City of Port Colborne Regular Council Meeting 14-20 Minutes

Date: June 8, 2020

Time: 6:30 p.m.

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

Members Present: M. Bagu, Councillor (via Zoom)

E. Beauregard, Councillor (via Zoom)
R. Bodner, Councillor (via Zoom)
G. Bruno, Councillor (via Zoom)
F. Danch, Councillor (via Zoom)
A. Desmarais, Councillor (via Zoom)
D. Kalailieff, Councillor (via Zoom)
W. Steele, Mayor (presiding officer)
H. Wells, Councillor (via Zoom)

Staff Present: D. Aquilina, Director of Planning and Development Department

(via Zoom)

B. Boles, Director of Corporate Services (via Zoom)

T. Cartwright, Fire Chief (via Zoom)

A. Grigg, Director of Community and Economic Development (via

Zoom)

C. Lee, Director of Engineering and Operations (via Zoom) A. LaPointe, Manager of Legislative Services/City Clerk

S. Luey, Chief Administrative Officer

C. Madden, Deputy Clerk

N. Halasz, Manager of Parks and Recreation (via Zoom)
A. Vander Veen, Drainage Superintendent (via Zoom)

Also in attendance was one member of WeeStreem.

1. Call to Order:

Mayor Steele called the meeting to order and then proceeded into Roll Call.

Mayor Steele delivered his Mayor's Report, a copy of which is attached.

Regional Councillor Butters reiterated a quote given by the Niagara Regional Chair at the recent Region Special Council meeting. She further reported on the Canada Summer Games Project and provided an explanation with respect to why the Niagara Region isn't proceeding into Phase Two of the gradual reopening of the Province. Councillor Butters concluded her report by encouraging residents to

maintain social distancing and to follow the news provided on the Region of Niagara's website with respect to COVID-19.

2. Introduction of Addendum Items:

Deletions:

Item 2, Community and Economic Development Department, Health Services Division, Report 2020-55, Subject: Physician Recruitment, Retention and Medical Education Financial Incentive Guidelines has been removed at the request of staff.

3. Confirmation of Agenda:

No. 80 Moved by Councillor A. Desmarais Seconded by Councillor E. Beauregard

That the agenda dated June 8, 2020 be confirmed, as circulated.

CARRIED

4. Disclosures of Interest:

Councillor Beauregard declared a pecuniary interest regarding item 1 (Community and Economic Development Department, Parks and Recreation Division, Report 2020-47, Subject: Proposed Agreements at Nickel Beach – Splashtown Niagara Inflatable Water Park, and Big Pappi's Food and Shake Shack), item 6 (Planning and Development Department, Planning Division, Report 2020-72, Subject: Recommendation Report on Removing 14 and 18 Victoria Street from the Municipal Registry of Heritage Properties), item 7 (Planning and Development Confidential Report 2020-75, Subject: Agreement of Purchase Sale) and By-law No. 6789/38/20, (Being a By-law to Regulate Open Air Burning in the City of Port Colborne and to Repeal By-law No. 6280/106/15) as he is employed by Sullivan Mahoney and the firm has provided legal advice with respect to these items. Councillor Beauregard refrained from discussing and voting on these items.

Councillor Bodner declared a pecuniary interest regarding By-law No. 6789/38/20, (Being a By-law to Regulate Open Air Burning in the City of Port Colborne and to Repeal By-law No. 6280/106/15) as his business sells firewood. Councillor Bodner refrained from discussing and voting on By-law No. 6789/38/20.

5. Adoption of Minutes:

No. 81 Moved by Councillor G. Bruno Seconded by Councillor F. Danch

(a) That the minutes of the regular meeting of Council 13-20, held on May 25, 2020, be approved as presented.

6. Determination of Items Requiring Separate Discussion:

The following items were identified for separate discussion:

Item 1, 3, 4, 5, 6, and 7.

7. Approval of Items Not Requiring Separate Discussion:

Moved by Councillor H. Wells Seconded by Councillor R. Bodner

That Items 1 to 11 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:

8. Niagara Regional Housing Re: Niagara Regional Housing Quarterly Report – January 1 – March 31, 2020

Council Resolved:

That the correspondence received from the Niagara Regional Housing Re: Niagara Regional Housing Quarterly Report, January 1 – March, 2020, be received for information.

 Region of Niagara Re: Implications of the New Provincial Policy Statement, 2020

Council Resolved:

That the correspondence received from the Region of Niagara Re: Implications of the New Provincial Policy Statement 2020, be received for information.

 Town of Fort Erie Re: Support of Medical Staff Association of Niagara Health and the Medical Academies of Lincoln, Niagara and Welland – Ministry of Health Billing Codes for the Provision of Virtual Care – COVID -19

Council Resolved:

That the resolution received from the Town of Fort Erie Re: Support of Medical Staff Association of Niagara Health and the Medical

Academies of Lincoln, Niagara and Welland – Ministry of Health Billing Codes for the Provision of Virtual Care – COVID-19, be received for information.

11. City of Kitchener Re: Universal Basic Income

Council Resolved:

That the resolution received from the City of Kitchener Re: Universal Basic Income, be received for information.

CARRIED

- 8. Consideration of Items Requiring Separate Discussion:
 - Community and Economic Development Department, Parks and Recreation Division, Report 2020-47, Subject: Proposed Agreements at Nickel Beach – Splashtown Niagara Inflatable Water Park, and Big Pappi's Food and Shake Shack
 - No. 83 Moved by Councillor H. Wells Seconded by Councillor A. Desmarais

That the City of Port Colborne enter into agreements with Big Pappi's, and Splashtown for the start of the 2020 operational season, respecting the provision of food and beverage services, and an inflatable water park at Nickel Beach, as outlined in Community and Economic Development, Parks and Recreation Division, Report 2020-47, Subject: Proposed Agreements at Nickel Beach – Splashtown Niagara Inflatable Water Park, and Big Pappi's Food & Shake Shack.

CARRIED

- 3. Community and Economic Development Department, Parks and Recreation Division, Report 2020-68, Subject: H.H. Knoll Lakeview Park Ice Box Food Concession and Miniature Golf Facility
 - Moved by Councillor F. Danch Seconded by Councillor G. Bruno

That the Director of Community and Economic Development be authorized to proceed with the removal of the Icebox facility at H.H. Knoll Lakeview Park;

That \$30,000 be reallocated from roof/gutter replacement for the Icebox, to removal/demolition of the facility and the

adjacent concrete slab, at an estimated cost of \$4,000, with the remaining funds earmarked for future site development (to be presented to Council later in 2020 for consideration); and

That the Director of Community and Economic Development be authorized to proceed with issuing a Request for Proposals for food truck services at the site for the 2020 season; and

That the Director of Community and Economic Development be authorized to proceed with the preparation of a plan outlining future use and site development, all as outlined in Community and Economic Development, Parks and Recreation Division, Report 2020-68, Subject: H.H. Knoll Lakeview Park Ice Box Food Concession and Miniature Golf Facility.

CARRIED

4. Engineering and Operations Department, Engineering Division, Report 2020-69, Subject: Request for Stop Sign Installations – Stanley Street at Wood Lane

No. 85 Moved by Councillor F. Danch Seconded by Councillor G. Bruno

That the Council of the City of Port Colborne approve the following amendment to By-law No. 89-2000 Being a By-law regulating traffic and parking on City roads;

That Schedule "P" Stop Sign Locations, to By-law No. 89-2000, as amended, be amended by adding thereto the following:

Column 1	Column 2	Column 3
Highway	At	Facing Traffic
Stanley Street	Wood Lane	East and West Bound

Further, that the stop control become effective upon installation of the regulatory signs and that Staff notify the Niagara Regional Police of the change in stop control at this location.

Moved in amendment by Councillor E. Beauregard Seconded by Councillor D. Kalailieff

That the main motion be amended by striking out the second paragraph and adding thereto the following:

"That Schedule "P" Stop Sign Locations, to By-law No. 89-2000, as amended, be amended by adding thereto the following as a temporary measure until a traffic study is conducted on this intersection and the results of that traffic study are brought forth in a report to Council:"

LOST

The vote was then called on the original main motion as follows:

That the Council of the City of Port Colborne approve the following amendment to By-law No. 89-2000 Being a By-law regulating traffic and parking on City roads;

That Schedule "P" Stop Sign Locations, to By-law No. 89-2000, as amended, be amended by adding thereto the following:

Column 1	Column 2	Column 3
Highway	At	Facing Traffic
Stanley Street	Wood Lane	East and West Bound

Further, that the stop control become effective upon installation of the regulatory signs and that Staff notify the Niagara Regional Police of the change in stop control at this location.

LOST

5. Engineering and Operations Department, Engineering Division, Report 2020-71, Subject: Billing of the Lyons Creek Municipal Drain East Branch

Moved by Councillor R. Bodner Seconded by Councillor H. Wells

That Council of the City of Port Colborne receives Engineering and Operations Department, Engineering Division Report No. 2020-71, Billing of the Lyons Creek Municipal Drain East Branch, for information; and

That the billings for the Lyons Creek Drain be billed out in accordance with the *Drainage Act, R.S.O., 1990*, as detailed in the attached assessment schedule.

6. Planning and Development Department, Planning Division, Report 2020-72, Subject: Recommendation Report on Removing 14 and 18 Victoria Street from the Municipal Registry of Heritage Properties

Moved by Councillor G. Bruno Seconded by Councillor R. Bodner

That Council of the City of Port Colborne removes the lands legally known as Plan Merritt Survey Part of Lots 1 and 10, NP 987, 988, 989 in the City of Port Colborne, Regional Municipality of Niagara; municipally known as 14 Victoria Street (14 and 18 Victoria Street on the Registry). CARRIED

7. Planning and Development Confidential Report 2020-75, Subject: Agreement of Purchase Sale

Moved by Councillor G. Bruno Seconded by Councillor M. Bagu

Authorize the Director of Planning and Development and other staff to proceed in accordance with the instructions given in confidential Planning and Development Report 2020-75.

Moved in referral by Councillor G. Bruno Seconded by Councillor H. Wells

That Planning and Development Confidential Report 2020-75, Subject: Agreement of Purchase and Sale be referred to the Director of Planning and Development in order to obtain legal consult on the terminology to be used in the agreement with respect to the starting date of construction.

CARRIED

9. Proclamations:

None.

10. Minutes of Boards, Commissions & Committees:

No. 89 Moved by Councillor D. Kalailieff Seconded by Councillor M. Bagu

- (a) Minutes of the Grant Policy Committee Meeting of October 21, 2019.
- (b) Minutes of the Environmental Advisory Committee Meeting of January 8, 2020.
- (c) Minutes of the Port Colborne Public Library Board Meeting of February 4, 2020.
- (d) Minutes of the Downtown Port Colborne BIA Board Meeting of May 22, 2019, July 24, 2019, September 25, 2019, October 23, 2019, February 12, 2020 and March 11, 2020.

11. Councillors' Items:

Staff Responses to Previous Councillors' Enquiries

(a) COVID-19 Update (Luey)

The Chief Administrative Officer informed Council that the Emergency Operations Centre (EOC) is partially activated and that the Emergency Control Group (ECG) continue to meet to plan the City's recovery as well as monitor the safety of the essential services in the City. He further reported that they are planning and putting safety measures in place for the reopening of the City's facilities.

(b) Open Burning By-law (Chief Cartwright)

Chief Cartwright informed Council that he had brought the draft Open Burning by-law forward to the EOC for their review and one concern arose which has since been remedied by the Province, being the number of people gathering during campfires. He further reported that the Fire and Emergency Services Department in conjunction with the Corporate Communications Officer have been preparing a brochure with information on the new Open Burning By-law that can be utilized to educate the public.

(c) Nickel Beach Update (Grigg)

The Director of Community and Economic Development confirmed that Staff are in the process of finalizing a plan for Nickel Beach to reopen with proper safety measures in place; a plan that will be executed in the near future as a result of the hiring of summer students which are an integral part in the operations of Nickel Beach.

(d) Farmer's Market (Grigg)

The Director of Community and Economic Development confirmed that Staff are also in the process of finalizing a plan for the Farmer's Market to reopen with various provisions in place responding to COVID-19.

Councillors' Issues/Enquiries

(a) Vale Centre Roof Repairs (Bagu)

In response to Councillor Bagu's request for an update on the roof repairs to be completed at the Vale Health and Wellness Centre, the Director of Engineering and Operations informed Council that a completion date is not yet established since the hired Contractor just returned to work as they were not previously considered an essential service.

(b) Railroad Crossing at Sugarloaf and Elm Streets (Bagu)

In response to Councillor Bagu's request for an update as well as an approximate date of completion on the repairs to be conducted on the railroad crossing at Sugarloaf and Elm Streets, the Director of Engineering and Operations confirmed that the panels that are to be built for this construction have been ordered and are expected to be delivered the first week in August. He further reported that Staff have had two meetings with Gia Rail as well as their sub-contractor and have determined the work can be initiated as soon as the panels arrive.

(c) Status of Marina Occupancy (Bagu)

In response to Councillor Bagu's inquiry regarding the occupancy rate at the Marina thus far, the Director of Community and Economic Development informed Council that there are currently 370 confirmed seasonal customers and that there is a waiting list of about 60 customers which Staff is in the process of reaching out to in order to secure them a dock for the season.

(d) Public Washroom Facilities (Bagu)

In response to Councillor Bagu's inquiry regarding the plan to reopen public washroom facilities, the Director of Community and Economic Development informed Council that the facilities will be open in the near future and that one staff will be regularly cleaning these facilities.

(e) Noise Concerns at Humberstone Speedway Racetrack (Bodner)

Councillor Bodner reported that some residents have expressed concern regarding the loud noise that has occurred as a result of the races starting back

up at the Humberstone Speedway Racetrack. The Director of Planning and Development confirmed that he will arrange for a meeting with the owners of Humberstone Speedway to notify them of these concerns as well as to inquire what their schedule is and their plan for reopening.

(f) Asphalt Grindings at Quarry (Bodner)

Councillor Bodner informed Council that he has received many inquiries relating to asphalt grindings potentially going into one of the quarries. The Director of Planning and Development confirmed that a violation has been found and further explained the process for zoning by-law infractions, being that a timeframe is given to the owner of the property in order for them to remedy the situation and come into compliance with the by-law.

(g) Use of Beaches During Late Hours (Bodner)

In response to Councillor Bodner's inquiry regarding who should be notified when residents witness people using the closed beach after hours, the Mayor confirmed that the Niagara Regional Police should be notified.

(h) Water/Tax Bills Penalties and Interest (Bruno)

In response to Councillor Bruno's inquiry regarding the plan for water/tax bill penalties and interest, the Director of Corporate Services informed Council that a report on this matter will be brought forth at the Council meeting on June 22.

(i) Ditches on Barrick Road from Elm Street (Bruno)

In response to Councillor Bruno's inquiry regarding whether or not a ditch located along the easterly part of Barrick Road from Elm Street could potentially become a municipal drain so as to improve the drainage for residents in this area, the Drainage Superintendent confirmed that she would investigate this matter in conjunction with the Chief Administrative Officer, the Mayor, the Director of Engineering and Operations as well as Seaway which owns some of the property where the ditch is located.

(j) Speed of Vehicles on Barrick Road (Bruno)

In response to Councillor Bruno's request for an investigation to be conducted by the Niagara Regional Police regarding the cars speeding down Barrick Road as well as down Steele Street, the Mayor informed Council that he would bring forth this matter at the next Police Services Board meeting.

(k) Condition of Marina Road (Bruno)

Councillor Bruno expressed concern regarding the condition of the uncut grass and litter located along Marina Road as well as the land adjacent to the Marina parking lot. The Director of Community and Economic Development confirmed that Staff will address this matter.

(I) Speed Sign on Barrick Road (Danch)

In response to Councillor Danch's concern with regards to cars speeding on the easterly part of Barrick Road past Elm Street as well as the lack of speed limit signs notifying drivers of the speed limit, the Director of Engineering and Operations confirmed that Staff would investigate this matter.

(m) Advanced Green Light (Danch)

Councillor Danch inquired as to whether or not an advanced green light could be installed at the intersection of Elm and Main Streets, the Director of Engineering and Operations informed Council that since this is a Regional road, he will notify the Regional Traffic Transportation Group of this issue and ask that they investigate.

(n) Bollards on Main Street West (Danch)

In response to Councillor Danch's request for an update on whether bollards are going to be placed along Main Street West for protection of the businesses, the Director of Engineering and Operations confirmed that he has been in contact with the Regional Traffic Transportation Group but they have yet to reach a resolution.

(o) Damaged Curb on Clarence Street (Danch)

In response to Councillor Danch's request to have a curb inspected in front of a property on Clarence Street, the Director of Engineering and Operations confirmed that Staff would investigate.

(p) Walking Path on Weaver Road (Danch)

In response to Councillor Danch's request to have a gate put up in order to slow down those travelling on the path at Weaver Road, the Director of Community and Economic Development confirmed that Staff would investigate this issue.

(q) Payment Options (Desmarais)

In response to Councillor Desmarais' inquiry regarding options of payment offered by the City, the Director of Corporate Services informed Council that the majority of payments are completed via debit, cheques and online banking but that more options would be investigated by Staff.

(r) Friends Over 55 Group (Desmarais)

Councillor Desmarais informed Council that the Friends Over 55 Group is struggling financially due to COVID-19 and asked whether the City could provide any type of assistance. The Mayor reported that this group has submitted an application to the Grant Policy Committee and that he will coordinate with Staff to investigate if other methods of assistance are available.

(s) Calling the Police (Kalailieff)

Councillor Kalailieff reminded Council and the public to always call and report to the police when witnessing an issue that requires their attention.

(t) Speed Limit Sign on Miller Road (Wells)

In response to Councillor Wells' request for an update on a flashing speed limit sign to be placed on Miller Road, the Director of Engineering and Operations informed Council that he will reach out to the Regional Traffic Transportation Group and ask that they investigate.

(u) Damage to Brookfield Road (Wells)

In response to Councillor Wells' inquiry regarding when Brookfield Road is going to be repaired, the Director of Engineering and Operations confirmed that Staff have been investigating this issue and are hoping to fit this area into the list of areas that require repairs to be conducted this year.

(v) Roadside Mowing (Wells)

In response to Councillor Wells' request that the roadside mowing schedule be sent to him, the Director of Engineering and Operations informed Council that the Contractor will begin the week of June 15 and should complete the first round of mowing in about a week and a half.

(w) Garbage at Pleasant Beach Road End (Wells)

In response to Councillor Wells' request to have more garbage containers placed near the Pleasant Beach Road end, the Director of Engineering and

Operations confirmed that staff will put more portable containers near the parking lot in this area.

(x) Humberstone Speedway Racetrack COVID-19 Compliance (Wells)

In response to Councillor Wells' inquiry regarding whether the Humberstone Speedway racetrack has safety measures in place and is in compliance with the COVID-19 restrictions, the Director of Planning and Development confirmed that Staff will investigate this matter in conjunction with Niagara Region Public Health.

12. Consideration of By-laws:

No. 90

Moved by Councillor H. Wells Seconded by Councillor D. Kalailieff

That the following by-law be enacted and passed:

6788/37/20	Being a By-law to Regulate Open Air	
	Burning in the City of Port Colborne and to	
	Repeal By-Law No. 6280/106/15	

Recorded Vote:

Yes: Bruno, Danch, Kalailieff, Wells, Steele

No: Bagu, Desmarais

CARRIED

No. 91

Moved by Councillor A. Desmarais Seconded by Councillor G. Bruno

That the following by-laws be enacted and passed:

6785/34/20	Being a By-law to Appoint a Treasurer and a Deputy Clerk
6786/35/20	Being a By-law to Amend By-law No. 89- 2000, as Amended, Being a By-law regulating Traffic and Parking on City Roads (Nickel Street)
6787/36/20	Being a By-law to amend the Assessment Schedule, to Levy the Actual Costs incurred, for the Maintenance of Drainage Works known as the Lyons Creek Municipal Drain

Being a By-law to Adopt, Ratify and Confirm the Proceedings of the Council of The Corporation of the City of Port Colborne at its Regular Meeting of June 8,
2020

13. Adjournment:

Mayor Steele adjourned the meeting at approximately 9:42 p.m.

William Č. Steele

Mayor

Amber LaPointe

City Clerk

AL/cm



MAYOR'S REPORT JUNE 8, 2020 COUNCIL MEETING

"Well, I don't know what will happen now. We've got some difficult days ahead. But it really doesn't matter with me now, because I've been to the mountaintop... And I've seen the Promised Land. I may not get there with you. But I want you to know tonight, that we, as a people, will get to the Promised Land." Martin Luther King Jr. In his last speech.

Tonight we stand united as a council and as a community denouncing unequivocally racism and discrimination.

We know that in Canada we have our own issues of discrimination based upon skin colour, ancestry, language, sexual orientation or the religion we practice.

We as a society need to always do better

We as a society must stand together with our brothers and sisters in peaceful protest to show our message of anti racism, anti hate and the right to justice for all.

Over the last few weeks I was proud to raise our new Age Friendly flag for senior's month and our Pride Flag honouring Pride month and our LGBTQ community.

Over this last weekend we witnessed 2 marches in Niagara that saw thousands of people gather peacefully and show support against racism and discrimination. As a member of Regional Council as well as Niagara's Police Services Board I was proud of how Canadians can show their support in such a peaceful manner. I thank Police Chief MacCulloch for his comment and I quote "I think it is important that we are here with the community, listening to the community and showing our support and solidarity.

As I opened with a quote from Dr. King- Tonight we as a Council will get to the Promised Land and do what ever we can to eliminate racism and discrimination for all.

COVID-19 UPDATE

Good evening and welcome to our third virtual council meeting.

I am here in the council chambers with 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. I would like to welcome our eight city councillors and various city directors who are each attending from home.

City Hall and almost all of our facilities remain closed to the public.

Staff have been working with members of our Emergency Operations Centre on recovery plans for a safe and gradual reopening once we get the go ahead from the Province of Ontario and our Emergency Operations Centre determines that it is safe to open our facilities to staff and members of the public.

In the meantime, we will continue to find new ways to deliver services to you.

We ask for your patience while we all work together for a safe and gradual return of services.

Activities that have reopened in Phase One

The provincial government remains in Phase One of its recovery plan. Some restrictions have been lifted allowing our municipality to reopen some amenities.

- Our marina reopened to existing customers.
- Our tennis/pickle ball courts reopened.
- The Elm Street leash free dog park is open.
- · Our Library opened for curbside pickup.
- The Algoport Skateboard and BMX Park reopened.
- Cedar Bay/Centennial beaches continue to be open for passive use only meaning you can walk the beach, not sit on the beach.

Parks remain open for passive use which includes:

- Shoreline fishing, including H.H. Knoll Lakeview Park
- Bringing a chair or blanket to relax in parks
- Kicking a ball, playing catch, flying a kite and other such activities with members of your own household
- Use of basketball and soccer nets with members of your own household at community parks (excluding the Vale Health & Wellness Centre/T.A. Lannan Sports Complex)
- Individual activities such as yoga or exercising provided not in a group or class

We are working on a plan to reopen the Farmers' Market and we will keep you advised as this moves forward.

On June 2nd the provincial government extended its emergency orders to June 30th. As such, we must still abide by restrictions limiting groups to no more than five people.

Anyone taking advantage of these spaces are to follow the best practices as outlined by Niagara Region Public Health to limit the spread of COVID-19 in our community.

These include frequent washing/sanitizing of hands, physical separation, avoid touching of shared surfaces and staying home if displaying symptoms or having been in contact with cases of the virus.

Organized sports are still restricted on municipal fields, given their necessity for gathering in groups.

At this time, park and outdoor amenities such as playground equipment, benches, outdoor fitness equipment, municipal beaches, washroom facilities, and the spray pad will remain closed.

By-law enforcement will continue to enforce gatherings larger than five people, dogs off-leash, and anyone using closed park amenities.

Curbside Pick-up

In order to support our local businesses with curbside deliveries, we have installed 15-minute curbside pick-up zone temporary signage in the downtown core for residents and visitors to use.

Since Main Street has no on-street parking, curbside pick up locations have been created in parking lots along Main Street.

Please watch for these signs when parking and be mindful they are there to help your local businesses.

Residents and visitors interested in supporting local businesses are also encouraged to visit https://resilient.portcolborne.ca/ to learn which Port Colborne businesses are open and how they are adapting services.

Port Colborne businesses are also encouraged to visit this website to add their business and service offerings.

Public Health Statistics

Niagara Region Public Health continues to provide COVID-19 statistics as they relate to each municipality. They can be viewed on the Niagara Region website at their COVID-19 link.

Statistics for Port Colborne remain very low with no active cases as of last Friday, but we need to remain focused on proper precautions.

Celebrating June

We have faced a lot of uncertainty in the past months and June has brought us several reasons to celebrate.

June is Recreation and Parks Month. With the warmer weather here, the City is encouraging residents to enjoy some much-needed activity by getting outside to enjoy the current amenities open in Port Colborne. In celebration of recreation and parks month, the City of Port Colborne's parks and recreation division will be providing the community with a new opportunity each week throughout the month of June, encouraging residents to PORTicipate. Check out our website for this week's challenge and a chance to win a PORTicipate prize pack.

June is Pride Month and the City of Port Colborne participated in a virtual flag raising ceremony to celebrate with Pride Niagara and all residents of the Niagara Region. We are proud to be part of Team Pride Niagara.

June is Senior's Month. The City of Port Colborne has a large seniors population and we thank you for being part of our community. Remember to stay connected to our seniors.

Closing

In closing, we must remain vigilant in fighting this virus.

Our number one priority is the health and safety of our citizens as we begin a safe and gradual reopening of services and business activities. Please stay safe.