports, the Niagara District Airport and the Niagara Central Dorothy Rungeling Airport;

Whereas the Niagara Central Dorothy Rungeling Airport has completed the terms of section 2, notably, “That, subject to completion of a phase 2 environmental assessment paid for by the current owners/operators, Regional staff be authorized to initiate detailed negotiations with the current funding partners of both the NDA and the NCDRA to transition responsibility to Niagara Region;

Whereas there must be formal discussions between stakeholder municipalities and Niagara Region;

Now therefore the Council of The Corporation of the City Of Port Colborne resolves as follows:

That representatives of the Niagara District Airport (NDA) and Niagara Central Dorothy Rungeling Airport (NCDA), stakeholder municipalities and the Region of Niagara commence formal discussions to finalize the assumption of the management/operational responsibilities of the NDA and NCDRA; and,

That by all stakeholder municipalities of NCDRA adopting this resolution, the stakeholder municipalities of the NCDRA approve the formal discussions with the Region of Niagara and the NDA to see both airports managed and operated as Regional airport facilities and that the, **“Framework for the Memorandum of Understanding”** attached to this motion be the basis of NCDRA stakeholder municipalities terms of reference for these discussions.

19. Town of Niagara-on-the-Lake Re: Funding for Local Public Libraries

Committee of the Whole recommends:

That the resolution received from the Town of Niagara-on-the-Lake Re: Funding for Local Public Libraries, be supported.

20. City of Thorold Re: Regarding Municipal Authority over Land Fill Projects in or Adjacent to their Municipality

Committee of the Whole recommends:

That the resolution received from the City of Thorold in support of Municipal Authority over Land Fill Projects in or Adjacent to their Municipality, be received for information.

21. City of St. Catharines Re: Safe Drinking Water Training – Elected Municipal Officials (Resolution from Niagara Regional Council)

Committee of the Whole recommends:

That the resolution received from the City of St. Catharines in support of a resolution passed by Niagara Regional Council regarding Safe Drinking Water Training – Elected Municipal Officials, be supported.

22. City of Toronto Re: Province of Ontario’s proposed Inclusionary Zoning Regulation - Request for Support

Committee of the Whole recommends:

That the resolution received from the City of Toronto Re: Province of Ontario’s proposed Inclusionary Zoning Regulation, be supported.

23. Township of Baldwin Re: Enforcement of Existing Firearms Legislation and Licencing Requirements in Canada (Cancel Bill C-71)

Committee of the Whole recommends:

That the resolution received from the Township of Baldwin Re: Enforcement of Existing Firearms Legislation and Licencing Requirements in Canada requesting the Government to Cancel Bill C-71, be received for information.

24. Municipality of East Ferris Re: Prohibited Trapping Areas

Committee of the Whole recommends:

That the resolution received from the Municipality of East Ferris Re: Prohibited Trapping Areas, be received for information.

25. Township of Wainfleet, City of Thorold, Town of Pelham Re: City of Port Colborne’s Resolution regarding the Niagara Peninsula Conservation Authority Appointment Process

Committee of the Whole recommends:

That the resolutions received from the Township of Wainfleet, City of Thorold and the Town of Pelham in support of the City of Port Colborne’s resolution regarding the request to the Region of Niagara to Immediately Replace Board Members and Establish Guidelines for the Future

Recruitment of Board Members to the NPCA, be received for information.

26. City of St. Catharines Re: City of Port Colborne's Resolution regarding Calling on Minister of Environment and Climate Change to Accelerate the Application for Review of Municipal Class Environmental Assessment Process

Committee of the Whole recommends:

That the resolution received from the City of St. Catharines in support of the City of Port Colborne's resolution regarding Calling on the Minister of Environment and Climate Change to Accelerate the Application for Review of Municipal Class Environmental Assessment Process, be received for information.

27. Kathleen Wynne, Premier of Ontario Re: Correspondence regarding the City of Port Colborne's resolution concerning Landfill Projects

Committee of the Whole recommends:

That the correspondence received from Kathleen Wynne, Premier of Ontario regarding the City of Port Colborne's resolution concerning Landfill projects, be received for information.

CARRIED.

9. Presentations:

Nil.

10. Delegations:

(a) George Henry, Vice President and Dan Tonello, Board Member, Community Living regarding Community Living Awareness Month

George Henry, Vice President of Community Living Port Colborne-Wainfleet, spoke with respect to Community Living Awareness Month and the organization's practice and promotion of the values of social inclusion, rights and responsibilities, dignity and respect, individuality and independence. Mr. Henry also thanked the supporters of the organization.

Dan Tonello, Board Member of Community Living Port Colborne-Wainfleet and representative of People Helping People to Achieve, which is a self-advocate group. Mr. Tonello explained that a self-advocate is defined as someone with an intellectual disability who speaks out about issues that affect their life. Mr. Tonello asked the community to support the full inclusion, rights and dignity for all.

11. Mayor's Report:

A copy of the Mayor's Report is attached.

In response to an inquiry from Councillor Desmarais, the Chief Administrative Officer advised that he has not yet received an answer from the Regional Chief Administrative Officer with respect to who paid for the flyer distributed by Regional Councillor Barrick in the Niagara this Week.

Upon request from the Mayor, the Director of Corporate Services provided an explanation of the information in the flyer. The Director of Corporate Services advised that the flyer contains an unfair comparison between the public debt increase of Port Colborne to that of the Niagara Region. The Director advised that there are good reasons for debt increases that are due to increases in services provided by the City including the replacement of the Nickel Street area storm sewer, water meter replacements, the Lakeshore Road watermains and construction of the Engineering and Operations Centre. The Director further advised that the City took measures such as spreading debenturing over a four year period to mitigate the amount of debt increase.

The Director of Corporate Services also explained that the \$850 per person increase noted in the flyer is based on the principal amount of the debt and the increase is actually an approximate annual increase of \$71 per person for debt repayment through property taxes which is only 9% of the City's budget.

The Director of Corporate Services provided comment with respect to the information in the flyer with respect to the property levy tax increase, advising that the increases are different for each municipality and comparing the Region to the City is unfair as the Region has the ability to raise revenues based on the property assessments of 12 municipalities but the City can only base its property taxes on the property assessments of one municipality. The Director explained that when there is growth in other municipalities such as Grimsby or Niagara Falls, the Region has the benefit of the revenue that is generated from the assessment growth where Port Colborne does not have that opportunity and the City's assessment growth is not as high as some municipalities. The Director further explained that Region has the opportunity to keep tax increases lower because of the generation of more revenue from the combination of assessments from municipalities in the Region and Port Colborne does not have that ability.

The Director of Corporate Services advised that Port Colborne's Council took advantage of the fact that the Region and Province used the assessment growth to provide lower tax rates and decided to use the tax room created and determined what the cost of the blended rate would cost the Port Colborne tax payer. The Director listed the blended tax rate increases between 2015-2018 as: 2015 - .88% or \$25 to the average homeowner; 2016 - 1.79% or \$51 to the average homeowner; 2017 - 2.99% or \$87 to the average homeowner; and 2018 - 2.69% or \$81 to the average homeowner. The Director explained that the percentages can appear high but the bottom line is the actual cost of what the ratepayers are paying in dollars rather than percentages.

The Director of Corporate Services summarized that the City was able to increase services provided, minimize tax increases and was able to do a lot with a little bit of money.

The Director of Corporate Services also addressed the water and wastewater billing, advising that like tax billing, the percentages appear high but the dollars are not as the average yearly increase in water and wastewater billing was approximately \$80 per year over the last four years while, at the same time, the City completed \$15 million worth of infrastructure improvement projects, with the assistance of grants. The Director noted that the City's expenditure \$15 million in infrastructure improvements is great as compared to the Region's \$40 million investment in Port Colborne.

12. Regional Councillor's Report:

Nil.

13. Councillors' Items:

(a) Hydro Outages (Danch)

Councillor Danch commented that in light of the recent hydro outages, better hydro service is required from the service provider, Canadian Niagara Power.

(b) Sherkston Community Centre (Bodner)

In response to an inquiry from Bodner, the Director of Engineering and Operations advised that staff are meeting to develop a communications protocol with the volunteer group who runs the Sherkston Community Centre.

(c) Abandoned water equipment, Wyldewood Road (Bodner)

In response to an inquiry from Councillor Bodner, the Director of Engineering and Operations advised that staff has contracted for equipment with a long arm in order to meet provincial restrictions to accessing the abandoned water equipment and providing clean up.

(d) Dead ash trees (Bodner)

In response to an inquiry from Councillor Bodner, the Director of Planning and Development advised that residents with dead ash trees need to make complaint to the By-law Enforcement Division which will determine if the tree is on public or private property and then issue notice to the property owner. The Director further advised that if the property owner does not comply with the notice, the City can complete the removal and charge back to the property owner.

(e) Policing of scrap yards (Mayne)

Councillor Mayne inquired with respect to whether increased monitoring of scrap yards can be done by the Niagara Regional Police in light of the recent increase in theft of copper wires and air conditioners and other such items that can be taken to the scrap yard in exchange for cash. The Mayor advised that he would

bring the issue to the attention of Regional Council and the Niagara Regional Police Services Board.

(f) Main Street West Railway Crossing (Kenny)

In response to an inquiry from Councillor Kenny with respect to the railway crossing on Main Street West, the Director of Engineering and Operations advised that staff is attempting to expedite repair with Trillium Railway and the Region with respect to the Main Street and two other problem railway crossings.

(g) Community Safety Day (Desmarais)

Councillor Desmarais announced that May 26, 2018 is Community Safety Day at the Fire Station on Killaly Street from 11 a.m. until 2 p.m. to promote safety and fire prevention.

(h) Transport truck parking on Janet Street (Desmarais)

Councillor Desmarais advised that from time to time, complaints are received with respect to a transport truck parking on Janet Street and inquired whether enforcement could be proactive with this issue. The Director of Planning and Development advised that he would speak to the Supervisor of the By-law Enforcement Division.

(i) Ponding water on Killaly Street East (Desmarais)

In response to a concern from Councillor Desmarais, the Director of Engineering and Operations advised that stone can be placed and the area graded where water is ponding on Killaly Street east in front of St. Jean de Brébeuf.

(i) Pedestrian crossing at Wellington Street and Main Street East (Desmarais)

In response to a concern from Councillor Desmarais with respect to a pile of rubble at the new pedestrian crossing at Wellington Street and Main Street East, the Mayor advised that he would address the issue with the Region.

(j) Nickel Street Storm Sewer Project (Desmarais)

In response to a request from Councillor Desmarais for an update about the construction in the East Village due to the Nickel Street Storm Sewer Project, the Director of Engineering and Operations advised that the asphalt is almost complete, sodding and topsoil has been delayed due to lack of sod and there are still a few hookups required and being completed by a plumber.

(k) Public meeting about Sunset Park (Elliott)

In response to an inquiry from Councillor Elliott, the Director of Engineering and Operations advised that he would inquire with staff if the area residents abutting

Sunset Park were notified of the public meeting with respect to the park being held on May 16 from 6 – 8 p.m. in the Council Chambers.

(l) Winter snow clearing operations (Elliott)

In response to an inquiry from Councillor Elliott with respect to the amount of sand that is still left over from winter snow clearing operations, the Director of Engineering and Operations advised that although there were not a lot of big snow events over the winter, there were a lot of continuous events that contributed to the amount of sand used and the City follow provincial minimum maintenance standards with respect to when, where and how to provide snow clearing operations.

(m) Road line painting (Elliott)

In response to an inquiry from Councillor Elliott, the Director of Engineering and Operations advised that line painting should begin by next week and a second application will be applied in early October.

(n) Speeding in the area of Knoll Street and Highland Avenue

In response to an inquiry from Councillor Danch, the Mayor advised that he would contact the Niagara Regional Police with respect to speeding in the area of Knoll Street and Highland Avenue.

(o) Pleasant Beach Parking (Bodner)

In response to an inquiry from Councillor Bodner about parking at the end of Pleasant Beach Road, the Director of Engineering and Operations advised the staff can paint the angled parking lines in-house and the Director of Planning and Development advised that a proposal for timed parking can be brought forward in the future after inquiring with the restaurant located on Pleasant Beach.

(p) Loose stone on the intersection of Highway 3 and Empire Road (Bodner)

In response to a safety concern from Councillor Bodner with respect to loose stone transferring from the road shoulder on to the road and the hazard it is creating particularly for motorcycles, the Director of Engineering and Operations advised that staff has been communicating with the Ministry of Transportation and has requested diligence with respect to clean up of the stone.

(q) Westwood Estates Phase II sidewalk (Elliott)

Councillor Elliott inquired about the sidewalk proposed on Renfield Street by the developer, the Director of Planning and Development advised that a future report will be provided to Council for consideration.

Staff Responses to Previous Councillor Enquiries:**(a) Introduction of the Manager of Parks and Recreation**

The Director of Community and Economic Development introduced Nicole Halasz, the City's new Manager of Parks and Recreation.

(b) Door-to-door smoke alarm campaign (Cartwright)

The Fire Chief advised that the door-to-door smoke alarm inspection campaign is expanding to the rural areas of the City as soon as weather permits.

The Fire Chief also advised that Fire Services has the right of entry to properties under the Ontario Fire Code but if entry is refused, a warrant would need to be obtained.

The Fire Chief further advised that the replacement of electrical smoke alarms must by another electrical smoke alarm as a battery operated alarm is not suitable as the Fire Code does not allow lesser protection.

14. Consideration of Items Requiring Separate Discussion:**1. Fire and Emergency Services, Report No. 2018-48, Subject: Fire Marque Indemnification Technology®**

Bill Steele, President, C.M. Steele Insurance Brokers Ltd. spoke on behalf of Zach Bull, President of the Niagara South Insurance Brokers Association. Mr. Steele expressed concern with the claim by Fire Marque Indemnification Technology that insurance rates would not be negatively affected by the introduction by the municipality of cost recovery of fire department charges. Mr. Steele expressed further concern that the City only considered the services of one company that recovers expenses for the municipality and inquired if the City could investigate the by-laws of other municipalities and consider other options for recovery including providing the service in-house.

Tim McAvoy of McAvoy, Belan & Campbell, the City's insurance broker, advised that the trend in the insurance market is to provide comprehensive coverage policies with a basket of coverage including charges such as those by the fire department under one big limit. Mr. McAvoy also advised that he would have to investigate further to provide Council with an opinion about the potential affect fire department expense recovery could have on individual insurance policy rates and coverage.

Mr. Carrier of Fire Marque Indemnification Technology stated the recovery of fire department expenses is already covered within insurance policies and that losses are incorporated by insurance companies into their risk management expectations and policy holders do not pay out of pocket for the cost recovery by fire departments.

Moved by Councillor A. Desmarais
Seconded by Councillor R. Bodner

That the Fire Chief be directed to further investigate and to provide a report to Council detailing cost recovery options for the provision of fire services including the use of available service providers, use of the City's insurer and providing the service in-house.

CARRIED.

2. Corporate Services, Finance Division, Report No. 2018-68, Subject: Port Colborne Community Bus Rate Increase

Moved by Councillor A. Desmarais
Seconded by Councillor D. Elliott

That the Port Colborne Transit Fare Structure attached to Corporate Services Department, Finance Division Report No. 2018-68, be approved, effective July 1, 2018.

CARRIED.

5. Planning and Development, Planning Division, Report No. 2018-67, Subject: Site Plan Control Handbook

Moved by Councillor D. Elliott
Seconded by Councillor J. Mayne

That the Site Plan Control Handbook attached to Planning and Development Department, Planning Division Report No. 2018-67 be approved.

CARRIED.

7. Community and Economic Development, Parks and Recreation Division, Report No. 2018-65, Subject: Review of Retail Pro Shop Services at the Vale Health & Wellness Centre

Moved by Councillor D. Elliott
Seconded by Councillor A. Desmarais

That the City assume the operation of pro shop services at the Vale Health & Wellness Centre; and

That the vacated premises (the area previously occupied by the pro shop) be utilized for City purposes, the use of which shall be determined after the Director of Community and Economic Development has completed a review of operational needs at the Vale Health & Wellness Centre.

CARRIED.

15. Notice of Motion:

Nil.

16. Adjournment:

Moved by Councillor F. Danch
Seconded by Councillor D. Elliott

That the Committee of the Whole meeting be adjourned at approximately
8:39 p.m.
CARRIED.

AL/cm



**Mayor's Report to the
May 14, 2018 Council Meeting**

Canadian Niagara Power Inc.

I met with representatives of Canadian Niagara Power Inc. last week to discuss our concerns about the recent and frequent power outages in the city.

A letter explaining the recent outages has been received and will be posted on our website.

Profanity on the approach to the former train bridge

Many thanks to the St. Lawrence Seaway Management Corporation for painting over the profanity in a prompt fashion and for Director Chris Lee on pursuing the matter with the Seaway.

Doctor's Day

I participated in a short video acknowledging Doctor's Day. Similarly, the Physician Recruitment Committee will be hosting first year medical students from the University of Ottawa in Port Colborne to introduce them to what practicing in a smaller community is like.

Medical Education, Recruitment and Health Services Committee Educational Award

Are you a resident of Port Colborne graduating high school this year? Are you entering post-secondary studies related to a health/medical care field? You could apply for one of two \$250 awards from the Medical Education, Recruitment and Health Services Committee. Please contact your guidance department for more information.

National Day of Mourning

On Saturday, April 28th I attended at the memorial at H.H. Knoll Lakeview Park in recognition of the National Day of Mourning to honour those workers in Canada who have been killed, injured or disabled on the job, or who suffer from occupational diseases.

Museum News

I also attended at the Museum Members Reception as the Museum opened for the season. May is Museum Month - celebrate with Port Colborne Historical & Marine Museum this Friday, May 18 from 12-5 p.m.

Arabella's Pie Social and History Fair is May 27 12 - 4 p.m.

And starting June 1 - Arabella's Tea Room opens daily for the season from 2 - 4 p.m. Tea from June 1 -9 is '2 for 1' to celebrate Arabella's 40th Anniversary.

Upcoming Events:

There is Public Meeting for Sunset Park this Wednesday May 16 from 6 - 8 p.m. in Council Chambers.

We will be holding our 24th annual Community Safety Day at the Port Colborne Fire Hall May 26 11 a.m. - 2 p.m.

There will be a Dedication Ceremony for the new gazebo at the Port Colborne Public Library - May 27 2 p.m.

Join us for Community Planting Day at the Community Garden May 27 3 - 5 p.m.