



**PORT COLBORNE**

**City of Port Colborne  
Council Meeting Agenda**

**Date:** Tuesday, May 12, 2026  
**Time:** 6:30 pm  
**Location:** Council Chambers, 3rd Floor, City Hall  
66 Charlotte Street, Port Colborne

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**1. Call to Order**

**2. National Anthem**

**3. Land Acknowledgement**

The Niagara Region is situated on treaty land. This land is steeped in the rich history of the First Nations such as the Hatiwendaronk, the Haudenosaunee, and the Anishinaabe, including the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation. There are many First Nations, Métis, and Inuit people from across Turtle Island that live and work in Niagara today. The City of Port Colborne stands with all Indigenous people, past and present, in promoting the wise stewardship of the lands on which we live.

**4. Adoption of Agenda**

**5. Disclosures of Interest**

**6. Proclamations**

**7. Presentations**

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In order to speak at a Council meeting, individuals must register no later than 12 noon on the date of the scheduled meeting. To register, complete the online application at [www.portcolborne.ca/delegation](http://www.portcolborne.ca/delegation), email [deputyclerk@portcolborne.ca](mailto:deputyclerk@portcolborne.ca) or phone 905-228-8118.

## 9. Mayor's Report

## 10. Regional Councillor's Report

## 11. Consent Agenda

All items listed in the Consent Agenda are subject to a single motion that is not debatable. A Member may make a brief comment or ask a question regarding a Consent Item prior to the consideration of the motion, however, if an item requires further discussion, debate, or an amendment it must be removed from the Consent Agenda and dealt with under Items Requiring Separate Discussion.

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**18. Closed Session**

18.1 Approval of Closed Session Minutes

- a. Special Council Meeting (Closed Session) - January 10, 2026
- b. Special Council Meeting (Closed Session) - April 18, 2026
- c. Regular Council Meeting (Closed Session) - April 28, 2026

18.2 Council Education Session on the Planning Act

Council Education Session on the Planning Act pursuant to the *Municipal Act, 2001*, subsection 239 (3.1) A meeting of a council or local board or of a committee of either of them may be closed to the public if the following conditions are both satisfied:

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2. At the meeting, no member discusses or otherwise deals with any matter in a way that materially advances the business or decision-making of the council, local board or committee.

18.3 Staff Reports

- a. Planning and Development Report - Private Offer for Joint Partnership, 2026-77

Planning and Development Report - Private Offer for Joint Partnership, 2026-77 pursuant to the *Municipal Act, 2001*, subsection 239(2)(i) a trade secret or scientific, technical, commercial, financial or labour relations information, supplied in confidence to the municipality or local board, which, if disclosed, could reasonably be expected to prejudice significantly the competitive position or interfere significantly with the contractual or other negotiations of a person, group of persons, or organization; and subsection 239(2)(j) a trade secret or scientific, technical, commercial or financial information that belongs to the municipality or local board and has monetary value or potential monetary value.

- b. CAO Verbal Update on Governance Review

CAO Verbal Update on Governance Review pursuant to the *Municipal Act, 2001*, 239(2)(k) a position, plan, procedure, criteria or instruction to be applied to any negotiations carried on or to be carried on by or on behalf of the municipality or local board.

**19. Back to Open Session**

**20. Procedural Motions**

**21. Confirmatory By-law**

21.1 By-law No. 7464/48/26

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By-law to Adopt, Ratify and Confirm the Proceedings of the Council of The Corporation of the City of Port Colborne

**22. Adjournment**

# Canadian Niagara Power Inc. Port Colborne - General Update

THE CITY OF PORT COLBORNE  
CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
MAY 12, 2026

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**CANADIAN NIAGARA POWER INC.**

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# Agenda

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- Storm Preparedness
- System Reliability
- Recent CNPI Port Colborne System Investments
- Operating & Maintenance Programs
- Customer Communication Enhancements



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# Storm Preparedness

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CNP meets with the City of Port Colborne in anticipation of major weather events

- Enhanced communications with the City of PC and authorities (I.e. MTO, fire department, etc.)
- CNP is improving communicating outage information and restoration times
- Increased system hardening
  - Vegetation management
  - System upgrades
  - Aligning our construction standards with weather patterns

# System Reliability



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Customers Affected	Customer Hours	Year	Customer Count	SAIFI YTD	SAIDI YTD
34,969	42,397	2024	27390	1.27	1.54
88,315	73,995	2025	27,581	3.20	2.68

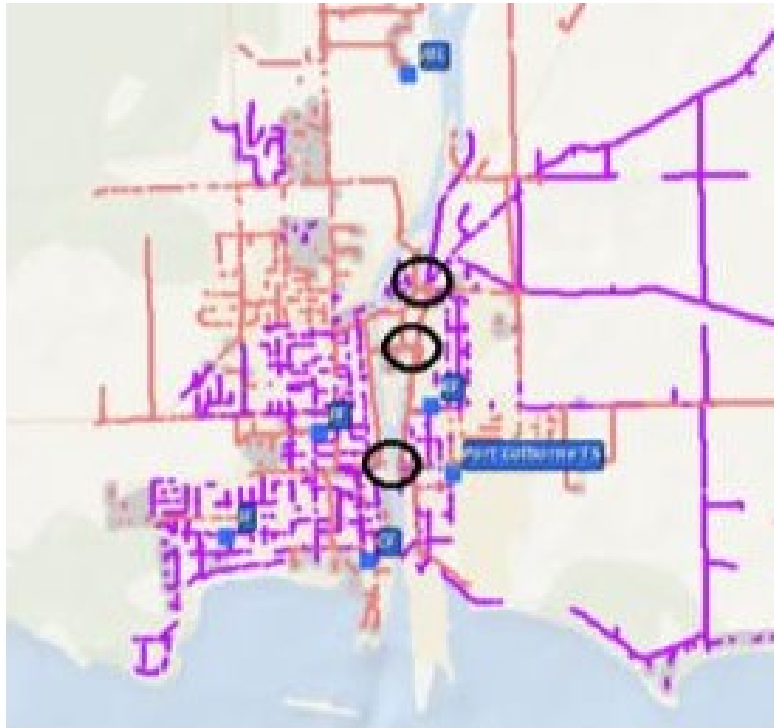
- Weather- Wind /Lightning
- Wildlife
- Emerald Ash Borer Infestation
- Equipment failure

# System Investment PCTS 27kV Canal Crossing



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- Currently, based on 2024 peak load distribution, over 75% of Port Colborne load is located at the west side of Welland Canal. As a result, the power supply heavily relies on the four 27.6kV submarine cables running through the two duct banks at two locations along the Canal, as illustrated in the Figure. A single location failure will significantly compromise the power supply from PC TS. Given that the need for the restoration of the 4.16kV crossing will be permanently eliminated once Killay DS is decommissioned, CNPI plans to rebuild the 4.16kV crossing as the third 27.6kV canal crossing.
- Due to environmental and political limitations, it is difficult to establish a new Right of Way or Easement for canal crossing nowadays. Constructing an additional 27.6kV crossing not only leverages this key resource but also provides sufficient capacity and higher reliability for the long-term growth at the east side of Canal, where the majority of high-density area of Port Colborne resides in.



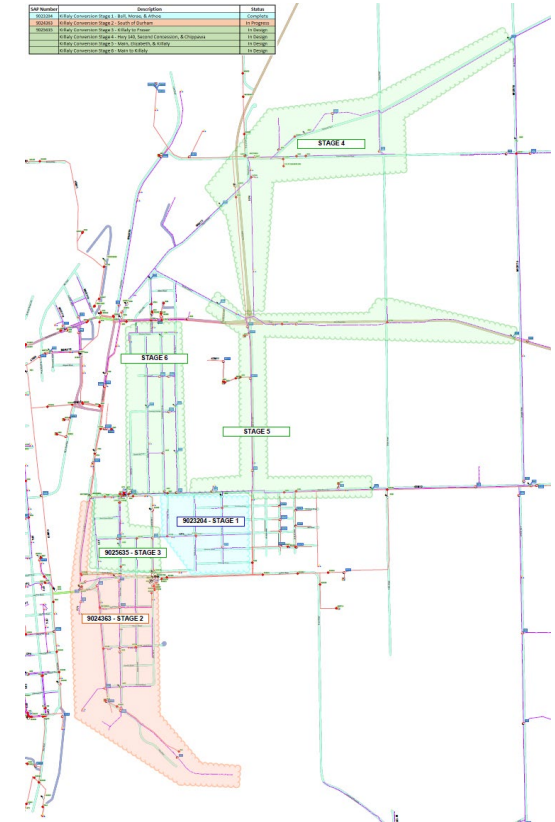
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# System Investment

## Port Colborne Killaly Substation Conversion

- Killaly DS is an island station, therefore our plan is to retire it.
- Between 2023 and 2024 we converted phase 1.
- In 2025-2026 we're replacing the bushings on TB2 at Killaly DS to extend the life of the substation.
- In 2027 Convert Phase 2/3.
- In 2028 Convert Phase 4/5.
- In 2029 Convert last Phase 6 and retire Killaly Sub-station.





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# Operating & Maintenance Programs

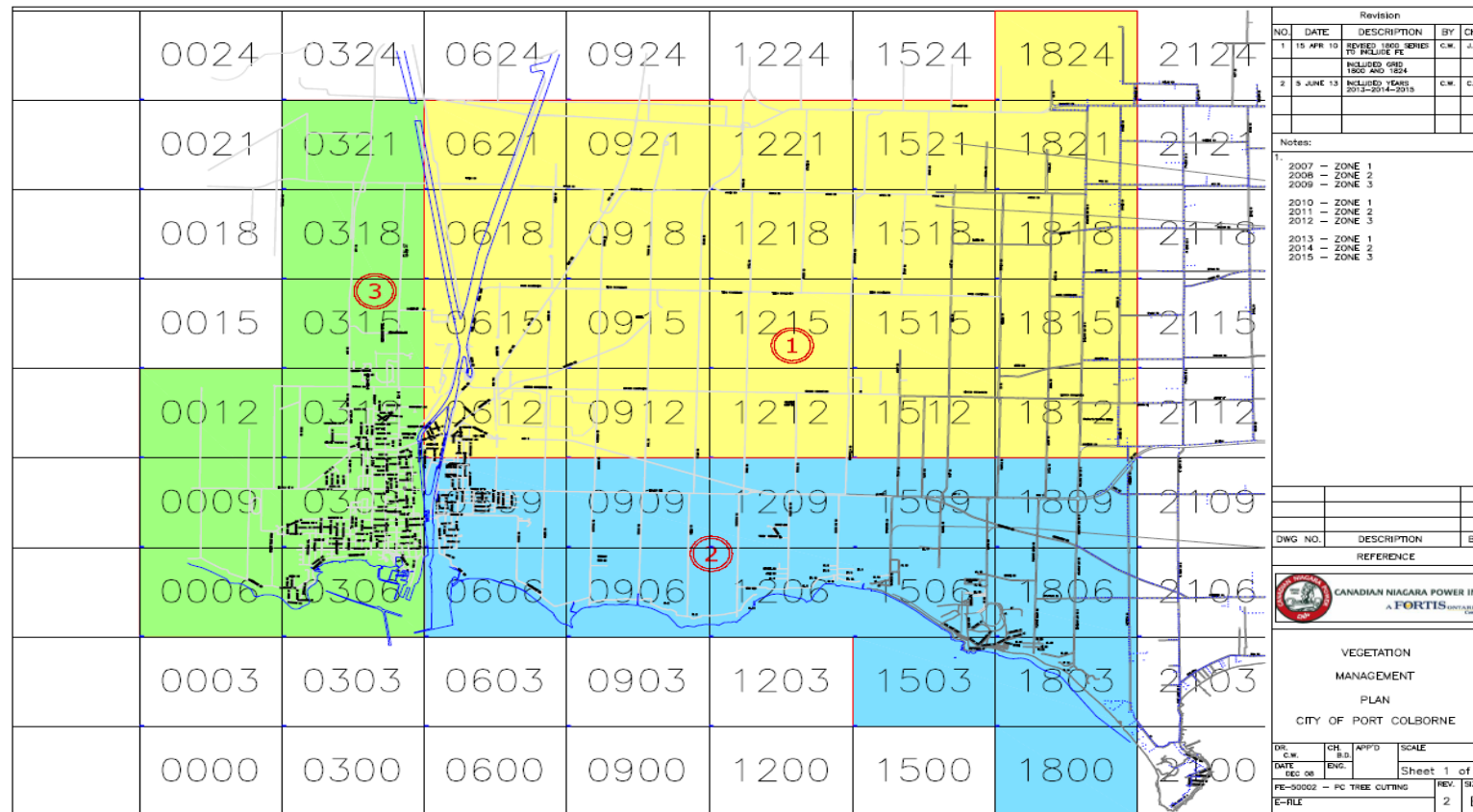
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- Vegetation Management Program
- Substation Inspection and Maintenance
- Line inspection and Maintenance Programs





# Vegetation Management – Port Colborne Zone 2



# Customer Communication



Power  
outage



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## Improving Access, Information and Customer Experience

- **Live Outage Map:**
  - A real-time, customer-friendly tool that provides outage locations, the number of customers affected, and estimated restoration times to keep customers informed during planned and unplanned outages.
- **Enhanced Customer Website:**
  - A modernized, easy-to-navigate website with clear pathways and clickable links to key information, including safety messaging, bill payment support, flexible payment options, and available customer programs.

# Customer Outage Map



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👉 : <https://outagemap.cnpower.com/>

## Outage Locations

Where the outages are happening

## Customer Impact

Number of customers affected

## Status & Updates

Changes as crews assess and restore power

**Customer Outage Map Officially Live!**

**Keep You Updated on Outage Details:**

- ✓ Status of the outage
- ✓ Start time
- ✓ Number of customers affected

**Power Outages**

- Verified
- Predicted
- Restored
- Planned
- Meters Out
- Selected

**Customer Impact Summary:**

Outage ID	Status	Start Time	End Time	Restored
31	Verified	Nov 20, 12:57 p.m.	-	0


# Enhanced Customer Website



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## Compare Price Plans




**Choose the Price Plan That's Right for You!**

Compare TOU, Tiered, and ULO plans to understand how pricing works and select the plan that suits your energy needs.

[Learn more](#)

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## Electrical Safety Information



**Stay 3 Metres Clear From Overhead Power Lines**

Getting too close can be deadly. Electricity can jump from powerlines without contact. Stay at least 3 metres back and stay safe.

[Learn more](#)

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## Financial Support Resources

**Ontario Electricity Support Program**

**Low-income Energy Assistance Program**




**Financial Support**

When energy costs feel overwhelming, support is closer than you think - explore OESP for monthly savings and LEAP for emergency help.

[We're Here to Support You](#)

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## Supporting Our Community



**CNP Proud to Support Hospice Care in Our Community**

Canadian Niagara Power donated \$25,000 to support Hospice Niagara's Willson House project in Fort Erie.

[Learn more](#)

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# Thank You!

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## Discussion

# Niagara Transportation Plan 2051 Update

Presentation to City of Port Colborne Council

May 12, 2026

Diana Morreale – Director, Infrastructure Planning and  
Development

Jill Stephen – Associate Director, Infrastructure Planning

# Presentation Outline

- Introduce the Niagara Transportation Plan 2051 update project.
- Provide an overview of the TMP scope and engagement.
- Seek City Council input on Niagara's future transportation needs to best support Niagara Region's residents, employers and visitors to 2051 and beyond.

# Regional Road Network



# Understanding Niagara's Transportation Networks

## Local Network(s)



Provide access within communities, enabling travel to local destinations.



Connect to Regional roads, linking to Regional and Provincial / Federal networks.

## Provincial Network



Connect Niagara to the rest of Ontario, through highways (i.e. QEW, Highway 406) and GO Transit.

## Regional Network



Goods movement corridors that support Niagara's economic activity.



Inter-community travel connecting Niagara's municipalities, and to Provincial / Federal networks.

## Federal Network



Provide national and international connections through the Welland Canal, border crossings and airports.

# What the TMP Does



## Provides the big-picture plan

- High-level road map for growth
- First-level analysis of transportation needs



## Shows how projects fit together

- Helps identify where new infrastructure is required
- Confirms how projects work across the network



## Sets direction

- Detailed design, approvals, site-specific work, and budgets come later



## Ensures good planning

- Confirms growth projects make sense for the overall network
- Provides evidence to advocate for Provincial and Federal investments

# The TMP - A Guiding Document

**The TMP provides the strategic road map, rationale, and first level analysis for transportation projects.**

**The TMP does not include:**

- Detailed design of individual projects
- Site-specific planning
- Final project budgets or funding approvals
- Identification of detailed operations, maintenance, or traffic calming solutions

**These are instead addressed through:**

- Project-level studies and Environmental Assessments identified through the TMP
- Programs and operational plans
- Capital and operating budget processes

# Local and Regional Transportation Plans



## Local Transportation Plans

- Intra-municipal trips
- Placemaking, “main streets”
- Walking, cycling
- Parking
- Neighbourhood and community level projects and programs
- Local, collector, arterial roads



## Niagara Transportation Plan

- Intra-regional and inter-municipal trips
- Connectivity:
  - Driving
  - Transit
  - Goods movement
  - Cycling
- Arterial roads

### Local

Roads, Sidewalks, Trails,  
Bike Lanes

### Regional

Roads, Cycling Network,  
Goods Movement Routes;  
Niagara Transit network

### Provincial

Highways, GO Transit

### Federal

Air, Rail, Canal, Border  
Crossings

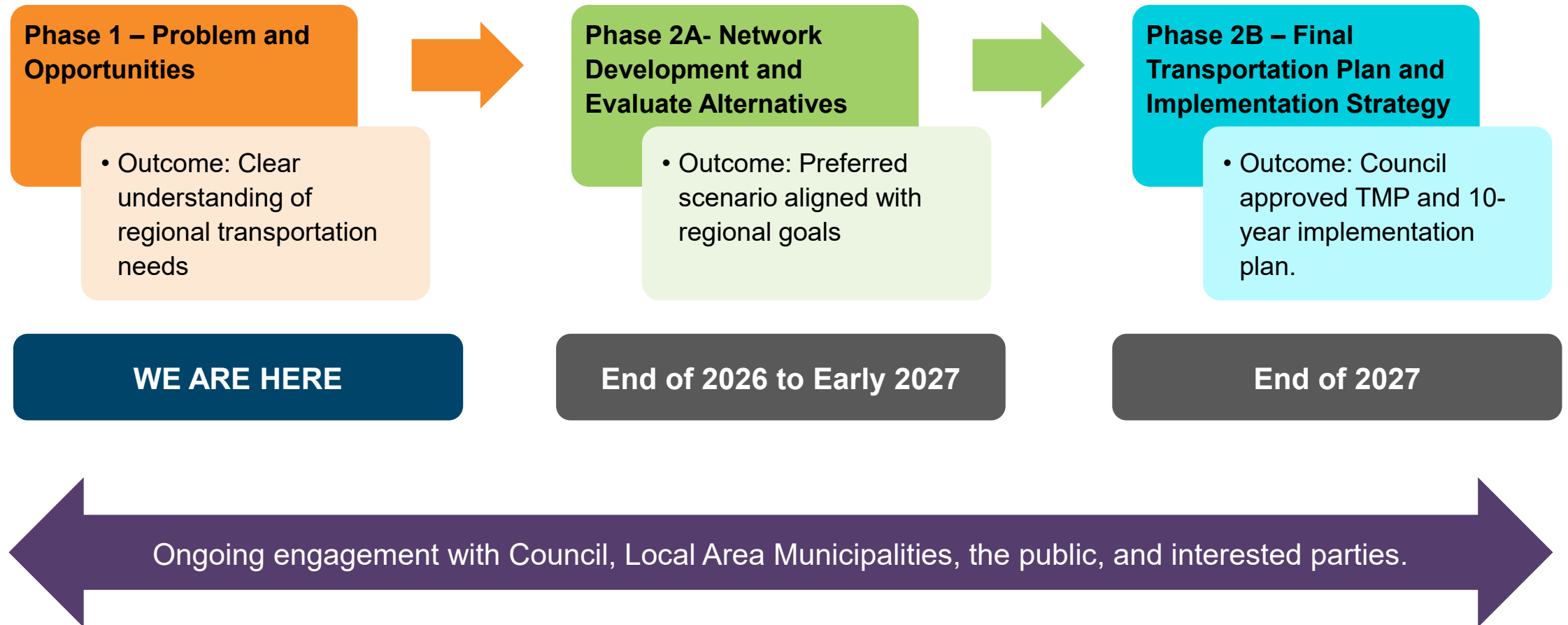
Connected Networks

# Draft Vision Statement

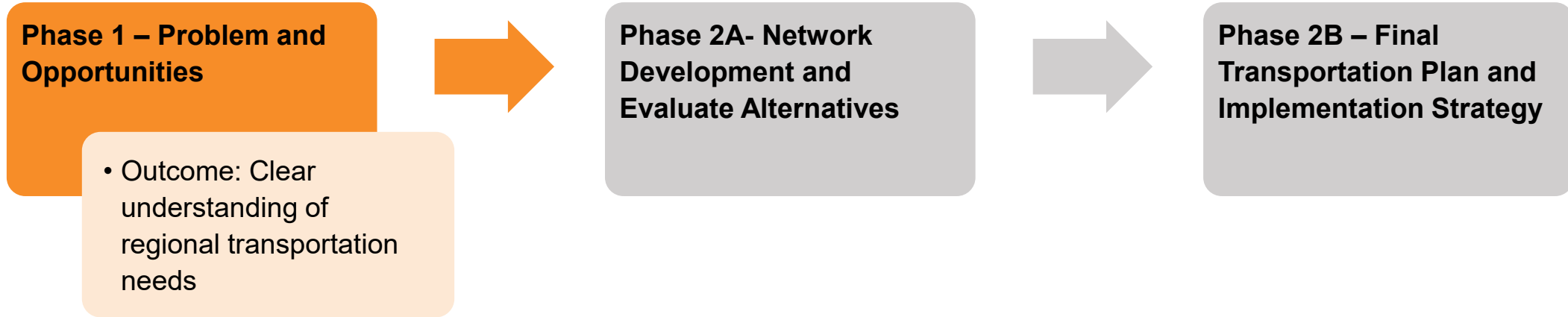
Niagara Region will create a future-ready transportation system that **balances the efficient movement of people and goods with innovation and livability**. By using strong data, working with community and industry partners, and investing in **resilient infrastructure that delivers value** for investment, we will **create dependable routes that connect communities** across Niagara and link our region to major economic hubs in Canada and abroad.

This approach will **support growth, promote long-term sustainability, strengthen regional competitiveness, and enhance quality of life** for future generations.

# Transportation Plan 2051 Process

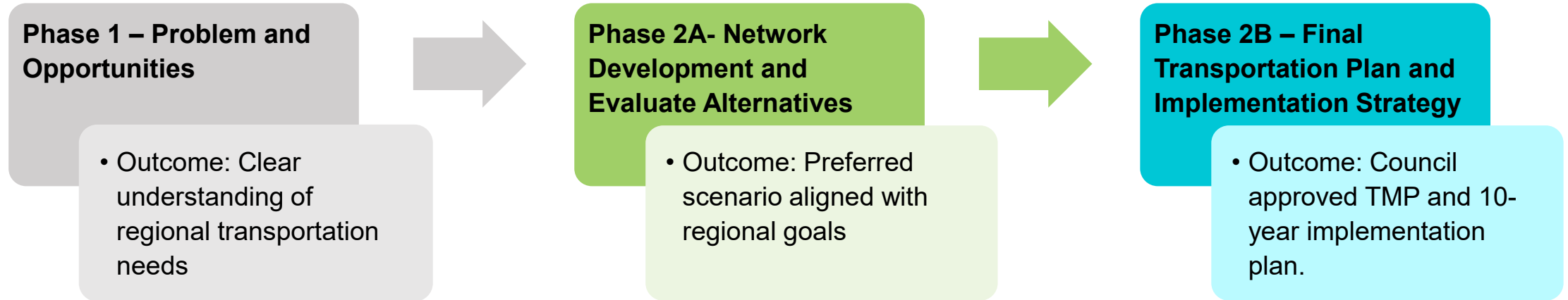


# Current Phase One Work



- Reviewing road, transit, walking, cycling and freight conditions.
- Updating the travel-demand model to assess system performance.
- Completing policy and jurisdictional reviews for alignment.
- Preparing for first round of public consultation.

# Phase 2 Deliverables



- Travel Demand Model
- Network Plans – Goods Movement, Transit, Active Transportation
- Prioritization Framework
- Projects List and Costing
- Emerging Issues
- Evaluation Framework
- TMP Report
- Roads Rationalization Framework

# Engagement Approaches



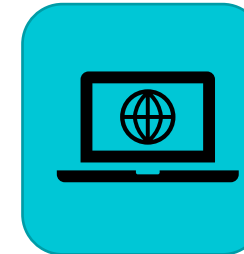
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Public Works Committee  
Transportation Strategy Steering Committee  
Local Councils



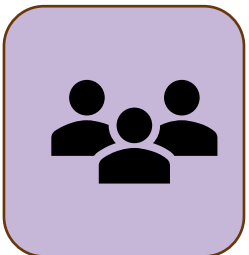
Online Survey



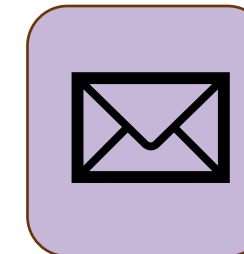
In-person Public Information Centres



[www.niagararegion.ca](http://www.niagararegion.ca)  
Search “Transportation Master Plan Update”



Technical Advisory Committee  
Local Municipalities  
Agencies  
Interested Parties  
Indigenous Communities



[tmp@niagararegion.ca](mailto:tmp@niagararegion.ca)

# What We've Heard So Far

Prioritization framework

Strengthen goods  
movement planning

Comprehensive AT  
network planning

Protect future corridors

Coordinate with partners

Manage tourism traffic and  
connections

Direct community engagement

On-demand transit transition

Funding sources

Road rationalization

Reflect community unique  
qualities

New mobility options

Engage with businesses



# Next Steps

- Presentations to local Councils –May, June, July 2026
- First Public Information Centres – June 2026
- First Technical Advisory Committee meetings – May 2026
- Engagement with City staff - ongoing
- Promote project website and project email ([tmp@niagararegion.ca](mailto:tmp@niagararegion.ca)) for TMP awareness and feedback.



# Questions!



**City of Port Colborne**  
**Special Meeting of Council Minutes**

**Date:** Saturday, January 10, 2026  
**Time:** 10:30 am  
**Location:** Engineering and Operations Centre, Committee Room  
1 Killaly St West, Port Colborne

**Members Present:** M. Aquilina, Councillor  
M. Bagu, Councillor  
R. Bodner, Councillor  
G. Bruno, Councillor  
F. Danch, Councillor  
D. Elliott, Councillor  
T. Hoyle, Councillor  
W. Steele, Mayor (presiding officer)

**Member(s) Absent:** E. Beauregard, Councillor

**Staff Present:** E. Acs, Chief Planner  
B. Boles, Chief Administrative Officer  
C. Collard, Chief Information Officer  
S. Double, Fire Chief  
G. Long, Director of Development and Government Relations  
C. Madden, City Clerk  
M. Murray, Chief Human Resources Officer  
J. Peazel-Graham, Manager of Communications  
A. Pigeau, Chief Financial Officer  
S. Powell-Baswick, Director of Museum and Culture  
D. Rodgers, Chief Building Official  
S. Shypowskyj, Director of Public Works  
G. Zwiep, Manager of Recreation and Tourism

**Others Present:** Barry Wright, Dean Goodman School of Business, Brock  
University

**1. Call to Order**

Mayor Steele called the meeting to order at 10:35 a.m.

**2. Adoption of Agenda**

**C-25- 001**

Moved by Councillor M. Bagu

Seconded by Councillor G. Bruno

That the Special Council agenda dated January 10, 2026, be confirmed, as circulated.

Carried

**3. Disclosures of Interest**

There were no disclosures of interest.

**4. Closed Session**

**C-25- 002**

Moved by Councillor F. Danch

Seconded by Councillor D. Elliott

That Council proceed into Closed Session at 10:35 a.m. for Training pursuant to the *Municipal Act, 2001*, section 239(3.1) where a meeting of a council or local board or of a committee of either of them may be closed to the public if the following conditions are both satisfied:

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Carried

**4.1 Executive Leadership Certificate Training - Brock University,  
Goodman School of Business**

**5. Back to Open Session**

**C-25- 003**

Moved by Councillor T. Hoyle

Seconded by Councillor F. Danch

That Council does now rise and reconvene from Closed Session at 2:05 p.m. without report.

Carried

**6. By-laws**

**6.1 By-law to Adopt, Ratify and Confirm the Proceedings of the Council of The Corporation of the City of Port Colborne**

**C-25- 004**

Moved by Councillor R. Bodner

Seconded by Councillor D. Elliott

That the By-law to Adopt, Ratify and Confirm the Proceedings of the Special Council Meeting of The Corporation of the City of Port Colborne, dated January 10, 2026, be enacted and passed, as presented.

Carried

**7. Adjournment**

Mayor Steele adjourned the meeting at approximately 2:05 p.m.

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William C. Steele, Mayor

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Charlotte Madden, City Clerk

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E. Beauregard, Councillor  
G. Bruno, Councillor  
T. Hoyle, Councillor  
W. Steele, Mayor (presiding officer)

**Member(s) Absent:** R. Bodner, Councillor  
F. Danch, Councillor  
D. Elliott, Councillor

**Staff Present:** E. Acs, Chief Planner  
B. Boles, Chief Administrative Officer  
G. Long, Director of Development and Government Relations  
C. Madden, City Clerk  
A. Pigeau, Chief Financial Officer  
S. Powell-Baswick, Director of Museum and Culture  
J. Rorison, Manager of Corporate Affairs  
D. Rodgers, Chief Building Official  
S. Shypowskyj, Director of Public Works

**Other's Present:** Abdul Rahimi MSc, MBA, Goodman School of Business, Brock University

**1. Call to Order**

Mayor Steele called the meeting to order at 10:33 a.m.

**2. Adoption of Agenda**

**C-25- 074**

Moved by Councillor E. Beauregard  
Seconded by Councillor G. Bruno

That the Special Council agenda, dated April 18, 2026, be confirmed, as circulated.

Carried

**3. Disclosures of Interest**

There were no disclosures of interest.

**4. Closed Session**

**C-25- 075**

Moved by Councillor M. Aquilina  
Seconded by Councillor M. Bagu

That Council proceed into Closed Session at 10:34 a.m. for Training pursuant to the *Municipal Act, 2001*, section 239(3.1) where a meeting of a council or local board or of a committee of either of them may be closed to the public if the following conditions are both satisfied:

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Carried

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Goodman School of Business**

**5. Back to Open Session**

**C-25- 076**

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

That Council rise and reconvene from Closed Session at 2:23 p.m. without report.

Carried

**6. By-laws**

**6.1 By-law No. No.7455/39/26**

**C-25- 077**

Moved by Councillor M. Aquilina  
Seconded by Councillor E. Beauregard

That the By-law to Adopt, Ratify and Confirm the Proceedings of the Special Council Meeting of The Corporation of the City of Port Colborne, dated April 18, 2026, be enacted and passed, as presented.

Carried

**7. Adjournment**

Mayor Steele adjourned the meeting at approximately 2:23 p.m.

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William C. Steele, Mayor

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Charlotte Madden, City Clerk



**City of Port Colborne**  
**Council Meeting Minutes**

**Date:** Tuesday, April 28, 2026  
**Time:** 6:30 pm  
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66 Charlotte Street, Port Colborne

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E. Beauregard, Councillor  
R. Bodner, Councillor  
G. Bruno, Councillor  
F. Danch, Councillor  
D. Elliott, Councillor  
T. Hoyle, Councillor  
W. Steele, Mayor (presiding officer)

**Staff Present:** E. Acs, Chief Planner  
C. Banting, Acting Director of Public Works  
J. Beaupre, Deputy Clerk  
G. Bisson, Senior Community Engagement Advisor  
B. Boles, Chief Administrative Officer  
S. Double, Fire Chief  
G. Long, Director of Development and Business Enterprises  
C. Madden, City Clerk  
J. Peazel-Graham, Manager of Communications  
E. Rzeczyca, Election Coordinator

**Others Present:** V. Badawey, Regional Councillor

**1. Call to Order**

Mayor Steele called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

## 2. Adoption of Agenda

The following additions were made to the agenda:

- Item 8.1, Proclamation - May is Museum Month 2026
- Presentation slides to item 14.1
- Presentation slides to item 14.2

### **C-25- 078**

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

That the Council agenda dated April 28, 2026, be confirmed, as amended.

Carried

## 3. Disclosures of Interest

### **3.1 Councillor D. Elliott - Closed Session (Beginning at 5 p.m.)**

Indirect pecuniary interest as employer owns the property.

### **3.2 Councillor E. Beauregard - Update on Stonebridge Village – Request to Modify Street Design, 2026-67**

I, Eric Beauregard declare an indirect pecuniary interest, as I am employed by an agent of the Applicant.

## 4. Closed Session (Beginning at 5 p.m.)

### **C-25- 079**

Moved by Councillor T. Hoyle  
Seconded by Councillor E. Beauregard

That Council do now proceed to meet in Closed Session at 5:03 p.m. under the *Municipal Act, 2001*:

- Subsection 239(2)(c) a proposed or pending acquisition or disposition of land by the municipality or local board.
- Subsection 239(2)(k) a position, plan, procedure, criteria or instruction to be applied to any negotiations carried on or on behalf of the municipality or local board.

Carried

**4.1 Approval of Closed Session Minutes**

- a. **Regular Council Meeting (Closed Session) - April 14, 2026**

**4.2 Staff Reports**

- a. **Proposed Acquisition of Land, 2026-66**  
b. **CAO Verbal Update on Governance Review**

**5. Back to Open Session (Beginning at 6:30 p.m.)**

Councillor D. Elliott declared a conflict on this item and refrained from voting.

**C-25- 080**

Moved by Councillor R. Bodner  
Seconded by Councillor T. Hoyle

That Council rise and reconvene from Closed Session at 6:31 p.m. with report:

4.1 Approval of Closed Session Minutes

- a. That the Regular Council Meeting (Closed Session) minutes dated April 14, 2026, be approved.

4.2 Staff Reports

- a. That Report 2026-66 be received; and

That the Director of Development and Business Enterprises follow the direction provided in Closed Session in accordance with the Municipal Act.

Carried

**6. National Anthem**

Everyone stood for the National Anthem.

**7. Land Acknowledgement**

The Land Acknowledgement was read:

The Niagara Region is situated on treaty land. This land is steeped in the rich history of the First Nations such as the Hatiwendaronk, the Haudenosaunee, and the Anishinaabe, including the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation. There are many First Nations, Métis, and Inuit people from across Turtle Island that live and

work in Niagara today. The City of Port Colborne stands with all Indigenous people, past and present, in promoting the wise stewardship of the lands on which we live.

## **8. Proclamations**

### **8.1 May is Museum Month 2026**

#### **C-25- 081**

Moved by Councillor M. Aquilina  
Seconded by Councillor D. Elliott

WHEREAS the 700+ museums, art galleries, and heritage sites, and the over 9,000 museum workers and 35,000 volunteers contribute to Ontario's \$26 billion cultural sector; and

WHEREAS museums, as trusted local organizations, create healthy and connected communities, and by ensuring all Ontarians have access to culture and heritage, inspire lifelong learning; and

WHEREAS museums promote growth and build local economies by welcoming tourists in every community across the province; and

WHEREAS this month provides an opportunity to raise awareness for the vital role museums, museum workers and volunteers have in their communities and celebrate their contributions to community wellbeing, tourism, education, and learning; and

WHEREAS May 18<sup>th</sup>, 2026, is International Museum Day to highlight museums as centres of education, innovation and cultural understanding in our communities.

NOW THEREFORE I, Mayor William C. Steele do hereby proclaim May 2026 as "May is Museum Month" in Port Colborne and encourage all residents and tourists to visit our local museums in May.

Carried

**9. Presentations**

**9.1 Grant Award Presentation**

Mayor Steele, Bea Kenny, Brenda Haymes, Councillor Aquilina, and Councillor Hoyle presented grants to the following organizations:

- Port Colborne Bocce Club (\$4,000.00)
- Strong Hearts Program (\$1,800.00)
- Port Colborne Optimist Club (\$4,000.00)
- Royal Canadian Legion Branch 56 Poppy Trust Fund (\$1,500.00)
- Community Living Port Colborne Wainfleet (\$3,500.00)
- Port Cares (\$4,000.00)
- Niagara Nutrition Partners (\$3,200.00)

**10. Delegations**

There were no delegations.

**11. Mayor's Report**

A copy of the Mayor's report is attached.

**12. Regional Councillor's Report**

Regional Councillor Vance Badawey provided a report to Council.

**13. Consent Agenda**

Item 13.3 c was lifted and considered under item 14, Items Requiring Separate Discussion.

**C-25- 082**

Moved by Councillor M. Bagu

Seconded by Councillor E. Beauregard

That Council hereby approves the listed consent items on the April 28, 2026, Council agenda; and

That the consent items be approved on the recommendations as contained therein.

Carried

**13.1 Approval of Minutes**

- a. **Regular Council Meeting - April 14, 2026**

**13.2 Receipt of Minutes of Boards & Committees**

- a. **Healthcare Advisory Committee Meeting - March 23, 2026**

**13.3 Staff Reports**

- a. **Billing of the Biederman Municipal Drain, 2026-16**
- b. **City – Niagara Regional Housing – Project Update, Revised MOU, and Property Transfer, 2026-36.**

**13.4 Receipt of Correspondence Items**

- a. **Town of Fort Erie - Response to Provincial Proposal on Regional Governance**
- b. **Town of Niagara-on-the-Lake - Council Composition**
- c. **Town of Lincoln - Extension of the Niagara Regional Courts Inter-Municipal Agreement (Amendment 3)**
- d. **Regional Municipality of Waterloo - Community Safety and Well-Being Plan**
- e. **Municipal Engineers Association - MEA Comments to Ontario Regulatory Registry 26-MTO 003**
- f. **Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing - Letter from Hon. Robert Flack Regarding Stormwater Fees Regulations**

**14. Items Requiring Separate Discussion**

**14.1 Community Health and Wellness Action Plan, 2026-65**

Renée Bisson, Senior Health Advisor, presented to Council on the Community Health and Wellness Action Plan.

**C-25- 083**

Moved by Councillor R. Bodner  
Seconded by Councillor M. Aquilina

That the Office of the Chief Administrative Officer Report 2026-65 be received; and

That Council endorse the Community Health and Wellness Action Plan (Appendix A), as the City's draft of the guiding framework for advancing local health and wellness priorities; and

That Council endorse the Community Engagement Plan (Appendix B), to support the next phase of public consultation from May to July 2026; and

That the Senior Health Advisor be directed to return to Council with a final Community Health and Wellness Action Plan on July 14, 2026.

Carried

#### **14.2 Update on Niagara Governance Discussions and Municipal Service Corporations – Community Input and Next Steps, 2026-61**

Jasmine Peazel-Graham, Manager of Communications, and Bryan Boles, Chief Administrative Officer, presented to Council on Niagara Governance and Municipal Service Corporations.

##### **C-25- 084**

Moved by Councillor G. Bruno

Seconded by Councillor T. Hoyle

That Chief Administrative Officer Report 2026-61 be received for information; and

That the Mayor and Chief Administrative Officer be directed to formally engage with provincial and regulatory bodies to advance the development of a City-owned Municipal Service Corporation (MSC) that would assume ownership and operation of all water and wastewater infrastructure in Port Colborne, which may include assets currently operated by Niagara Region located within the Port Colborne boundary; and

That the Mayor and Chief Administrative Officer be directed to submit a formal Expression of Interest to the Province of Ontario, confirming the City's interest in exploring and potentially pursuing the establishment of a City-owned MSC as outlined in the *Water and Wastewater Public Corporations Act, 2025*; and

That the Chief Administrative Officer be directed to prepare a comprehensive business case, including financial analysis, governance structure, legal and regulatory considerations, human resources and labour relations impacts, service delivery models, risk assessment, and

implementation requirements, for the establishment of a City-owned MSC, to be presented to Council; and

That the Mayor and Chief Administrative Officer be directed to explore the potential transfer of ownership of roadway and related infrastructure currently owned by Niagara Region within the Port Colborne boundary to the City, in the event that a City-owned MSC including Regional water and wastewater infrastructure proceeds; and

That, in the event the potential transfer of ownership of water and wastewater infrastructure from Niagara Region to the City proceeds, the Chief Administrative Officer be directed to prepare a comprehensive business case outlining the integration of these assets into ongoing City operations, to be presented to Council; and

That the Mayor and Chief Administrative Officer be directed to coordinate with the Acting Chair and Chief Administrative Officer of Niagara Region to request the Region's support of the City's efforts to determine the feasibility of establishing a City-owned MSC, including, but not limited to, providing City of Port Colborne staff and its consultants with access to information related to the water and wastewater system, such as asset management reports, relevant data, historical operating and maintenance records, and facility access to undertake inspections of the infrastructure; and

That Council direct the Mayor to bring forward the following motion at Niagara Region Council, **as needed**:

That Regional Council direct its Chief Administrative Officer to support the City of Port Colborne's efforts to determine the feasibility of establishing a City-owned MSC, including, but not limited to, providing the City of Port Colborne and its consultants with access to information related to the water and wastewater system, such as asset management reports, relevant data, historical operating and maintenance records, and access to facilities to enable the City to undertake inspections of the infrastructure; and

That Council direct the Manager of Corporate Communications to develop and implement a communications and engagement plan to support resident understanding of a City-owned MSC, including its purpose, potential benefits, and implications for local service delivery, as well as the potential transfer of Regional roadway infrastructure to the City of Port Colborne, and to report back to Council; and

That Council direct the Mayor to submit comments to the Province on behalf of the City of Port Colborne regarding the proposed amendments to the *Municipal Act, 2001* and the *Municipal Elections Act, 1996* (Proposal #53593), which, if approved, would result in changes to upper-tier council composition, the appointment of a strong chair for Niagara Region, and the implementation of weighted voting, with such comments to be consistent with shared messaging from local area municipalities and previous joint correspondence, prior to the close of the consultation period on May 2, 2026.

Carried

**Amendment:**

Moved by Councillor G. Bruno

Seconded by Councillor T. Hoyle

That the following words be struck out: that Council direct the Mayor to bring forward the following motion at Niagara Region Council, ~~as soon as possible;~~ and

That the following words be replaced in bold: that Council direct the Mayor to bring forward the following motion at Niagara Region Council, **as needed.**

Carried

**14.3 Update on Stonebridge Village – Request to Modify Street Design, 2026-67**

Councillor E. Beauregard declared a conflict on this item and refrained from voting.

**C-25- 085**

That Planning and Development Department Report 2026-67 be received as amended; and

That Council approve the proposed reduced curb face to curb face roadway widths of 7.5 metres for Streets A-E of the Stonebridge Village subdivision; and

That Council approve the reduced corner radius of 6.0 metres; and

That Council approve on street parking for Streets A-E; and

That Staff be directed to update the City's design manual to include additional cross sections for 7.5 metre roadways to allow implementation city-wide for all new developments.

Carried

**Amendment:**

Moved by Councillor G. Bruno

Seconded by Councillor F. Danch

That the following lines be struck out:

That Council approve the reduced corner radius of 6.0 metres ~~subject to the applicant providing private waste collection; and~~

That Council approve on street parking for Streets A-E ~~subject to the applicant providing private waste collection; and~~

Carried

**15. Staff Remarks**

Charlotte Madden, City Clerk, spoke about the 2026 Municipal Election. She spoke about the Nomination period, beginning on Friday, May 1st at 9:00 am. She explained the nomination process, noting that nominations are filed in person by appointment only, and that appointments may be booked by contacting the Election Coordinator by email at [election@portcolborne.ca](mailto:election@portcolborne.ca), or by phone at (905) 228-8120. She discussed the upcoming Candidates Information Night, taking place at 6:00pm on April 29th at the Welland Community Centre. She discussed the current Offices to be Elected and noted that while Council has endorsed a three-ward Council composition, provincial authorization is still pending. She discussed Bill 100, Better Regional Governance Act, and how it may affect the office of the Regional Councillor if the bill reaches Royal Assent. She encouraged residents and potential candidates to visit [portcolborne.ca/votes](http://portcolborne.ca/votes) for more information regarding the election.

Erik Acs, Chief Planner, discussed the upcoming Elite Subdivision public open house at the Vale Health and Wellness Centre April 30, 2026, from 3:00 pm to 7:00 pm. He noted that the Statutory Public Meeting for the Elite Subdivision will be held on Tuesday, May 5, 2026.

Jasmine Peazel-Graham, Manager of Communications, reminded Council and members of the public that the CKTB Round Table Road Trip will be broadcasting from Council Chambers from 6:20am to 9:00am on Tuesday, May 5th.

Bryan Boles, Chief Administrative Officer, thanked staff for their presentations on the Community Health and Wellness Action plan and Niagara Governance discussions.

**16. Councillors' Remarks**

Councillor Aquilina thanked to staff for answering her questions this week.

Councillor Bagu thanked Public Works staff for their work on the grass cutting initiative.

Councillor Bruno thanked Public Works staff for their work on the radar detection traffic count. He inquired to the Acting Director of Public Works regarding demolition permits and water laterals, as well as the status of the work on wastewater lining.

Councillor Hoyle noted that the Port Colborne-Wainfleet Chamber of Commerce coffee club will be taking place on Friday, May 1st at Tea on West and thanked staff for answering his questions.

Councillor Bodner noted that a bridge closure sign remains up on Main Street, and inquired if staff could contact the St. Lawrence Seaway to have the sign removed.

**17. Motions**

There were no motions.

**18. Notice of Motions**

There were no notices of motions.

**19. Procedural Motions**

There were no procedural motions.

**20. By-laws**

**C-25- 086**

Moved by Councillor R. Bodner

Seconded by Councillor M. Aquilina

That the following by-law(s) be passed and enacted, as presented:

- By-law No. 7456/40/26
- By-law No. 7457/41/26
- By-law No. 7458/42/26

- By-law No. 7459/43/26
- By-law No. 7460/44/26

**20.1 By-law No.7456/40/26**

**20.2 By-law No. 7457/41/26**

**20.3 By-law No.7458/42/26**

**20.4 By-law No. 7459/43/26**

**20.5 By-law No. 7460/44/26**

**21. Adjournment**

Mayor Steele adjourned the meeting at 8:46 p.m.

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William C. Steele, Mayor

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Charlotte Madden, City Clerk



## **PORT COLBORNE**

# **MAYOR'S REPORT TO COUNCIL**

**Tuesday, April 28, 2026**

### **IMPORTANT UPDATES**

Council will consider several strategic staff reports focused on strengthening Port Colborne's future. Discussions include local healthcare advocacy, where the City continues to push for improved access to services and investments that support residents' well-being. Council will also review updates related to regional governance reform, ensuring Port Colborne's voice remains strong as Niagara examines opportunities for greater efficiency, accountability, and fair representation across the region.

In addition, Council will receive information regarding Municipal Service Corporations as innovative tools that can help municipalities deliver critical infrastructure and services more efficiently. These models may support future growth opportunities, economic development, and long-term affordability for taxpayers. Together, these reports reflect Council's continued focus on smart governance, strong services, and building a prosperous future for Port Colborne.

### **THANK YOU TO THE SEAWAY**

The City of Port Colborne extends its sincere thanks to the St. Lawrence Seaway Management Corporation and all crews involved for their swift response and dedicated efforts in reopening Bridge 21 following last week's vessel strike. We appreciate the attention given to restoring this important transportation link as quickly and safely as possible, and thank everyone involved for their professionalism and commitment to our community.

## **FLAG RAISING**

Yesterday, we raised the White Ensign at City Hall in honour of Navy Week and the brave Canadians who served during the Battle of the Atlantic.

This act of remembrance recognizes the more than 4,000 Canadian sailors, merchant mariners, and airmen who lost their lives at sea. The Royal Canadian Naval Association – Niagara will also host a waterside Commemoration Service on Sunday, May 3 at 1 p.m. at the Canadian Corps Association, 70 West St., Port Colborne.

For more information contact: [rcnaniagararegion@gmail.com](mailto:rcnaniagararegion@gmail.com) [www.rcnaniagara.com](http://www.rcnaniagara.com)

## **CELEBRATING OUR VOLUNTEERS**

Last Thursday night we celebrated with our dedicated volunteers at the annual Volunteer Appreciation Dinner, where we had the opportunity to say THANK YOU! Being able to recognize and thank the many volunteers that help manage events, maintain facilities, and keep programs running, is something the City takes great pride in. Many of our volunteers received their 5, 10, 20, 25 and 30 years of service pins! Additionally, on April 18, we celebrated the achievements of our volunteer firefighters at the annual Volunteer Firefighter Appreciation Banquet.

Congratulations to Sarah Kolbuc and Kyle Roy on reaching 5 years of service, and to Jeremy Worrall on reaching 20 years of volunteer service with Port Colborne Fire and Emergency Services. Thank you to all of our volunteers for your continued dedication and service to the community. We couldn't do it without their support! If you would like to join our volunteer team, please email, [volunteers@portcolborne.ca](mailto:volunteers@portcolborne.ca)

## **CLEAN UP**

A special thank you to the members of the community who either as part of an organization, or individually, volunteered their time to clean up various public locations around Port Colborne last week on Earth day. Your participation does not go unnoticed, and we thank you for helping keep our city clean.

## **NEW WEBSITE**

The City of Port Colborne is redesigning its website and is seeking community feedback through a survey to help guide its development.

The project will focus on upgrading the backend technology that powers the website, improving accessibility, and enhancing the overall user experience for Port Colborne's residents, businesses, and visitors.

Public input will play an important role in shaping the new website. Feedback will help the City better understand how people currently use the website, what's working well, and where improvements are needed to better meet user needs.

Have your say by sharing your feedback online or in person:

The online survey is available at:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/portcolbornewebsite>

Paper surveys are also available at City Hall, the Vale Health & Wellness Centre, and the Port Colborne Public Library.

The survey remains open until May 1, 2026.

For questions or assistance completing the survey, please contact [communityengagement@portcolborne.ca](mailto:communityengagement@portcolborne.ca), or call Customer Service at 905-835-2900.

## **FARMERS' MARKET**

This Friday, May 1, we welcome back the Port Colborne Farmers' Market. Join us every Friday from 7 a.m. until 12 p.m. to support 40 local vendors.

## **TREE GIVEAWAY**

The City of Port Colborne is inviting residents to take part in its annual tree giveaway in recognition of Earth Day, taking place Friday, May 1 at the Port Colborne Farmers' Market. Residents are asked to bring a non-perishable food item or make a monetary donation in support of Port Cares as part of the program, helping support local families in need.

A total of 400 trees will be distributed to Port Colborne residents on a first-come, first-served basis beginning at 7:30 a.m., while supplies last.

Tree species available include:

- Hackberry
- Red Maple
- Sycamore
- Black Cherry

A limit of one tree per household.

## **AWARENESS**

Last week, I proudly signed the Code of Conduct for the Prevention of Human Trafficking, reaffirming Port Colborne's commitment to raising awareness, protecting vulnerable individuals, and standing united against exploitation.

Together, we are taking an important step toward building a safer, more informed community.

## **SHORT TERM RENTAL UPDATE**

Short-term rental licensing and inspections are well underway in the City of Port Colborne!

Our inspectors are actively out in the community completing inspections, with nearly 90 units now fully inspected and licensed. We are continuing to schedule inspections.

If you are an owner still waiting for your inspection date, please take a moment to log into the application portal and confirm that all required documents have been submitted and that your information is complete and accurate. Inspections can only be scheduled once applications are fully complete and we have received copies of all required documentation.

You can view licensed short-term rentals here: <https://www.portcolborne.ca/.../short-term-rentals...>

Have questions? Give us a call at 905-835-2900.

## **MAY IS MUSEUM MONTH**

May is recognized across Ontario as Museum Month, an annual celebration led by the Ontario Museum Association to highlight the important role museums, galleries, and

heritage sites play in our communities. It is an opportunity to recognize how these institutions preserve history, inspire lifelong learning, and foster community pride and engagement.

Museum Month also acknowledges the broader impact museums have through education, inclusivity, tourism, and local economic development. In Port Colborne, the Historical and Marine Museum unique heritage and sharing stories that connect residents and visitors to our city's past.

Recognizing Museum Month in Port Colborne helps celebrate the value of our local museum and the important cultural role it continues to play in strengthening our community.

## **GARDEN CLUB**

The Port Colborne Garden Club was involved in hosting the District 9 Horticultural Association Spring Annual Meeting on Saturday, April 25, 2026, at Maple Meadows Farm in Port Colborne, alongside the Ridgeway District Garden Club. The event featured guest speakers Heather Swann and Sean James, with a focus on drought-tolerant and native gardening.

This past Saturday, I attended extend congratulations to the Port Colborne Garden Club on the occasion of its Annual General Meeting and offers sincere appreciation to all members for their continued dedication to beautifying our community. Through their passion, volunteerism, and commitment to horticulture, the Club helps make Port Colborne a greener, more vibrant, and welcoming place for residents and visitors alike. Best wishes for another successful year ahead.

## **THIS CONCLUDES MY REPORT FOR THIS EVENING**



**City of Port Colborne**  
**Public Meeting Minutes**

**Date:** Tuesday, May 5, 2026  
**Time:** 6:30 pm  
**Location:** Council Chambers, 3rd Floor, City Hall  
66 Charlotte Street, Port Colborne

**Members Present:** M. Aquilina, Councillor  
M. Bagu, Councillor  
E. Beauregard, Councillor  
R. Bodner, Councillor  
G. Bruno, Deputy Mayor (presiding officer)  
D. Elliott, Councillor

**Member(s) Absent:** F. Danch, Councillor  
T. Hoyle, Councillor  
W. Steele, Mayor (presiding officer)

**Staff Present:** E. Acs, Chief Planner  
J. Beaupre, Deputy Clerk  
K. Martel, Manager of Planning

**Others Present:** A. Kosloski, Planner - Armstrong Planning and Project Management

**1. Call to Order**

Mayor Steele was absent. Councillor Bruno assumed the role of Deputy Mayor and called the meeting to order at 6:31 p.m.

**2. Adoption of Agenda**

Moved By Councillor M. Bagu  
Seconded By Councillor D. Elliott

That the Public meeting agenda dated May 5, 2026, be confirmed, as circulated.

**3. Disclosures of Interest**

**3.1 Councillor T. Hoyle - Statutory Public Meeting Report for Proposed Site-Specific Official Plan Amendment and Zoning By-law Amendment – Elite Killaly Secondary Plan – our files D09-04-24 and D14-05-24, 2026-70**

Live within area of influence of the proposed development.

**3.2 Councillor T. Hoyle - Staff Presentation**

Live within area of influence of the proposed development.

**3.3 Councillor T. Hoyle - Delegations**

Live within area of influence of the proposed development.

**3.4 Councillor E. Beauregard - Statutory Public Meeting Report for Proposed Site-Specific Official Plan Amendment and Zoning By-law Amendment – Elite Killaly Secondary Plan – our files D09-04-24 and D14-05-24, 2026-70**

I, Eric Beauregard, declare an indirect pecuniary interest as the Applicant is a client of my employer.

**3.5 Councillor E. Beauregard - Staff Presentation**

I, Eric Beauregard, declare an indirect pecuniary interest as the Applicant is a client of my employer.

**3.6 Councillor E. Beauregard - Delegations**

I, Eric Beauregard, declare an indirect pecuniary interest as the Applicant is a client of my employer.

**4. Statutory Public Meetings**

**4.1 Statutory Public Meeting Report for Proposed Site-Specific Official Plan Amendment and Zoning By-law Amendment – Elite Killaly Secondary Plan – our files D09-04-24 and D14-05-24, 2026-70**

Councillor T. Hoyle declared a conflict on this item. Councillor E. Beauregard declared a conflict on this item.

Moved By Councillor R. Bodner  
Seconded By Councillor M. Aquilina

That Planning and Development Report 2026-70 be received for information; and

That Council direct staff to consider Council, agency, and community feedback received as part of this statutory public meeting, prior to bringing forward a subsequent staff report respecting the proposed Official Plan and Zoning By-law Amendment.

Carried

**a. Staff Presentation**

Councillor T. Hoyle declared a conflict on this item. Councillor E. Beauregard declared a conflict on this item.

Kelly Martel, Manager of Planning, presented to Council on the public meeting report for the Elite Kilally Secondary Plan, files D09-04-24 and D14-05-24.

**a. Applicant Presentation**

Amanda Kosloski, Planner from Armstrong Planning and Project Management, presented on behalf of the applicant to Council on files D09-04-24 and D14-05-24.

**b. Delegations**

Councillor T. Hoyle declared a conflict on this item. Councillor E. Beauregard declared a conflict on this item.

**a. Melissa Bigford - 173 Chippawa Road**

Written delegation.

**b. Jack Hellinga - 7001 Highway 3 East**

**c. Harry Wells - 548 Highway 3 East**

**5. By-laws**

**5.1 By-law No. 7461/45/26**

Moved By Councillor D. Elliott  
Seconded By Councillor E. Beauregard

That By-law No. 7461/45/26 be passed and enacted, as presented.

Carried

**6. Adjournment**

Deputy Mayor Bruno adjourned the 8:04 p.m.

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Gary Bruno, Deputy Mayor

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Jessica Beaupre, Deputy Clerk

## Port Colborne Museum, Heritage and Culture Board Meeting Minutes

**Date:** Tuesday, February 17, 2026  
**Time:** 7:00 pm  
**Location:** Roselawn Centre  
296 Fielden Ave, Port Colborne, ON L3K 4T6

**Members Present:** B. Heaslip  
C. MacMillan  
T. Huffman  
J. Piniak  
L. Brazeau  
E. Beauregard, Councillor  
M. Hili  
A. Lessard  
B. Schneider  
M. Heaslip

**Member(s) Absent:** C. Brema  
G. Hoyle  
J. van Dillen

**Staff Present:** Tami Nail  
S. Powell Baswick, Director of Museum and Culture  
S. Kaufman

### 1. **Call to Order**

The Chair called the meeting to order at 6:57pm.

### 2. **Disclosures of Interest**

None to report.

### 3. **Adoption of Agenda**

Moved by L. Brazeau  
Seconded by Michael Hili

That the agenda dated February 17, 2026, be confirmed as circulated or as amended.

Carried

**4. Approval of Minutes**

Moved by C. MacMillan

Seconded by B. Heaslip

That the minutes from the previous meeting (AGM) held on January 20, 2026, be confirmed as circulated or as amended.

Carried

**5. Business Arising from the Minutes**

None to report.

**6. Correspondence**

None to report.

**7. Council Report**

Councillor Beauregard reported that the proposed four-year budget will be determined with the new, incoming Council.

**8. Curator's Report**

Sarah reported that the Garden Club wants a stone to commemorate their 125th Anniversary. They will be preparing the plans for it and will connect with the Building and Property Committee. They will bring their plans forward to the Board once the look and size are determined.

The Clerk's Department has requested a work plan for the Board committees. They will be based off of the strategic plan that was created previously by the Board. Sarah plans to have that completed by the next Board meeting.

Tami gave an update on the progress of the Putting Port Colborne on the Map exhibit. Building and Property are helping with an elevated metal map. Hopefully Lakeshore Catholic High School will be able to help build the base. Tami also reported that her and Saah are working on a 3-year exhibit plan.

Sarah gave Capital Projects updates:

The restoration work to the hardwood floor in the main foyer of the Roselawn Centre has been scheduled to begin on February 19-20. The final coating/stain will be made to the area February 23-27.

Quotes are being obtained for the stabilization of the Williams House. Staff are cleaning out the basement. Most of the items are materials for events and programs and will be moved to the schoolhouse for storage until project is completed. Other items to be donated or sent to the junk.

**9. Auxiliary Report**

None to report as Tea Room is closed for the season.

**10. Friends of Roselawn Centre Liaison Report**

Bonnie reported that a meeting was held on February 11th to plan the events for 2026: Art Auction, Music on the Lawn, Fashion Show, Makers Market. Volunteers are always welcome.

**11. Committee Report**

**11.1 Finance Committee**

Bonnie reported that a \$40 donation was received from Canada Helps.

**11.2 Membership Committee**

A meeting was held preceding the Board Meeting. A sample of the new proposed membership form and letter was presented. A postage fee was proposed for those members who prefer to have their newsletters and correspondence sent via mail. The new form has a checkbox option to receive e-mails. Members will be notified of postage fee during membership drive.

Discussion of raising membership fees followed. Fees for 2026 have already been approved by council.

Moved by T. Huffman  
Seconded by C. MacMillan

To request \$5 postage fee per year for members who would like to receive all correspondence via mail.

Carried

**11.3 Building and Property Committee**

Brian reported that they continue to work on the Roselawn renovations and the fence for the Museum. They will also help Museum staff with the clean out of the basement.

#### **11.4 Programme Committee**

Cheryl reported that on January 15th and 16th Port Colborne High School art classes visited Roselawn again for the Community Curators' art project where students create artwork based on the community curator exhibit. Artwork will be displayed at the library from March to April. A total of 80-100 students from grade 9-12 have participated.

February 13th – PD Day program: Kids drop-in 'make your own Victorian valentines day card'

Upcoming:

March 8th – Culture Crawl hosted by Niagara Geopark at the Meridian Community Centre in Fonthill.

March 12th – Brock University Heritage and Culture Networking Fair. Gives Brock students a chance to connect with heritage sites in the region.

March Break, March 16th – 20th:

- Monday, March 16th – Teen Tile Painting
- Tuesday, March 17th – St. Patrick's Day Crafts
- Wednesday, March 18th – Edwardian tea Party
- Thursday, March 19th – Teen Lino Cutting
  
- Friday, March 20th - Museum Buccaneers

Sloane is also planning a one week summer camp which will run from 9am-4pm with marine themed activities and with community partnerships.

#### **11.5 Fundraising Committee**

Terry reported that a meeting was held preceding the Board Meeting to firm up the schedule for 2026 Music on the Lawn.

June 14: No Illusions

July 5: Andrew Colins Trio

August 3: Toronto All Star Big Band

September 13: Nu-Tones

The events will include the hotdog vendor, Friends of Roselawn Centre 50/50 draw, popcorn/chips and water sold.

Discussions about increase in artist fees and sponsorship, possibly having Opening Acts, and wine and beer for sale. Roselawn does have a liquor license.

**11.6 Policy Committee**

None to report.

**11.7 Accession Committee**

Luke reported that the next meeting will be held on either March 24 or 30.

**11.8 Heritage Committee**

Mike reported that a meeting still has not been held as the committee is still waiting for a liaison from the Planning Department. Councillor Beauregard will look into getting a liaison.

It is Heritage Week. There are online posts every day on how to access heritage. A proclamation was made by the mayor.

**12. Confidential Items**

None to report.

**13. New Business**

Stephanie reported that L.R. Wilson passed away. He made significant contributions and impact on the Archives. Stephanie has sent condolences to the foundation. Although the L.R. Wilson foundation made a \$1,000,000 donation for the Archives expansion in 2025, no announcement has been made publicly yet. Stephanie is asking the family and foundation how and when they would like the announcement made. Stephanie has also requested that the flag at City Hall be lowered during L.R. Wilson's Celebration of Life at McMaster University in the spring.

All board member's terms that are expiring/expired will continue until the election.

On Friday, Stephanie will attend the Niagara Peninsula Aboriginal Area Management Board (NPAAMB) meeting, where she is hoping for a partnership for a one-year contract for a Culture Manager.

On February 25th there will be The Lunch, Learn and Look Ahead with Bryan Boles. All board members are welcome. Please RSVP to Stephanie.

Julian Mulley, a co-op student from Port Colborne High School, has just started at Roselawn and is helping to inventory the art collection. An interview will be held with a potential co-op student from Lakeshore Catholic School to work in the Archives.

**14. Adjournment**

The Chair adjourned the meeting at approximately 7:57.

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Chair

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Staff Liaison



## Port Colborne Public Library Board Meeting Minutes

**Date:** Wednesday, March 4, 2026  
**Time:** 6:00 pm  
**Location:** Library Auditorium, Port Colborne Public Library  
310 King St, Port Colborne

Members Present: A. Desmarais, Vice Chair  
M. Bagu, Councillor  
H. Cooper  
B. Ingram, Chair  
C. MacMillan  
B. Beck  
A. Smits

Member(s) Absent: M. Booth  
E. Tanini

Staff Present: R. Tkachuk, Chief Executive Officer (Board Secretary-Treasurer)  
L. MacDonald, Library Services Manager

### 1. Call to Order

The Vice Chair called the meeting to order at 6:06 pm.

### 2. Land Acknowledgement

The Vice Chair recited the Land Acknowledgement.

### 3. Disclosures of Interest

Nil.

### 4. Adoption of Agenda

Moved by C. MacMillan  
Seconded by Councillor M. Bagu

That the agenda dated March 4, 2026, be confirmed, as circulated.

Carried

**5. Approval of Minutes**

Moved by H. Cooper  
Seconded by B. Beck

That the minutes dated February 4, 2026, be approved, as circulated.

Carried

**6. Consent Items**

Moved by C. MacMillan  
Seconded by B. Beck

That the Board approves Consent Items 6.1 to 6.5, as presented or amended.

Carried

**6.1 Staff Reports**

- a. **Public Relations Report - January/February 2026**

**6.2 Financial Reports**

- a. **2026 Operating Statement (as of February 27, 2026)**

**6.3 Circulation Reports**

- a. **Circulation Report, January 2026**
  - a. **Circulation Snapshot, January 2026**

**6.4 Media Items**

- a. **Off the Shelf Newsletter - March/April 2026**
- b. **March Break Flyer 2026**

**6.5 Correspondence**

**7. Discussion Items**

**7.1 CEO's Verbal Report - February 2026 (R. Tkachuk)**

The CEO provided a verbal report on the following items: City partnerships and opportunities, including the library's website; volunteer banquet;

granting and award opportunities, including additional monies granted; application submitted to John Cotton Dana Award; Black History Month; Freedom to Read Week; new, upcoming, and summer library programs; Community Curators Redrawn collaboration with Museum; March Break Programs; Summer Children's Art Gala; Strategic plan facilitations.

## **8. Policy Items**

Moved by H. Cooper  
Seconded by C. MacMillan

That the Board approves Policy Items 8.1 to 8.8, as presented.

Carried

**8.1 HR-01: Human Resources Policy and Management**

**8.2 HR-02: Health and Safety of Staff**

**8.3 HR-03: Prevention of Workplace Violence**

**8.4 HR-04: Employee Conduct**

**8.5 HR-08: Health and Safety Policy Statement**

**8.6 HR-10: Disconnecting From Work**

**8.7 HR-12: Workplace Harassment and Discrimination**

**8.8 OP-24: Safety, Security, and Emergencies**

## **9. Roundtable**

Trustee Cooper thanked staff for their work on March Break and spring programming, and noted there was a good a mix of programs that were drop-in and requiring registration, which can be helpful for families.

Trustee MacMillan shared an upcoming virtual training opportunity available through the Ontario Library Service.

Councillor Bagu shared a City Council update on the regional governance discussion.

The Library Services Manager shared an update on library staff's new social media campaigns.

Trustee Desmarais provided an update about the Adopt-a-Magazine library campaign regarding the distribution of donor forms.

**10. Next Meeting Date and Adjournment**

The next meeting will be held Wednesday, April 1, 2026, at 6 PM in the Library Auditorium.

The Vice Chair adjourned the meeting at 6:43 PM.

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Bryan Ingram, Chair

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Rachel Tkachuk, Chief Executive  
Officer (Board Secretary-Treasurer)



## City of Port Colborne

### Healthcare Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

**Date:** Monday, March 23, 2026  
**Time:** 6:00 pm  
**Location:** Council Chambers, 3rd Floor, City Hall  
66 Charlotte Street, Port Colborne

**Members Present:** C. Tamas  
M. Lallouet  
T. Triano  
S. McDowell, Chair  
P. McGarry, Vice-Chair  
W. Steele, Mayor non-voting  
M. Aquilina, Councillor non-voting

**Member(s) Absent:** R. Bodner, Councillor non-voting

**Staff Present:** J. Beaupre, Deputy Clerk  
B. Boles, Chief Administrative Officer  
G. Bisson, Senior Community Engagement Advisor

#### 1. Call to Order

The Chair called the meeting to order at 6:06 p.m.

#### 2. Adoption of the Agenda

Moved By M. Lallouet  
Seconded By P. McGarry

That the Healthcare Advisory Committee Agenda, dated March 23, 2026, be approved.

Carried

#### 3. Disclosures of Interest

There were no disclosures of interest.

#### 4. Approval of the Minutes

##### 4.1 Healthcare Advisory Committee Meeting - March 9, 2026

Moved By T. Triano  
Seconded By P. McGarry

That the Healthcare Advisory Committee Meeting minutes dated March 9, 2026, be approved.

Carried

**5. Presentations**

**5.1 Joanne Mataya - CEO of Community Living Port Colborne - Wainfleet**

Joanne Mataya presented to the Committee on barriers folks face in the community, and the services offered by Community Living Port Colborne - Wainfleet.

**6. New Business**

**6.1 Review of Healthcare Community Engagement Plan for May - July**

Renée Bisson, Senior Health Advisor, spoke to the Committee about the engagement plan for May - July 2026.

**6.2 Correspondence from NOHT-Media Release March 6, 2026**

There was no discussion on the Correspondence from NOHT.

**6.3 NOHT Report: Planning for the Future-A Data-Informed Health System in Niagara**

The Committee discussed the NOHT Report and deferred further discussion to the next meeting.

**6.4 Meeting Dates**

The Committee discussed upcoming meeting dates.

**7. Adjournment**

The Chair adjourned the meeting at 7:12 p.m.

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Sydney McDowell, Chair

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Jessica Beaupre, Deputy Clerk



## Port Colborne Public Library Board Meeting Minutes

**Date:** Wednesday, April 1, 2026  
**Time:** 6:00 pm  
**Location:** Library Auditorium, Port Colborne Public Library  
310 King St, Port Colborne

**Members Present:** M. Bagu, Councillor  
B. Ingram, Chair  
C. MacMillan  
B. Beck  
E. Tanini

**Member(s) Absent:** A. Desmarais, Vice Chair  
H. Cooper  
M. Booth  
A. Smits

**Staff Present:** R. Tkachuk, Chief Executive Officer (Board Secretary-Treasurer)  
L. MacDonald, Library Services Manager

**Others Present:** A. Taylor, Consultant, Ontario Library Services

### 1. **Call to Order**

The Chair called the meeting to order at 6:05 PM.

### 2. **Land Acknowledgement**

The Board Chair recited the Land Acknowledgement.

### 3. **Disclosures of Interest**

Nil.

### 4. **Adoption of Agenda**

Moved by C. MacMillan  
Seconded by B. Beck

That the agenda dated April 1, 2026, be confirmed, as circulated.

Carried

**5. Approval of Minutes**

Moved by B. Beck

Seconded by C. MacMillan

That the minutes dated March 4, 2026, be approved, as circulated.

Carried

**6. Presentations**

**6.1 Introduction to Strategic Planning**

The Board received an introductory presentation on the strategic planning process from a consultant with Ontario Library Services, including an overview of timelines.

**7. Next Meeting Date and Adjournment**

The Chair adjourned the meeting at 7:15 PM.

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Bryan Ingram, Chair

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Rachel Tkachuk, Chief Executive  
Officer (Board Secretary-Treasurer)



**Subject: Niagara Regional Courts Intermunicipal Amending Agreement**

**To: Council**

**From: Public Works Department**

Report Number: 2026-64

Meeting Date: May 12, 2026

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**Recommendation:**

That Public Works Department Report 2026-64 be received; and

That the Mayor and Clerk BE AUTHORIZED to execute the Amending Agreement (Amendment 3) to the Niagara Region Courts Inter-Municipal Agreement to continue the Red Light Camera program; and

That the agreement by-law be brought forward for Council's consideration.

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**Purpose:**

The purpose of this report is to seek Council's approval to extend the current amendment to the Niagara Region Courts Inter-Municipal Agreement (NRCIMA) to continue the Red Light Camera (RLC) program as part of the Niagara Region's broader Vision Zero Road Safety initiative.

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**Background:**

The NRCIMA was first approved in 2000, as a result of the transfer of the Provincial Offences Court from the Province to the Region, reflecting that the Region would undertake the court administration, support and prosecution programs, and operation of Provincial Offences Court on behalf of all municipalities in Niagara. In 2022, an amendment to the NRCIMA (Amendment 2) was approved to reflect the introduction of RLC and Automated Speed Enforcement (ASE) charges.

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## Discussion:

The objective of the Third Amending Agreement is to extend the Vision Zero Program, specifically, the continued use of RLCs, for an additional three-year period. The program will continue the same terms, conditions, and revenue-sharing structure set out in the Second Amending Agreement, except for two minor updates as outlined below.

### 1. Extension of the Red Light Camera Program term

Under the Second Amending Agreement, the Vision Zero Program was scheduled to end three years after the first RLC charge was reported to the Provincial Offences Court (September 27, 2026).

- The Third Amending Agreement replaces the original three-year term with a six-year term, ending September 27, 2029.
- All existing obligations relating to program monitoring, reporting, and collaborative review remain unchanged.

This amendment simply ensures uninterrupted continuation of the RLC program.

### 2. Updates related to Automated Speed Enforcement

The Province of Ontario, through Bill 56, the *Building a More Competitive Economy Act*, has eliminated municipal authority to operate ASE as of November 14, 2025.

- The amendment acknowledges the termination of the ASE program on that date.
- Importantly, all ASE charges issued on or before November 14, 2025 will continue to be processed to completion, even if the conviction occurs later.
- Net revenues from these charges will continue to be shared according to the Second Amending Agreement.

This ensures continuity in processing outstanding charges and in allocating net revenues as originally intended.

As the NRCIMA is a joint agreement between the Region and the 12 Local Area Municipalities respecting the operation of Niagara Courts, all 13 parties must approve Amendment 3.

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## Financial Implications:

There are no changes in financial implications.

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## **Conclusion:**

Executing the NRCIMA Amendment 3 will allow the Niagara Region to continue the RLC program and more broadly the Niagara Region's Vision Zero Road Safety initiative, supporting road safety within the City of Port Colborne.

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## **Appendices:**

- a. Niagara Region Public Works Committee Report
- b. Niagara Region Courts Intermunicipal Agreement – Amendment 3
- c. Being a By-law to Authorize Entering into an Amending Agreement (No. 3) to the Niagara Region Courts Inter-Municipal Agreement

Respectfully submitted,

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Director of Public Works  
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## **Report Approval:**

All reports reviewed and approved by the Department Director and also the City Treasurer when relevant. Final review and approval by the Chief Administrative Officer.



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March 27, 2026

**CL 6-2026, March 26, 2026**

**PWC 3-2026, March 10, 2026**

**PW 10-2026, March 10, 2026**

### **LOCAL AREA MUNICIPALITIES**

#### **SENT ELECTRONICALLY**

Extension of the Niagara Regional Courts Inter-Municipal Agreement (Amendment 3)  
PW 10-2026

Regional Council, at its meeting held on March 26, 2026, passed the following recommendations of its Public Works Committee:

That Report PW 10-2026, dated March 10, 2026, respecting Extension of the Niagara Regional Courts Inter-Municipal Agreement (Amendment 3), **BE RECEIVED** and the following recommendations **BE APPROVED**:

1. That an extension to the term of the existing Amending Agreement to the Niagara Region Courts Inter-Municipal Agreement (NRCIMA) (being Amendment 2 dated October 13, 2022) of 3 years **BE APPROVED** for purposes of continuing the Red Light Camera (RLC) Program as described in Report PW 10-2026;
2. That the extension agreement (being Amendment 3 to the NRCIMA) **BE PREPARED** in a form satisfactory to the Director of Legal and Court Services, including amendments necessary to reflect the conclusion of the Automated Speed Enforcement program in accordance with legislative changes as described in Report PW 10-2026;
3. That the Regional Chair and Regional Clerk **BE AUTHORIZED** to execute the Amending Agreement (Amendment 3) to the NRCIMA once finalized, subject to approval by all 12 local area municipalities; and
4. That this report **BE CIRCULATED** to the 12 local area municipalities and that the 12 local area municipalities **BE REQUESTED** to approve the execution of the Amending Agreement (Amendment 3) to the NRCIMA to continue the Red Light Camera (RLC) program.

A copy of Report PW 10-2026 is enclosed for your reference.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ann-Marie Norio". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Ann-Marie Norio

Regional Clerk

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cc: F. Tassone, Director, Transportation Services  
S. Fraser, Associate Director, Transportation Planning  
L. De Angelis, Commissioner, Public Works  
K. Ward, Executive Assistant to the Commissioner, Public Works

**Subject:** Extension of the Niagara Regional Courts Inter-Municipal Agreement (Amendment 3)

**Report to:** Public Works Committee

**Report date:** Tuesday, March 10, 2026

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## Recommendations

1. That an extension to the term of the existing Amending Agreement to the Niagara Region Courts Inter-Municipal Agreement (NRCIMA) (being Amendment 2 dated October 13, 2022) of 3 years **BE APPROVED** for purposes of continuing the Red Light Camera (RLC) Program as described in Report PW 10-2026;
2. That the extension agreement (being Amendment 3 to the NRCIMA) **BE PREPARED** in a form satisfactory to the Director of Legal and Court Services, including amendments necessary to reflect the conclusion of the Automated Speed Enforcement program in accordance with legislative changes as described in Report PW 10-2026;
3. That the Regional Chair and Regional Clerk **BE AUTHORIZED** to execute the Amending Agreement (Amendment 3) to the NRCIMA once finalized, subject to approval by all 12 local area municipalities; and
4. That this report **BE CIRCULATED** to the 12 local area municipalities and that the 12 local area municipalities **BE REQUESTED** approve the execution of the Amending Agreement (Amendment 3) to the NRCIMA to continue the Red Light Camera (RLC) program.

## Key Facts

- The purpose of this report is to seek Council's approval of an extension to the current amendment to the NRCIMA to continue the RLC program as part of the Region's broader Vision Zero Road Safety initiative.
- The three-year term of the NRCIMA amendment adopted at the launch of RLC and Automated Speed Enforcement (ASE) to support the financial sustainability of those programs will conclude in September 2026.
- The proposed Amendment extends the term by 3 years to September 2029 and recognizes the conclusion of the ASE program as a result of legislative changes.

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- All other terms of the agreement remain unchanged, including the apportionment of costs and revenues.
  - Preliminary RLC results indicate a moderate reduction in serious collision types and a 29.4% decrease in the number of tickets issued monthly from 2024 to 2025.
  - The proposed 3-year extension (Amendment 3) will allow staff to continue operating the RLC program based on the existing terms as previously approved by Regional Council and the 12 local area municipalities and further evaluate its safety benefits as part of the Vision Zero Road Safety initiative.

### **Financial Considerations**

The proposed extension agreement (being Amendment 3 to the NRCIMA) remains unchanged as it relates to the apportionment of revenues and costs, known as net revenues. Net revenues are shared equally with 50% allocated to the local area municipalities and 50% allocated to the Region. In the event that net revenues result in a deficit position, meaning revenues do not cover the costs to administer the programs, the Region will cover these costs until such time that net revenues are realized. At that time, any deficits resulting from previous years will first be deducted before determining any net distribution. Any net revenues resulting from the RLC program must continue to be reinvested into road safety programs.

Specifically, for the RLC program, the 2026 budget to administer the program through both Court Services and Transportation Services has been adjusted to reflect zero net revenues. Further analysis will be completed as more information becomes available regarding the RLC program and will be utilized to support the budget process for 2027 and the 2028/2029 multi-year budgets.

### **Analysis**

#### **NRCIMA Background**

The Niagara Regional Court Intermunicipal Agreement (NRCIMA) was first approved in 2000, as a result of the transfer of the Provincial Offences Court from the Province to the Region, reflecting that the Region would undertake the court administration, support and prosecution programs, and operation of Provincial Offences Court on behalf of all municipalities in Niagara.

In 2022, an amendment to the NRCIMA (Amendment 2) was approved to reflect the introduction of RLC and ASE charges. This amendment recognized that the resources and costs to implement and operate these two programs are unique and are to be

tracked and reported separately from those for base Courts Services charges to support reinvestment of program revenues into road safety initiatives. The amendment also provided a financial framework that recognized the significant upfront investment by the Region to launch the program, while allowing for net revenue sharing with the local area municipalities.

This Amendment (Amendment 2) is currently in effect, covering a three-year term from September 2023 to September 2026. This term began with the issuance of the first ASE tickets in September 2023.

### **NRCIMA Amendment 3**

With the upcoming conclusion of the current amendment term (Amendment 2) in September 2026, an extension is required to support the ongoing operation of the RLC program on the existing terms as previously approved by the 12 local area municipalities and the Region.

The proposed amendment (NRCIMA Amendment 3) will:

- Extend the term of the existing amendment by 3 years to September 2029; and
- Add references to recognize the conclusion of the ASE program in November 2025 as a result of legislative changes. In accordance with Bill 56, the “Building a More Competitive Economy Act”, which eliminated the authority of municipalities to operate ASE effective November 14, 2025, the amendment will recognize that no new ASE charges will be issued as of that date, however any ASE charges issued prior to that date will continue to be processed in accordance with the agreement.

All other terms of the agreement remain unchanged, including the apportionment of costs and revenues. Collected fines will be used first to cover program costs as defined in Amendment 2. If collected fines are more than program costs, net fines will be distributed “50/50” between the Region and local area municipalities for re-investment in road safety initiatives.

### **Approval Process**

As the NRCIMA is a joint agreement between the Region and the 12 local area municipalities regarding the operation of Niagara Courts, all 13 parties must approve the proposed Amendment 3. This report seeks the Region’s initial approval of Amendment 3.

Subject to Regional Council approval, the report and draft Amendment 3 will be circulated to the 12 local area municipalities for their respective review and approval. Transportation and Legal Services staff will support local area municipality staff through this process and attend local Council meetings as required.

Subject to approval by all 12 local area municipalities, Amendment 3 will be finalized and executed on behalf of the Region in accordance with this report.

### **Red Light Camera Program**

RLCs detect and capture images of vehicles entering an intersection when the traffic signal is red. They help reduce severe collision types such as angle and head-on collisions at signalized intersections, as one component of the Region's broader Vision Zero Road Safety initiative. 10 RLCs are currently in operation at signalized intersections across the region.

Parallel report PW 9-2026 provides detail on the safety benefits of the program to-date including a moderate decrease in the serious head-on and angle collision types RLCs are intended to prevent and a 29.4% reduction in the number of tickets issued monthly (329 in 2024 to 232 in 2025). This indicates a reduction in red-light running at RLC equipped intersections.

Staff recommend the continuation of the program based on these results. The extension of the program will allow for the collection of additional data to support future consideration of expansion of the program in collaboration with the LAMS.

Staff will return to Council with any future recommendations for expansion, which would occur in alignment with the NRAMCA amendment if approved.

### **Alternatives Reviewed**

Do Not Approve the Amendment (Not Recommended)

This is not recommended as the financial viability of the program is based on the Region's ability to recover program costs from collected fines, as authorized by the proposed Amendment.

### **Relationship to Council Strategic Priorities**

The overall Vision Zero Road Safety initiative is an identified action under the 'Equitable Region' strategic focus area. The Equitable Region focus is to "provide opportunities for

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a safe and inclusive Niagara by listening and responding to our community needs and planning for future growth”.

### **Other Pertinent Reports**

- [PW 16-2025 - Vision Zero Road Safety Strategic Plan](#)  
<https://pub-niagararegion.escribemeetings.com/Meeting.aspx?Id=dc06e20b-31d1-4a80-9252-b606a4e5689f&Agenda=Merged&lang=English&Item=13&Tab=attachments>
- [PW 11-2023 - Implementation of Red Light Cameras \(RLC\) Across Niagara Region](#)  
<https://pub-niagararegion.escribemeetings.com/Meeting.aspx?Id=16e110c9-712b-4fbe-9436-07c97c48c1ab&Agenda=Merged&lang=English&Item=12&Tab=attachments>
- [CSD 81-2020 – Amending Agreement to the Niagara Region Inter-Municipal Agreement](#)  
<https://pub-niagararegion.escribemeetings.com/Meeting.aspx?Id=0d5b3b54-9efd-4103-a0bb-84a45a69f24d&Agenda=Agenda&lang=English&Item=14&Tab=attachments>
- [PW 64-2019 - Vision Zero Road Safety Program](#)  
<https://pub-niagararegion.escribemeetings.com/Meeting.aspx?Id=277bcf05-71ce-4d77-867e-5e839b3f87be&Agenda=Agenda&lang=English&Item=13&Tab=attachments>
- [PW 36-2019 – Red Light Camera](#)  
<https://pub-niagararegion.escribemeetings.com/Meeting.aspx?Id=5a991a11-6ca0-4f35-b766-37bd8f2814fd&Agenda=Agenda&lang=English&Item=14&Tab=attachments>

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**Prepared by:**

Frank Tassone, C.E.T.  
Director, Transportation Services  
Public Works

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**Recommended by:**

Lisa De Angelis, RPP, P. Eng.  
Commissioner Public Works  
Public Works

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**Submitted by:**

Ron Tripp, P.Eng.  
Chief Administrative Officer

This report was prepared in consultation with Morgan Young, Legal Counsel; Miranda Vink, Associate Director Court Services; Scott Crocco, Senior Legal Counsel Litigation; Peter Vujic, Manager Road Safety; Taimur Usman, Project Manager Road Safety; and reviewed by Frank Tassone, Director Transportation Services; Jason Misner, Communications Consultant, Brian McMahon, Program Financial Specialist; Renee Muzzell, Associate Director Program Financial Support; and Donna Gibbs, Director Legal and Court Services.

**NIAGARA REGION COURTS INTERMUNICIPAL AGREEMENT – AMENDMENT 3**

**THIS THIRD AMENDING AGREEMENT** (this “**Third Amendment**”) is made as of the \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2026 (the “**Effective Date**”).

**BETWEEN:**

**THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF FORT ERIE**  
(hereinafter called “Fort Erie”)

OF THE FIRST PART

-and-

**THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF GRIMSBY**  
(hereinafter called “Grimsby”)

OF THE SECOND PART

-and-

**THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF LINCOLN**  
(hereinafter called “Lincoln”)

OF THE THIRD PART

-and-

**THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF NIAGARA FALLS**  
(hereinafter called “Niagara Falls”)

OF THE FOURTH PART

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**THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF NIAGARA-ON-THE-LAKE**  
(hereinafter called “Niagara-on-the-Lake”)

OF THE FIFTH PART

-and-

**THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF PELHAM**  
(hereinafter called “Pelham”)

OF THE SIXTH PART

-and-

**THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF PORT COLBORNE**  
(hereinafter called “Port Colborne”)

OF THE SEVENTH PART

-and-

**THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF ST. CATHARINES**  
(hereinafter called "St. Catharines")

OF THE EIGHTH PART

-and-

**THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF THOROLD**  
(hereinafter called "Thorold")

OF THE NINTH PART

-and-

**THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WAINFLEET**  
(hereinafter called "Wainfleet")

OF THE TENTH PART

-and-

**THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF WELLAND**  
(hereinafter called "Welland")

OF THE ELEVENTH PART

-and-

**THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WEST LINCOLN**  
(hereinafter called "West Lincoln")

OF THE TWELFTH PART

-and-

**THE REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY OF NIAGARA**  
(hereinafter called "the Region")

OF THE THIRTEENTH PART

**WHEREAS** the Parties entered into an Intermunicipal Agreement dated April 26, 2000 (the "Intermunicipal Agreement"), all parties agreed, among other things, to appoint the Region as Agent to undertake the court administration, support, and prosecution program for the operation of the Provincial Offences Court on behalf of all municipalities;

**AND WHEREAS** effective November 22, 2005, the Parties entered into a First Amendment (the “First Amendment”) which amended the Intermunicipal Agreement by updating Schedule “A” entitled “Reporting Relationships”;

**AND WHEREAS** effective September 27, 2023, the Parties entered into a second amending agreement (the “Second Amendment”) which established the Vision Zero Program pursuant to which the Region implemented the use of Red Light Cameras (“RLC”) and Automated Speed Enforcement (“ASE”) cameras, including the processing of offences and the allocation of revenues derived therefrom;

**AND WHEREAS** the Second Amendment is set to expire on September 27, 2026;

**AND WHEREAS** pursuant to Bill 56, the “Building a More Competitive Economy Act”, the Province of Ontario has eliminated the authority of municipalities to operate ASE effective November 14, 2025;

**AND WHEREAS** the Parties wish to further amend the Intermunicipal Agreement to extend the term of the Second Amendment supporting the continued use of RLC and to include transitional provisions reflecting the termination of ASE as of November 14, 2025 pursuant to Bill 56, and the continued processing and revenue-sharing of ASE charges issued prior to November 14, 2025, in accordance with the terms of the Second Amendment.

**AND WHEREAS** the Parties wish to extend the term of the Second Amendment for an additional three (3) years on the terms set out in the Second Amendment, as amended by this Third Amendment;

**NOW THEREFORE**, in consideration of the mutual covenants and agreements contained herein, and for other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which is hereby acknowledge, the Parties hereto agree as follows:

## **1. EXTENSION OF RLC ENFORCEMENT UNDER THE VISION ZERO PROGRAM**

1.1 Section 1 of the Second Amendment is hereby amended by deleting the definition of “**Effective Date**” in its entirety and replaced with the following:

“**Effective Date**” means September 27, 2023;

1.2 Section 9 of the Second Amendment is hereby deleted and replaced with the following:

The Term of this Amending Agreement shall commence on the Effective Date and shall continue for a period of six (6) years, concluding on September 27, 2029. The Parties acknowledge that the financial sustainability and potential expansion

of Red Light Camera (“RLC”) enforcement under the Vision Zero Program depend on various factors, including enforcement volumes, operational and processing costs, and applicable Provincial requirements. Regional Staff will actively monitor the use of RLCs and provide updates, including available data, as part of the annual report to Council required pursuant to Section 4 of this Amending Agreement. The Parties further agree to engage in discussions to collectively review available data and consider any further modifications or extension to this Amending Agreement.

## **2. TERMINATION OF ASE ENFORCEMENT UNDER THE VISION ZERO PROGRAM**

**2.1 Termination of ASE Enforcement.** The parties acknowledge that effective November 14, 2025, and pursuant to Bill 56, the legal authority for municipalities to operate ASE was eliminated by the Province of Ontario. As a result, ASE enforcement under the Vision Zero Program concluded on that date.

**2.2 Continuation of Existing ASE Matters.** Notwithstanding Section 2.1, all ASE charges arising from alleged offences occurring on or before November 14, 2025 (“**Existing ASE Matters**”) may continue to be processed, administered, prosecuted, resolved, and enforced in accordance with the terms of the Second Amendment.

## **3. GENERAL**

**3.1 No Further Amendments.** Except as expressly amended by this Third Amendment, all terms, conditions, obligations, and provisions of the Intermunicipal Agreement, as amended by the First Amendment and the Second Amendment, shall remain unchanged and in full force and effect. For greater certainty, this Third Amendment amends and modifies certain provisions of the Second Amendment only to the extent expressly set out herein.

**3.2 Confirmation.** The acceptance of this Amending Agreement may be communicated by facsimile or email transmission reproduction between the Parties, and such reproduction will be binding upon the Parties with the same effect as an executed original of the Amending Agreement.

**3.3 Counterparts.** This Amending Agreement may be executed in any number of counterparts, each of which shall be deemed an original, but all of which together shall constitute one and the same instrument.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF** the parties hereto have executed this Amending Agreement:

Dated at \_\_\_\_\_, this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_.

**THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF FORT ERIE**

Per:

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Name:

Title:

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Name:

Title:

Dated at \_\_\_\_\_, this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_.

**THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF GRIMSBY**

Per:

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Name:

Title:

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Dated at \_\_\_\_\_, this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_.

**THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF LINCOLN**

Per:

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Name:

Title:

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Name:

Title:

Dated at \_\_\_\_\_, this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_.

**THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF NIAGARA FALLS**

Per:

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Name:  
Title:

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Name:  
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Dated at \_\_\_\_\_, this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_.

**THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF NIAGARA-ON-THE-LAKE**

Per:

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Name:  
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Dated at \_\_\_\_\_, this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_.

**THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF PELHAM**

Per:

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Name:  
Title:

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Name:  
Title:

Dated at \_\_\_\_\_, this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_.

**THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF PORT COLBORNE**

Per:

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Name:

Title:

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Name:

Title:

Dated at \_\_\_\_\_, this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_.

**THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF ST. CATHARINES**

Per:

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Name:

Title:

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Name:

Title:

Dated at \_\_\_\_\_, this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_.

**THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF THOROLD**

Per:

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Name:

Title:

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Name:

Title:

Dated at \_\_\_\_\_, this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_\_.

**THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF  
WAINFLEET**

Per:

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Name:  
Title:

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Name:  
Title:

Dated at \_\_\_\_\_, this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_\_.

**THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF WELLAND**

Per:

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Name:  
Title:

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Name:  
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Dated at \_\_\_\_\_, this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_\_.

**THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WEST  
LINCOLN**

Per:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name:  
Title:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name:  
Title:

Dated at \_\_\_\_\_, this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_\_.

**THE REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY OF NIAGARA**

Per:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name:

Title:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name:

Title:

**The Corporation of the City of Port Colborne**

**By-Law No. \_\_\_\_\_**

**Being a By-law to Authorize Entering into an Amending Agreement (No. 3)  
to the Niagara Region Courts Inter-Municipal Agreement**

Whereas at its meeting of May 12, 2026, the Council of The Corporation of the City of Port Colborne (Council) approved the recommendations of Public Works Department Report No. 2026-64 Subject: Niagara Regional Courts Intermunicipal Amending Agreement; and

Whereas Council is desirous of entering into an Amending Agreement to the Niagara Region Courts Inter-Municipal Agreement with the local area municipalities; and

Whereas the *Municipal Act*, 2001 S.O. 2001, c.25, as amended, confers broad authority on municipalities to enter into such agreements;

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

1. That The Corporation of the City of Port Colborne enters into an Amending Agreement (No. 3) to the Niagara Region Courts Inter-Municipal Agreement with the local area municipalities.
2. That the Mayor and City Clerk be and they are hereby authorized and directed to sign the said Amending Agreement, attached hereto as Schedule "A", together with any documents necessary to complete the conditions of said Amending Agreement, and the City Clerk is hereby authorized to affix the Corporate Seal thereto.

Enacted and passed this 12<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2026.

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William C. Steele  
Mayor

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Charlotte Madden  
City Clerk



**PORT COLBORNE**

## **Memorandum**

**To: City Council**  
**From: Adam Pigeau, Chief Financial Officer/Treasurer**  
**Date: May 12, 2026**  
**Re: Biederman Drain Billing By-law**

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At the April 28, 2026 meeting of Council, Council approved the billing of the Biederman Drain and related by-law. Costs are to be billed to affected landowners in accordance with the approved assessment schedule. As part of the billing implementation, staff are seeking to refine the by-law to clearly set out eligibility for installment payments and to align unpaid amounts with standard municipal tax collection processes. An updated version of the by-law reflecting the proposed amendment set out below is included under the By-laws section of the May 12 Council agenda for Council's consideration and enactment.

### **Proposed Amendment**

- Only landowners of the City of Port Colborne with individual Biederman Drain bills greater than \$500 shall have the option to either:
  - submit full payment of the net cost; or
  - make five (5) yearly payments, with the first payment due on the invoice date and the remaining four (4) payments added to the 2027–2030 final tax bills, bearing 5% interest per annum.

### **Financial and Administrative Implications**

The proposed amendment provides clarity and consistency in billing and collection by limiting the installment option to higher-value billings (greater than \$500) and providing for a first installment due on the invoice date with the remaining four (4) installments added to the 2027–2030 final tax bills. Staff will administer the installment option and tax roll additions in accordance with the amended by-law and established municipal processes.

### **Billing of amounts less than \$500**

In addition to the amendment proposed above, staff would also like to make Council aware that amounts due less than \$500 will be billed via the 2026 final tax bill, similar to the City's approach for annual maintenance drain billings. This approach reduces staff time in preparing the separate drains bills and the related costs of printing and mailing the billings.



**PORT COLBORNE**

**Subject: Request for Temporary Exemption from By-law  
4930/155/06, Being a By-law to Provide for the Licensing,  
Control and Regulation of Dogs as per Section 16(b) – 27  
Runnymede Rd**

**To: Council**

**From: Building and By-law Services Department**

Report Number: 2026-73

Meeting Date: May 12, 2026

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**Recommendation:**

That Building and By-law Services Department Report 2026-73 be received; and

That Council approve an exemption to the City's Dog Control By-law 4930/155/06 to permit four (4) dogs at 27 Runnymede Road, subject to the following conditions:

- The exemption applies only to 27 Runnymede Road;
  - The total number of dogs shall not exceed four(4) and the applicants are not permitted to replace the first of their existing dogs that is lost to any cause natural or otherwise;
  - All dogs shall continue to be licensed and maintained in accordance with the Dog Control By-law;
  - The dogs shall not create a nuisance and mitigating factors be put into place to ensure no issues arise;
  - The exemption may be revoked in the event of verified complaints or non-compliance with the above.
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**Purpose:**

The purpose of this report is to seek Council approval for an exemption to the City's Dog Control By-law, which limits the number of dogs permitted to three (3), to allow the resident at this address to keep four (4) dogs.

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**Background:**

The City of Port Colborne's Dog Control By-law regulates the keeping and licensing of dogs and restricts the number of dogs permitted at a premises within the City of Port Colborne to a maximum of three (3).

Council may consider site-specific exemptions to this provision upon request.

The owners of 27 Runnymede Road have submitted a request seeking permissions to keep four (4) dogs at the property. The dogs are described as small-breed companion animals and are maintained within the dwelling.

Municipal records confirm that the dogs are licensed and in compliance with the City's requirements.

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**Discussion:**

The applicant is requesting a minor exemption to permit one (1) additional dog beyond the maximum permitted under the by-law.

**Dog Licensing**

Municipal records confirm that the dogs are licensed, including:

- Gordon – licence valid to December 31, 2026
- Luna – license valid to December 31, 2026
- Stella – license valid to December 31, 2026
- Sully – license valid to December 31, 2026

**By-law Considerations**

The dog limit provision is intended to address potential impacts such as noise, nuisance conditions and animal welfare concerns.

At the time of writing this report, staff do not have any active complaints or enforcement issues related to the subject property.

Staff also confirmed complaint history and licensing compliance through consultation with the Niagara SPCA. There was no prior history of complaints other than the initial complaint that prompted this review for a potential noise complaint and over the allowed limit of dogs. The Niagara SPCA has confirmed that no violations were observed in response to the noise complaint and that matter has since closed.

## **Options for Council Consideration**

### **Option 1**

Deny the request and require compliance with the Dog Control By-law (maximum of three dogs).

### **Option 2 (Recommended)**

Approve the exemption to permit four (4) dogs, subject to conditions as outlined previously.

Staff are recommending Option 2, as the request represents a minor exemption and the applicant has demonstrated compliance with licensing requirements, proper care to the animals, testimonials regarding animal behaviour and correspondence from a medical professional to support the presence of all four (4) dogs. The correspondence received from the applicant's regulated health care professional confirms the presence of the dog's form part of the applicant's personal circumstances and supports their overall well-being. The contents of this correspondence are considered confidential and have been reviewed by staff in support of this application.

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### **Internal Consultations:**

Municipal Law Enforcement staff consulted with Niagara SPCA to verify complaint history and licensing records associated with the subject property.

The Niagara SPCA has confirmed that, aside from the initial complaint which prompted this review, no prior or additional complaints have been received regarding the dogs at this address.

The Niagara SPCA has also confirmed that the dogs are currently licensed and on record, no concerns were identified with respect to animal welfare.

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### **Financial Implications:**

There are no financial implications.

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### **Public Engagement:**

No public engagement was undertaken as this is a site-specific exemption and does not amend the by-law.

### **Strategic Plan Alignment:**

The initiative contained within this report supports the following pillar(s) of the strategic plan:

- Welcoming, Livable, Healthy Community
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### **Conclusion:**

The applicant at 27 Runnymede Road is requesting an exemption to permit four dogs at the property. Given the absence of complaints and demonstrated compliance with licensing requirements and care and health documentation provided, staff are of the opinion that Council may consider approving the request, subject to conditions as outlined previously.

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### **Appendices:**

- a. Correspondence from Jim Nicholls and Elizabeth Wesly dated March 16, 2026, requesting an exemption under By-law 4930/155/06;
- b. Dog Licenses effective until December 31, 2026.

Respectfully submitted,

Madison Cassar  
By-law Intake Officer  
905-228-8080  
Madison.Cassar@portcolborne.ca

### **Report Approval:**

All reports reviewed and approved by the Department Director and also the City Treasurer when relevant. Final review and approval by the Chief Administrative Officer.

TO: The City Clerk Of Port Colborne and the City Council.

My name is James Nicholls and on behalf of my partner Elizabeth Wesley we are seeking an exemption for under Bylaw 4930-155-06 section 16B for our 4 Dogs Luna, Gordon, Sully and Stella for the duration of their natural lives. After a minor noise violation for which we have made changes to our routine with our pups to make sure it does not happen again we were informed that we were not allowed to have 4 dogs. The incident occurred during some of the extreme cold weather of this winter and the pups had not had as much activity as usual. Our yard has also lost much of its privacy as our rear neighbors have recently removed a huge row of mature evergreen trees and installed an 8-foot fence. This has dramatically reduced privacy and noise absorption in our yard. We have been at our current residence since 2008 and have not had any previous incidents. It was suggested by SPCA that we rehome one of our dogs. To us this is an impossible choice and would actually be a hardship upon us and the dogs. We were unaware of this regulation as we have always registered our dogs as required and have not seen any problem in doing so with Docupet that looks after registration for the city/spca. I did not see anywhere on the registration that there was a limit. We will not have 4 dogs again but would like to be able to care for our current pups to the end of their natural lives. We do not have children, and our pets are extremely important to us. We both suffer from depression and are under treatment for such. Elizabeth particularly struggled as a healthcare worker during covid and has since had to cease working. Our dogs are our light and Joy. Our Dogs are Luna a 21-pound Papillion, 7 yrs old, Gordon a 12-pound mix of papillon and poodle also 7 yrs old. Sully a 30-pound mini-American Sheppard (Aussie), 6 yrs old and Stella a 20-pound Rat Terrier, 5 yrs old. Our dogs are extremely well cared for. We have included a letter of health for all 4 from Main west animal Hospital where we have been clients since 2008. All our pups have gone through basic obedience training with Karen at Over the Rainbow dog training.

We ended up with our "pack" after losing our previous dogs at the ages of 12, 16 and 17.5. We lost all of them in quick succession over about 2 years after going through health and old age struggles with them having to do sub cutaneous fluids with one, diabetes with another where we administered insulin as she went blind, and one that was blind, deaf and had no teeth. We have always provided all care and love necessary for our Dogs. Stella was a rescue from a woman that could not manage to give Stella the care she needed and is also the same breed as our previous Kaley who was Elizabeths closest companion and the choice to get her was to help Liz with her struggles at Kaley's loss.

I am also in a unique situation as the golf course superintendent at Port Colborne Country Club where my pack comes to work with me daily. They get the opportunity to run free on a daily basis and bring great joy to a very many people including my staff and the members at our club. Sully was purposely chosen for his herding skill in chasing the geese at the course. Our dogs are a big part of the enjoyment and atmosphere here at PCCC. Luna and Gordon are always eager to entertain when we have junior camps in the summer. Our Turf Pups have a fan club of 20-30 Ladies that bring treats for them on a daily basis. One of my employees says he would like to come back as "one of my dogs" in his next life. I have included many photos to attest the life my pups get as well as testimonial from the "treat

Ladies". They are a bonded group, they are my kids and my coworkers, I do not see how rehoming one of them would be beneficial for them or anyone really.

Respectfully.

**Jim Nicholls**

Superintendent

Port Colborne Country Club



[linkedin](#) [www.pcgolf.ca](http://www.pcgolf.ca)



*Jim Nicholls + Elizabeth Wesley*  
27 Runnymede Rd  
Port Colborne

# Proof of Registration with DocuPet.

## LICENCES & ADDITIONAL FEES


<b>Luna</b>		
License Start:	January 17, 2026	
License Expiration:	December 31, 2026	
2026 Sterilized Dog: Nov 1 - Mar 15		\$18.00
<b>Gordon</b>		
License Start:	January 17, 2026	
License Expiration:	December 31, 2026	
2026 Sterilized Dog: Nov 1 - Mar 15		\$18.00
<b>Sully</b>		
License Start:	January 17, 2026	
License Expiration:	December 31, 2026	
2026 Sterilized Dog: Nov 1 - Mar 15		\$18.00
<b>Stella</b>		
License Start:	January 17, 2026	
License Expiration:	December 31, 2026	
2026 Sterilized Dog: Nov 1 - Mar 15		\$18.00
<b>Total:</b>		<b>\$72.00</b>

## TAGS

<b>Luna</b>		
No New Tag Required		\$0.00
<b>Gordon</b>		
No New Tag Required		\$0.00
<b>Sully</b>		
No New Tag Required		\$0.00
<b>Stella</b>		
No New Tag Required		\$0.00
<b>Total:</b>		<b>\$0.00</b>


### Contact us

If you have any questions about your order, please contact DocuPet.

 [niagaraspca.docupet.com](http://niagaraspca.docupet.com)



Call 1-855-249-1370  
 Mon-Sat, 9:00 am to 9:00 pm EST  
 Sun, 11:00 am to 7:00 pm EST

 Email [info@docupet.com](mailto:info@docupet.com)

## About You (Pet Owner ID: 53211)

Pet Owner Name <b>Jim Nicholls</b>	Phone (required) <b>9056585106</b>	Account Number <b>53211</b>
Email (recommended)	postal code <b>L3K 5C2</b>	Online Access Code <b>7VWAF7JC2</b>

If the above information is incorrect, or you have moved, please go online to update your details.

## About Your Pets

Pet name <b>1. Luna (ID: COKZAHY5)</b> <input type="radio"/> I no longer have this pet		
Licence: 2026 Sterilized Dog: Nov 1 - Mar 15: <b>\$18.00</b> Note: If this is incorrect, please go online to update pet details.	Tag Size <input type="radio"/> No new tag <input type="radio"/> Small - 22.5mm <input type="radio"/> Large - 30mm	Licence Fee: <b>\$18.00</b>

Pet name <b>2. Gordon (ID: COKM4Y51)</b> <input type="radio"/> I no longer have this pet		
Licence: 2026 Sterilized Dog: Nov 1 - Mar 15: <b>\$18.00</b> Note: If this is incorrect, please go online to update pet details.	Tag Size <input type="radio"/> No new tag <input type="radio"/> Small - 22.5mm <input type="radio"/> Large - 30mm	Licence Fee: <b>\$18.00</b>

Pet name <b>3. Sully (ID: COK4FZQI)</b> <input type="radio"/> I no longer have this pet		
Licence: 2026 Sterilized Dog: Nov 1 - Mar 15: <b>\$18.00</b> Note: If this is incorrect, please go online to update pet details.	Tag Size <input type="radio"/> No new tag <input type="radio"/> Small - 22.5mm <input type="radio"/> Large - 30mm	Licence Fee: <b>\$18.00</b>

Pet name <b>4. Stella (ID: N1U9JFOU)</b> <input type="radio"/> I no longer have this pet		
Licence: 2026 Sterilized Dog: Nov 1 - Mar 15: <b>\$18.00</b> Note: If this is incorrect, please go online to update pet details.	Tag Size <input type="radio"/> No new tag <input type="radio"/> Small - 22.5mm <input type="radio"/> Large - 30mm	Licence Fee: <b>\$18.00</b>

### + I have a new pet!

Go online to access and update your account information, including adding new pets or visit [niagaraspca.docupet.com](http://niagaraspca.docupet.com) to print off and complete a new pet form.

Consider a donation to Niagara SPCA & Humane Society	Donation: \$
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Licence Total: **\$72.00**



**MAIN WEST  
ANIMAL HOSPITAL**

*Compassionate, Caring, Committed*

HEALTH CERTIFICATE

OWNER'S NAME: Jim & Elizabeth Nichols/Wesley



ADDRESS: 27 Runnymede Rd Port Colborne, ON L3K 5C2

ANIMAL'S NAME: Luna

BREED: Papllion

SEX: FS

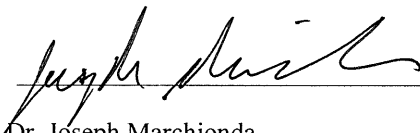
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DATE OF BIRTH: 10/18/2018



Date:

This is to certify that Luna was examined on Feb 25<sup>th</sup> 2026 and to the best of my knowledge, found this animal to be healthy and free of fleas, external parasites and free from infections or contagious diseases transmissible to humans or other animals.

 DVM

Dr. Joseph Marchionda  
Licence # 63348



**MAIN WEST**  
**ANIMAL HOSPITAL**

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HEALTH CERTIFICATE

OWNER'S NAME: Jim & Elizabeth Nichols/Wesley  
[REDACTED]

ADDRESS: 27 Runnymede Rd Port Colborne, ON L3K 5C2

ANIMAL'S NAME: Gordon

BREED: Papllion Mix

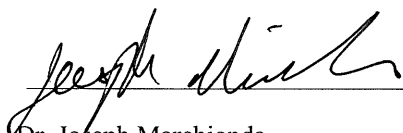
SEX: MN

COLOR: Brown & White

DATE OF BIRTH: 01/28/2019  
[REDACTED]

Date:

This is to certify that Gordon was examined on Feb 25<sup>th</sup> 2026 and to the best of my knowledge, found this animal to be healthy and free of fleas, external parasites and free from infections or contagious diseases transmissible to humans or other animals.

 \_\_\_\_\_ DVM

Dr. Joseph Marchionda  
Licence # 63348



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HEALTH CERTIFICATE

OWNER'S NAME: Jim & Elizabeth Nichols/Wesley

[REDACTED]

ADDRESS: 27 Runnymede Rd Port Colborne, ON L3K 5C2

ANIMAL'S NAME: Sully

BREED: Mini American Shepherd

SEX: MN

COLOR: Tan, Black & White

DATE OF BIRTH: 07/02/2022

[REDACTED]

Date:

This is to certify that Sully was examined on August 28<sup>th</sup> 2025 and to the best of my knowledge, found this animal to be healthy and free of fleas, external parasites and free from infections or contagious diseases transmissible to humans or other animals.

DVM

Dr. Joseph Marchionda

Licence # 63348



**MAIN WEST**  
**ANIMAL HOSPITAL**

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HEALTH CERTIFICATE

OWNER'S NAME: Jim & Elizabeth Nichols/Wesley  
[REDACTED]

ADDRESS: 27 Runnymede Rd Port Colborne, ON L3K 5C2

ANIMAL'S NAME: Stella

BREED: Rat Terrier

SEX: FS

COLOR: Tan

DATE OF BIRTH: 07/18/2021  
[REDACTED]

Date:

This is to certify that Stella was examined on September 22<sup>nd</sup> 2025 and to the best of my knowledge, found this animal to be healthy and free of fleas, external parasites and free from infections or contagious diseases transmissible to humans or other animals.

DVM

Dr. Joseph Marchionda  
Licence # 63348

The Only Information  
From SPCA.



## WHILE YOU WERE OUT

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Time: \_\_\_\_\_

Please contact officer: 3030

at 905-735-1552 ext. 210

Investigation #: 25822

(No subject)

Training Documentation

From Jim Nicholls <[REDACTED]>

Date Mon 2026-03-09 5:56 PM

To Jim Nicholls <[REDACTED]>

To whom it may concern,

Jim and Elizabeth have been training through our academy for years. They have brought all of their dogs through several of our obedience programs and different levels.

They are both dedicated to the health and wellbeing of each and every one of them. And because of that dedication they are all able to interact with any dog they meet.

They asked questions, they practiced each week, they were all in and it showed.

It was a pleasure to be part of them integrating their newest rescue into their pack, each time.

In my 18 years of owning and training at Over The Rainbow Dog Academy I haven't seen many dedicated to this level. Their commitment to their pets should be an inspiration to all dog owners.

Thank you

Karen Faragalli

Owner and Master Trainer

Over The Rainbow Dog Academy  
[REDACTED]

# Testimonials

Re: bylaw 4930-155-06 supporting Jim and his partner Liz

From Barb Brown [REDACTED]

Date Mon 2026-03-09 4:52 PM

To Jim Nicholls [REDACTED]

March 9, 2026

To: The City Clerk of Port Colborne and Members of Port Colborne City Council

This letter is being sent in full support of our friends Jim Nicholls and his partner, Elizabeth Wesley, and their dogs, Luna, Gordon, Sully and Stella.

We've known Jim and Liz for approximately 9 years, first meeting Jim as he is the Superintendent of the golf course where we play, Port Colborne Country Club.

Over the last number of years we've become friends with Jim, while talking golf, golf course things, as well as sharing 'dog stories'...something dog owners do. We members look very much forward to seeing Jim and his Turf Dogs, on the days we are out golfing. They go to work with Jim most days and assist with keeping the annoying geese off of the greens and tee areas; and provide joy to the members just seeing them. The dogs are always leashed when in Jim's turf cart, and when members are golfing. If he's not dealing with something that's needing attention right away, Jim stops by our groups and many of us ask if we can give the dogs a doggie treat. The dogs each have their own unique personality and are beyond gentle and cute.

Jim and Liz provide great care for their dogs. We stopped by their home just before Christmas with some Christmas cookies for Jim and Liz, as well as a bag of dog treats for the pups to go under their tree. Liz showed me all of their toys and new dog beds; each has its own but often they share and cuddle up together. Jim took us out the their backyard showing us where he snow blows running trails when the snow is too deep for them to get a good run.

When we rescued our dog, I spoke to Jim about the training his dogs received. He recommended Over the Rainbow Dog Academy as that's where his dogs went.

Because the dogs are so well liked, Jim and Liz often organize off season meetings at the course so we members can get our 'Turf Pup fix', playing with them and giving them a few treats. Jim and Liz take such great care of their dogs. They provide a warm house, plenty of good food, and all of the love that an animal could ever need. Sadly this is not the case with all dog owners- Jim and Liz go above and beyond. Annual vet visits for all vaccinations and any other needs are also provided, at the same vet we use.

I'm a retired secondary school teacher of 29 yrs. The care that Jim and Liz provide for their dogs is better than the care some of my former students received, unfortunately. They are the best dog owners I know, similar to ourselves.

Hopefully our City Council can support Jim and Liz as they navigate this situation and grant them an exemption under Bylaw 4930-155-06. Their dogs truly are their 'family' and we are lucky to be able to spend time and visit with Luna, Gordon, Sully, and Stella, as well as Jim and Liz.

Sincerely,  
Barb Brown and Larry Hannigan  
26 Donlea Drive

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

\*\*This email was sent to Jim as we are currently away and out of the country.

Sent from Brownie's iPad CA

March 9/26

City Clerk of Port Colborne and the City Counsel

I am writing this letter in support of Jim Nichols and his partner Liz Wesley and there 4 dogs Luna, Gordie, Sully and Stella. I have known Jim for over 10 plus years as a Member of the PCCC and have had the pleasure of getting to know the pups who bring such joy and life to the course as well as our hearts. As a dog owner myself and having lost pets it is hard to think of Jim and Liz having to give up one of their family members. I too have no children and our pets become the children we never had so to ask them to split up their dogs/children is just absurd to me. The dogs are so well cared for and to have watched them grow and bond with Jim, staff and the Members over the years is just delightful. We have so much going on in our lives that the turf dogs always bring a smile to our faces and are missed when they aren't there. The ask to have Jim and Liz give up one of these pups is just unheard of as the bond the dogs have not only with Jim but between themselves the loss of one would just be devistating. I ask that you re-consider and make as exception to allow Jim and Liz to keep all four dogs. I would love to come back as a pet in their home as I know I would be well looked after and loved.

Sincerely,



Shari Windsor

Monday, March 9, 2026

## PORT COLBORNE CITY COUNCIL/CITY CLERK

### Bylaw #4930-155-06

This letter provides unwavering support to allow Jim Nicholls and Elizabeth Wesley their 4 dogs (Gordie, Luna, Sully and Stella) to remain as a strong family.

Gordie 7 yrs, Luna 7 yrs and Sully 6 yrs old have been together since they were 6 weeks old and Stella 5 yrs old since she was 9 1/2 months old.

Jim brings them to work at Port Colborne Country Club every working day. They are a unit.

The dogs are friendly with members and very obedient. Ladies look forward to seeing all four of them each time we golf, bringing the dogs treats. When Jim says "OK guys back in cart" all four jump into the cart in their respective spots - demonstrating their behaviour and obedience. Dogs are always well groomed

Jim and Elizabeth demonstrate their love of their dogs as they have attended Over The Rainbow Dog Academy and by bringing them to work regularly.

After all this time, 5 to 7 years together, it would be cruel and inhuman to separate one of them from their only known family.

It would be cruel to break up such a close knit loving family when the City has known all these years that the four dogs lived together by their regular registration.

Please do not break up a family for a City error after five years.

*Karen Marr*

Karen Marr  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

March 10, 2026

Port Colborne City Council/City Clerk

Re: ByLaw 4930-155-06

I was saddened to learn that Jim Nicholls and his partner Elizabeth Wesley were recently notified to deal with Bylaw 4930-155-06 and the devastating consequences for them if that should be expedited.

I've known Jim and Elizabeth for a long time and they are not only amazing nice people but loving & caring dog owners. I see Jim and his pups on a regular basis at Port Colborne Country Club. Luna, Gordie, Sully & Stella couldn't have better parents or be loved and cared for more. Those pups are adorable, friendly and well behaved at all times. They are very popular and have a huge following not only by the "Treat Ladies" at the course but by all the members of the Club.

Stella was the most recent pup that Jim & Liz acquired over 4 years ago due to an unfortunate circumstance. Being the caring couple they are, chose to adopt Stella since her elderly owner could no longer care for her. Stella was not only spared life in a shelter; she now had a family, a sister, two brothers and two exceptional loving parents.

All of these dogs were appropriately registered at the time they were acquired. At no time was there notification or enforcement of the above bylaw. To enact this bylaw after so much time has passed would be not only devastating and heartbreaking for Jim & Elizabeth but cruel for the pups resulting in separation anxiety and emotional depression. They are family members and facing losing one of them is like a parent having to give up a child.

All of us who know and love Jim, Elizabeth and their pups would be heartbroken and we are hoping for a positive resolution for this happy family.

Kindest Regards,



Sandy Fox



March 9, 2026

Port Colborne City Hall  
City Clerk

Reference: The Bylaw #4930-155-06 Dog Control By-Law

To Whom It May Concern

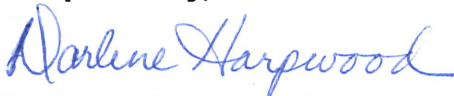
This is our testimony on behalf of Jim and Liz Nicholls and their 4 Pups. Jim and Liz provide these Pups with the best home, best care and abundance of love.

We find it very disturbing and upsetting to say the least, that Jim and Liz might have to give up 1 of 4 of their family member(pet)/sibling.....how do you pick? TRAGIC

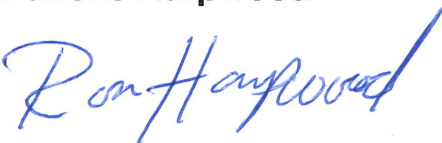
Personally, we look forward to seeing these 4 Pups (Stella, Gordie, Luna and Sully ) everyday during golf season at the Port Colborne Country Golf Club. These dogs are loving, friendly, obedient and are very aware of the many Port Colborne members that love them and can't wait to give them treats.

We are optimistic this matter will be resolved in a warm, positive and pleasing outcome.

Respectfully,



Darlene Harpwood



Ronald Harpwood

[REDACTED]

Port Colborne City Council

RE: Jim Nicholls" application

Mr. Nicholls takes extremely good care of his 4 dogs. To separate the dogs from Mr. Nicholls would be a great hardship, not only for him but also for the dogs. The dogs are so bonded together I think that they might not survive if separated. I understand that there is a limit on pets in the city but these dogs are not kept for breeding purposes but as members of his family. They are also members of Port Colborne Country Club family where Mr. Nichols works. I cannot imagine being on the golf course and not seeing the dogs riding in the cart with Jim. I hope you can grant Mr. Nicholls an exception.

*Gladys* *Don*

Don and Gladys Clare



To Whom it may concern

My wife and I have been neighbors of Jim Nicholls and his wife for a long time. I am very familiar with his dogs sometimes seeing them almost daily. At no point have they been a nuisance in our neighborhood by barking. I know Jim is lucky enough to take them to work with him where they are very friendly and quiet. My point is they are gone most days and well behaved and quiet when home. We very seldom hear them. to me they cause no issues in our community.

Thanks James Friel

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN  
I BELIEVE THERE'S A PROBLEM  
WITH 4 OF MY FURRY FRIENDS

BY LAW # 4930-155-06

THEIR PARENTS JIM & LIZ ARE  
BEING ASKED TO MAKE A CHOICE TO  
REHOME ONE OF THEIR BELOVED PETS  
WHO ARE REGISTERED AND HAVE BEEN  
TOGETHER FOR QUITE A LONG TIME!

THESE PUPS MEAN A GREAT DEAL  
TO OUR GOLF CLUB - ACTUALLY OUR  
MASCOTS!!!

JIM AND LIZ ARE THE BEST PARENTS  
A PUPPY COULD ASK FOR - PLEASE DON'T  
MAKE THEM HAVE TO MAKE A CHOICE  
PLEASE FIND A WAY TO KEEP  
THEM ALL TOGETHER.



Waiting For Snacks



Luna, Sully, Stella, and Gordon at the Course.



Jim at Work with the Pups

(No subject)

From Jim Nicholls <[REDACTED]>

Date Sun 2026-03-08 4:01 PM

To Jim Nicholls <[REDACTED]>



*Liz with the Pups at the Golf Course*

Respectfully  
Jim Nicholls  
Superintendent



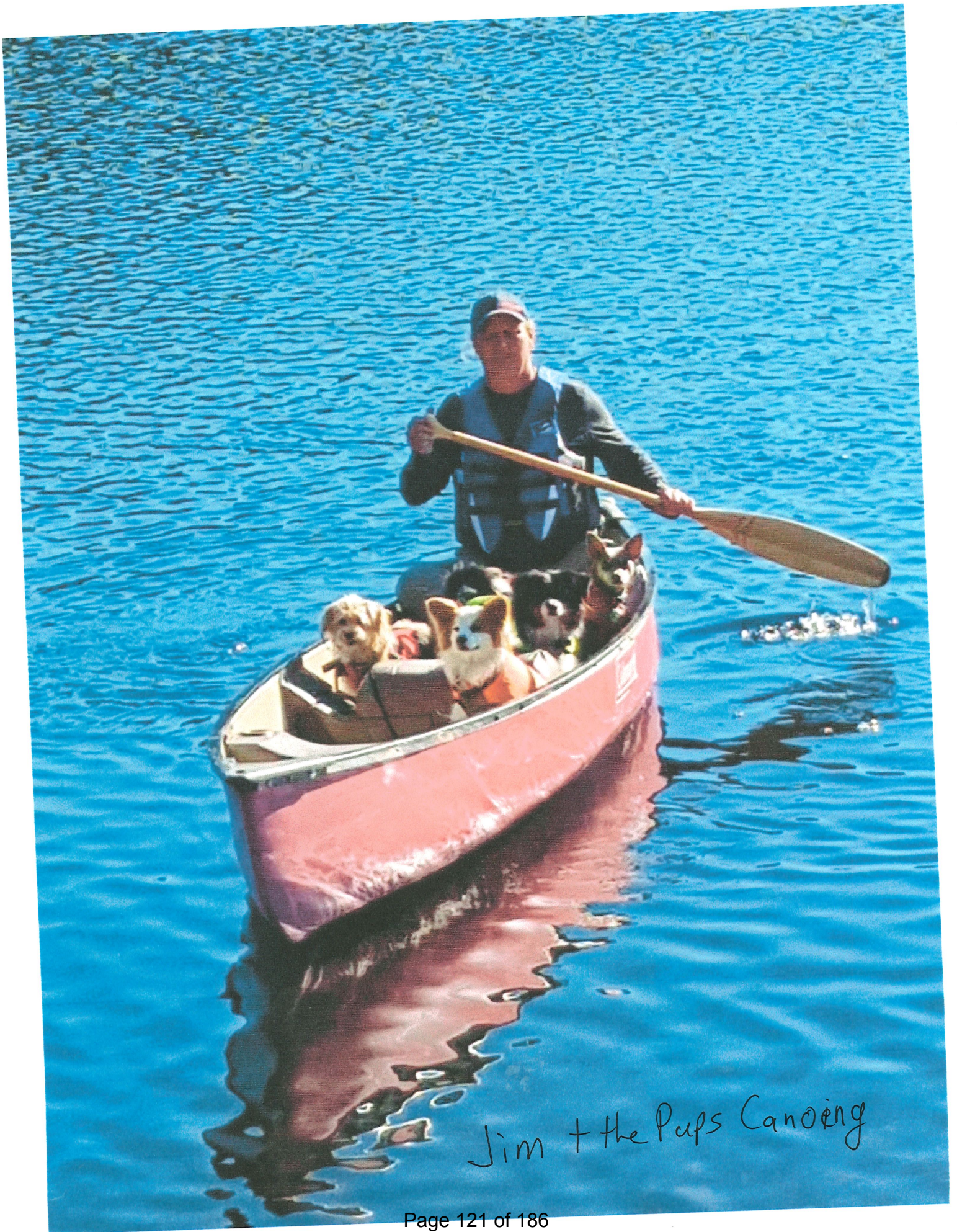
The Pups at Work with Jim and his Crew.



Luna + Gordon Helping with the Junior Camp at Port Colborne C.C.



Sally Chasing the Geese  
at work.



Jim + the Pups Canoeing



The Paps with Jim in the Office



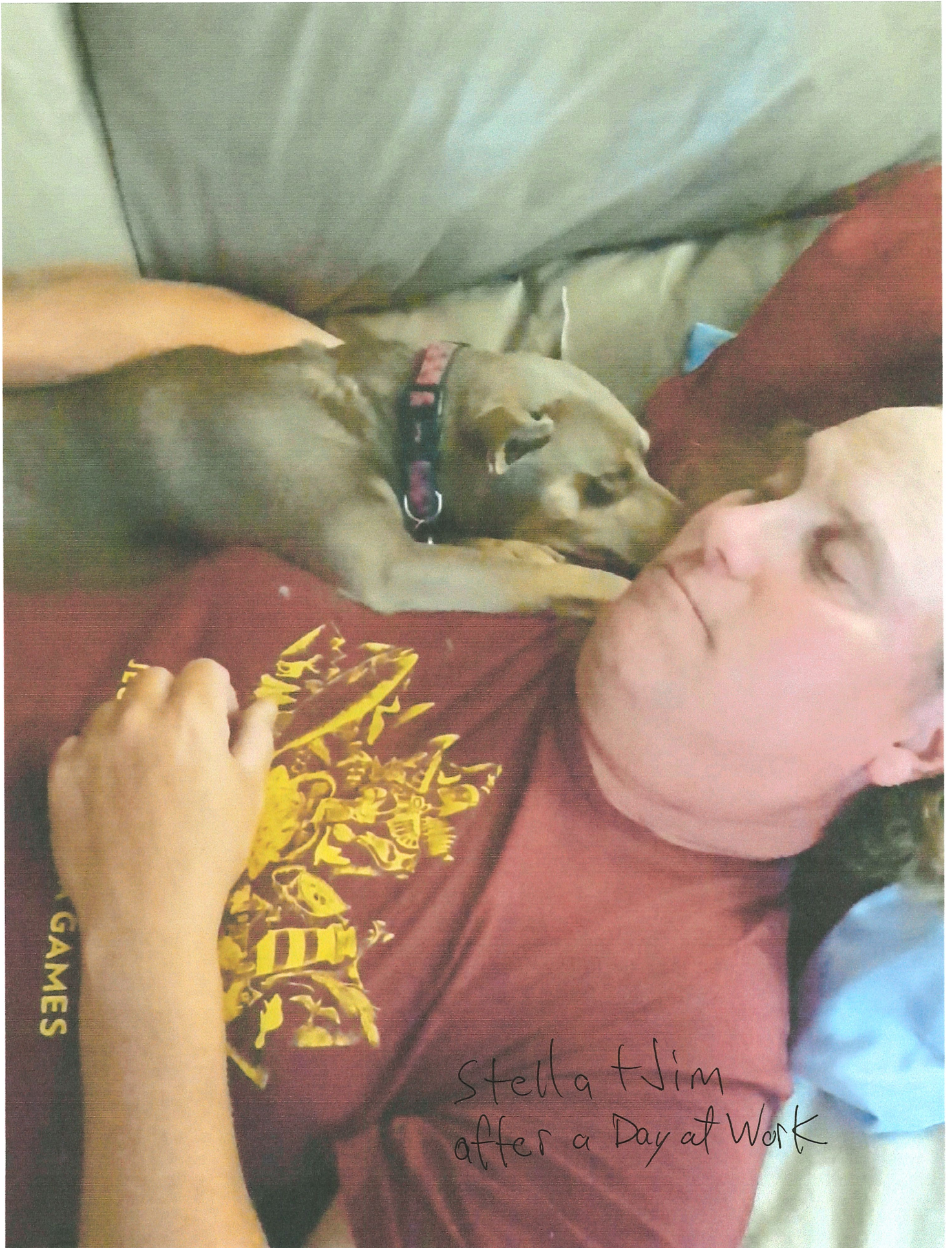
At Home Ready to leave for Opening Day  
at the golf course.



Waiting for Jim



Gord + Sully on the Tractor at Work.



Stella + Jim  
after a Day at Work



Jim Training Sally



Page 128 of 186  
Stella Doing Moose Face.



Waiting for the Treat Ladies to  
Give them Treats



Sleeping in the Office at Work



Work is Hard



Sully and Lung on Guard



Luna + Stella Having a Chat



Gord + Stella Naptime



Lunch w the Crew



Lunch w the Crew



Lunch w the Crew



Lunch w the Crew



Lunch w the Crew



At Work Pictures.





(No subject)

From Jim Nicholls [REDACTED]

Date Sun 2026-03-08 3:57 PM

To Jim Nicholls [REDACTED]



Respectfully  
Jim Nicholls  
Superintendent

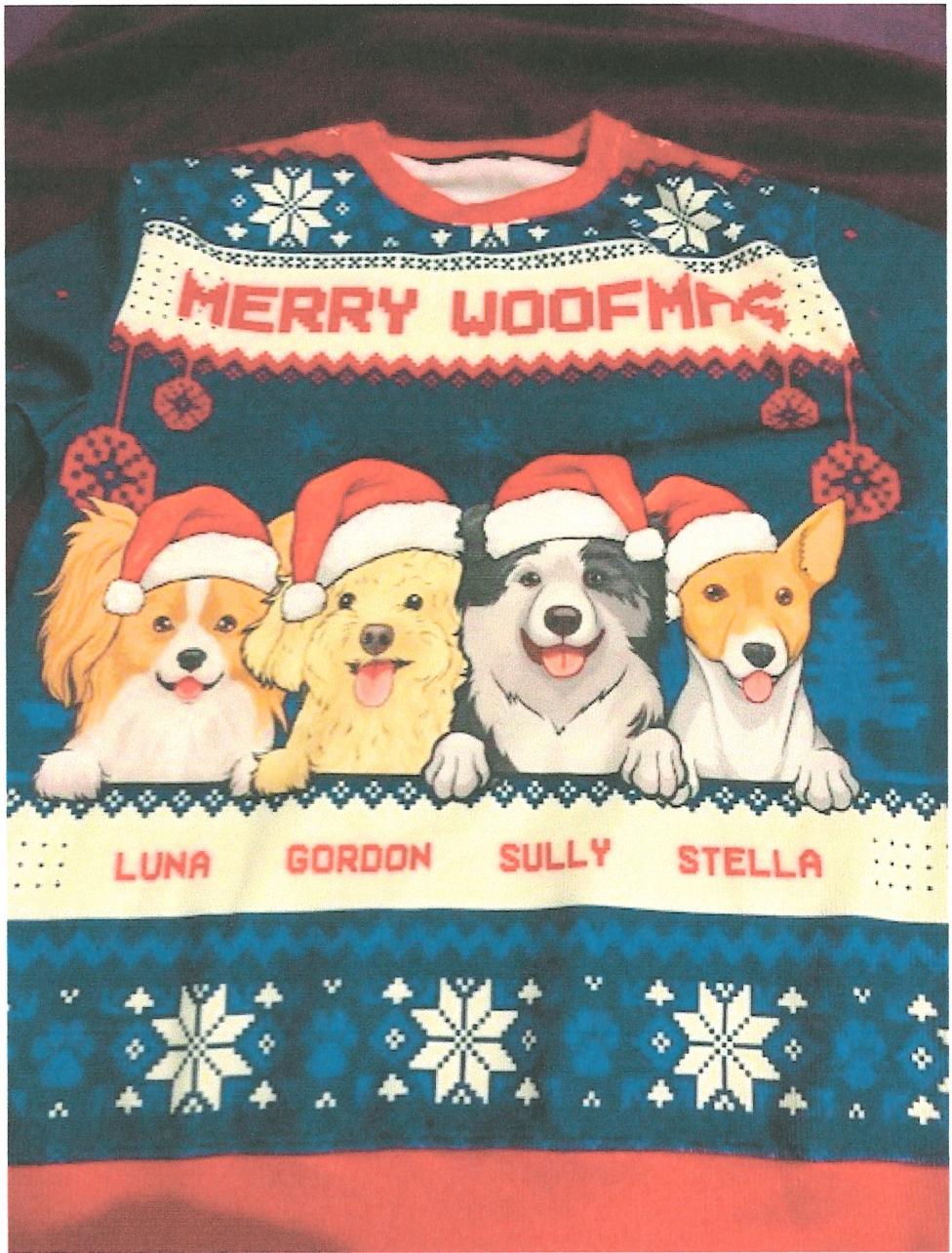




Christamass Pictures.















Christmass Gift from the Treet Ladies.



Respectfully  
Jim Nicholls  
Superintendent  
Port Colborne CC.

*The Original Nicholls/Wesley Pack.  
Boots, Kaley and Rory.*



The Original Pack.  
Randy, Kaley, + Boots



706 E Main St  
Welland ON L3B3Y4

# Pet Licence Proof

Jim Nicholls  
27 Runnymede Rd  
Port Colborne ON L3K 5C2



This document is proof that Stella holds a valid Dog licence until the expiration date of Dec 31, 2026.

## Registrant Information

Jim Nicholls  
27 Runnymede Rd Port Colborne ON L3K 5C2

## Pet Information

**Pet Name:** Stella  
**Date of Birth:** Jul 18, 2021  
**Spayed / Neuter Status:** Spayed/Neutered  
**Breed:** Rat Terrier  
**Colour:** Tan

## Licence Information

**Pet Name:** Stella  
**Pet ID Code:** [Redacted]  
**Tag Number:** [Redacted]  
**Licence:** 2026 Sterilized Dog: Nov 1 - Mar 15  
**Licence Start Date:** Jan 17, 2026  
**Licence Expiration Date:** Dec 31, 2026

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# Pet Licence Proof

Jim Nicholls  
27 Runnymede Rd  
Port Colborne ON L3K 5C2



This document is proof that Gordon holds a valid Dog licence until the expiration date of Dec 31, 2026.

## Registrant Information

Jim Nicholls  
27 Runnymede Rd Port Colborne ON L3K 5C2

## Pet Information

**Pet Name:** Gordon  
**Date of Birth:** Dec 28, 2018  
**Spayed / Neuter Status:** Spayed/Neutered  
**Breed:** Papillion/poodle mix  
**Colour:** Tan, Brown

## Licence Information

**Pet Name:** Gordon  
**Pet ID Code:** [Redacted]  
**Tag Number:** [Redacted]  
**Licence:** 2026 Sterilized Dog: Nov 1 - Mar 15  
**Licence Start Date:** Jan 17, 2026  
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# Pet Licence Proof

Jim Nicholls  
27 Runnymede Rd  
Port Colborne ON L3K 5C2



This document is proof that Luna holds a valid Dog licence until the expiration date of Dec 31, 2026.

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## Registrant Information

Jim Nicholls  
27 Runnymede Rd Port Colborne ON L3K 5C2

## Pet Information

**Pet Name:** Luna  
**Date of Birth:** Oct 16, 2018  
**Spayed / Neuter Status:** Spayed/Neutered  
**Breed:** Papillon  
**Colour:** Tan, White

## Licence Information

**Pet Name:** Luna  
**Pet ID Code:** [Redacted]  
**Tag Number:** [Redacted]  
**Licence:** 2026 Sterilized Dog: Nov 1 - Mar 15  
**Licence Start Date:** Jan 17, 2026  
**Licence Expiration Date:** Dec 31, 2026

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# Pet Licence Proof

Jim Nicholls  
27 Runnymede Rd  
Port Colborne ON L3K 5C2



This document is proof that Sully holds a valid Dog licence until the expiration date of Dec 31, 2026.

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## Registrant Information

Jim Nicholls  
27 Runnymede Rd Port Colborne ON L3K 5C2

## Pet Information

**Pet Name:** Sully  
**Date of Birth:** Jun 18, 2020  
**Spayed / Neuter Status:** Spayed/Neutered  
**Breed:** Mini American Shepard  
**Colour:** Black, Brown, White

## Licence Information

**Pet Name:** Sully  
**Pet ID Code:** [Redacted]  
**Tag Number:** [Redacted]  
**Licence:** 2026 Sterilized Dog: Nov 1 - Mar 15  
**Licence Start Date:** Jan 17, 2026  
**Licence Expiration Date:** Dec 31, 2026

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**PORT COLBORNE**

## **Memorandum**

**To: City Council**  
**From: Erik Acs, MCIP, RPP, Chief Planner**  
**Date: May 12, 2026**  
**Re: Mapleview Subdivision and Westport Gardens Traffic Concerns**

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The purpose of this memorandum is to update Council with respect to a survey that was sent to homes in the Westport Gardens neighbourhood (First Avenue, Second Avenue, Third Avenue and Sheba Crescent).

Throughout the review and approval process of the Mapleview subdivision, concerns were raised by residents in Westport Gardens related to the potential for increased vehicle traffic. At the November meeting of Council when the Mapleview subdivision received draft approval, staff committed to engaging with residents in the Westport Gardens neighbourhood seeking feedback on a range of measures to calm or lessen vehicular traffic.

Planning, Public Works and Communications worked to develop a survey which was delivered to residents on April 28, 2026 on the streets noted above. The hardcopy survey also contains a link to allow for completion virtually. Residents were asked to complete the survey by May 21, 2026.

Following May 21, staff will review the feedback received and may conduct additional engagement with all or specific households in the neighbourhood.

Staff will report back to Council on the final outcomes of engagement and may seek support for a preferred traffic mitigation measures.

Sincerely,

Erik Acs,  
Chief Planner

**Ministry of Natural Resources**

Development and Hazard Policy  
Branch  
Policy Division  
300 Water Street  
Peterborough, ON K9J 3C7

**Ministère des Richesses naturelles**

Direction de la politique d'exploitation des  
ressources et des risques naturels.  
Division de l'élaboration des politiques  
300, rue Water  
Peterborough (Ontario) K9J 3C7

Date April 30, 2026  
Subject: Regulations under the *Geologic Carbon Storage Act, 2025*

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Hello,

Following up on the recent letter you received from Jennifer Keyes, I am pleased to inform you that the *Geologic Carbon Storage Act, 2025* (GCSA) and supporting regulations, detailing requirements for the authorization of research and evaluation activities and carbon storage activities in Ontario, are now in effect.

Carbon storage is new to the province, and Ontario has taken a phased approach to ensure that it is done responsibly, with measures in place to safeguard people and the environment. Throughout each phase, the Ministry of Natural Resources has invited input from Indigenous communities and organizations, industry, agricultural associations, municipalities, non-government organizations, subject matter experts, farmers and the public.

The ministry sought feedback on the Regulatory Proposals under the Proposed Geologic Carbon Storage Act from August 12<sup>th</sup>, 2025, until September 26<sup>th</sup>, 2025. The final regulations can be found online through the following links:

- Ontario Regulation 311/25: [General Matters under the Authority of the Lieutenant Governor in Council](#)
- Ontario Regulation 12/26: [General Matters under the Authority of the Minister](#)
- Ontario Regulation 13/26: [Rent](#)

Through the regulation development process, all comments were considered, and changes were made to the proposal to respond to feedback and improve clarity and consistency. Key changes include:

- Removing application fees
- Lowering the emissions threshold for projects eligible to use pore space vested in the Crown by regulation
- Extending the maximum term of licences and permits for research and evaluation to support post-closure management
- Refining municipal endorsement requirements for storage permits
- Allowing phased security and the use of surety bonds for security

- Clarifying closure timelines
- Providing for the establishment of site-specific protection boundaries, instead of using fixed buffers, to delineate areas where Oil, Gas and Salt Resources Act (OGSRA) operators are restricted from carrying out well-related activities that could impact reservoirs where CO<sub>2</sub> is being stored.

The original proposal also included updates to the sample processing fees charged to all operators under the OGSRA, but a decision was made to not move forward with those updates at this time. The ministry's approach to stewardship fees has been deferred and will be considered separately. The proposal and decision notices are available on the Regulatory Registry under posting # [25-MNRF006](#).

The GCSA and supporting regulations enable the safe, responsible and permanent storage of carbon dioxide in a manner that is designed to protect public safety and the environment and minimize potential adverse impacts on other land and resource uses. Establishing a clear legislative and regulatory framework for this activity is key to realizing the potential benefits and managing potential risks associated with geologic carbon storage.

For more information on geologic carbon storage in Ontario, please visit [Ontario.ca/CarbonStorage](http://Ontario.ca/CarbonStorage). If you have questions, please contact the Carbon Storage Operations Section by email at [carbonstorage@ontario.ca](mailto:carbonstorage@ontario.ca) or by phone at 519-873-4634.

Sincerely,

John Dungavell  
Director, Development and Hazard Policy Branch

April 17, 2026

**Subject: Niagara Region Waste Strategy: Council Approval**

Dear Municipal Councillors,

The purpose of this letter is to inform you that Niagara Region Council approved the [Niagara Region Waste Strategy – Beyond Waste: Our vision for what's next](#) (the Strategy), establishing a 25-year framework (2026 to 2051) to guide improvements in waste diversion, system efficiency, environmental performance, and long-term sustainability.

The Strategy outlines 23 action items, emphasizing affordable and practical initiatives, while prioritizing resources where they will have the greatest impact. Initial implementation activities are already underway, and progress on targets will be reported regularly on the Region's website. To ensure the Strategy remains relevant, it will be reviewed every five years through a formal process, or sooner if significant legislative or regulatory changes, new technologies, or program changes impact implementation.

Public consultation was a key driver in the development of the Strategy, and Niagara Region thanks residents and participants, including local area municipal staff and councillors, for contributing their time, insights, and perspectives, helping to shape the Strategy.

We are pleased to share this update with you. For more information about the Strategy, please visit <http://niagararegion.ca/future-of-waste>.

Sincerely,



Catherine Habermebl (she/her)  
Director, Waste Management Services  
Public Works, Niagara Region  
Phone: 905.980.6000, ext. 3204  
Email: [catherine.habermebl@niagararegion.ca](mailto:catherine.habermebl@niagararegion.ca)

*Niagara Region is situated on treaty land. This land is steeped in the rich history of the First Nations such as the Hatiwendaronk, the Haudenosaunee, and the Anishinaabe, including the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation. There are many First Nations, Métis, and Inuit from across Turtle Island that live and work in Niagara today. The Regional Municipality of Niagara stands with all Indigenous peoples, past and present, in promoting the wise stewardship of the lands on which we live.*

Ministry of Agriculture,  
Food and Agribusiness

Ministère de l'Agriculture,  
de l'Alimentation et de l'Agroentreprise

Office of the Minister

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Tél. : 416 326-3074



April 22, 2026

I am pleased to announce that the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Agribusiness is proposing a series of legislative changes to protect Ontario's agri-food sector in the face of trade disruptions and global uncertainty. Through the *Protecting Ontario's Food Independence Act, 2026*, these proposed changes will increase the sector's self-reliance and competitiveness while reducing red tape.

If passed, this bill would merge the Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs Appeal Tribunal (AFRAAT) and the Normal Farm Practices Protection Board (NFPPB) under the newly formed Agriculture and Agri-Food Protection Tribunal (AAPT).

The proposed merger will create a unified and modernized one-stop agency for the delivery of adjudicative services related to agricultural matters. This will provide rural municipalities, farmers and property owners in rural communities with a more streamlined client experience, consistent service standards and enable the use of enhanced digital tools to help modernize service delivery. The new AAPT will deliver the same services currently provided by AFRAAT and NFPPB, using a more streamlined approach.

The AFRAAT and NFPPB will continue to operate as usual, with no disruption to current adjudicative services during the transition to the AAPT. The transition is expected to be completed by the end of December 2026.

For more information, please contact the Secretariat Manager, Kowsy Bala at [kowsy.bala@ontario.ca](mailto:kowsy.bala@ontario.ca).

Sincerely,

Trevor Jones  
Minister of Agriculture, Food and Agribusiness

c: Kowsy Bala, Secretariat Manager



Good things grow in Ontario  
À bonne terre, bons produits

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Bureau principal du ministère: 1, rue Stone ouest, Guelph (Ontario) N1G 4Y2

## **Memo**

**To:** Council

**From:** Victoria Steele, Director of Legislative

**Date:** April 27, 2026

**Re:** Comments on MMAH Proposal 26-MMAH010 and 26-MMAH026

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On April 2, 2026 the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing (MMAH) released two proposals. A summary of each proposal is below.

The Province is seeking feedback on the proposed changes by May 2, 2026 for 26-MMAH010 and May 17, 2026 for 26-MMAH026. Staff have reviewed the proposed legislation, with consideration for the Town's context, and comments are summarized throughout this memo.

Upon receipt and approval of this memo, staff will forward the comments contained below to the Province, MPP Sam Oosterhoff, the Niagara Region, and the Niagara local area municipalities.

[26-MMAH010 – Proposed amendments to the Municipal Act, 2001, and Municipal Elections Act, 1996 to strengthen upper-tier municipal governance](#)

### **Provincial Appointment of Upper-Tier Heads of Council**

- Proposed authority for the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing to appoint the upper-tier head of Council by Minister's Order, including Niagara Region.

### **Changes to Council Composition**

- Niagara Region would be composed of the appointed heads of Council of the 12 lower-tier municipalities. Similarly, Simcoe County Council would be composed of the heads of Council of the 16 lower-tier municipalities. These changes would come into effect November 15, 2026.

### **Weighted Voting Authority**

- Minister would be granted regulation-making authority to establish weighted voting rules for upper-tier councils beginning with the 2026–2030 term.

[26-MMAH026 – Proposed Regulatory Amendments to O. Reg. 530/22 to Update Strong Mayor Designation, Election Year Rules, and Support Regional Governance Changes](#)

MMAH is proposing changes to the Strong Mayor framework in 3 areas:

## **1. Election-Year Restrictions for Strong Mayor Municipalities**

- Outgoing heads of Council would be prohibited from proposing the municipal budget for the year immediately following a regular municipal election.
- New restricted acts rules would apply during an election year where:
  - Three-quarters of outgoing Council members will not return, or
  - The outgoing head of Council will not be re-elected.
- During this period, heads of Council would be restricted from:
  - Appointing or removing the CAO or municipal division heads.
  - Changing the municipal organizational structure.
  - Disposing of property over \$50,000 (unless already budget-authorized).
  - Authorizing expenditures or liabilities over \$50,000 (unless already budget-authorized).
- These rules would come into force immediately upon filing, in advance of the 2026 municipal election nomination period.

## **2. Support for Proposed Better Regional Governance Act, 2026**

- Amendments would extend strong mayor powers to select upper-tier municipalities to support regional governance reforms, including Niagara.
- Proposed effective date: November 15, 2026.

## **3. Updates Based on Council Composition**

- Maintains policy that only municipalities with six or more Council members are eligible for Strong Mayor designation.

### Town Comments on 26-MMAH-010 and 26-MMAH026

The proposed composition of Niagara Region Council reflects the Province's objective of reducing the number of elected officials; however, further analysis is needed to ensure this structure achieves meaningful efficiencies. The Town believes additional work is required to:



- Review municipal service delivery and efficiencies between Niagara Region and local area municipalities (as directed by Regional Council).
- Assess the workload and time commitments placed on Mayors serving both at the local tier and on Regional Council.

The Town is very concerned about the fairness of weighted voting, particularly its potential impact on smaller municipalities. It is critical that any weighted voting system ensures smaller municipalities retain a meaningful and equitable voice in decision-making.

The Town does not support the appointment of an upper-tier Regional Chair by Ministerial Order. The Regional Chair plays a critical leadership role in agenda setting, regional prioritization, and intergovernmental coordination. This position should remain accountable either through election by the public or selection by Regional Council from among its elected members. An appointed Chair would introduce a level of provincial control that is inconsistent with principles of local democratic governance and reduces direct accountability to residents.

The Town is supportive of changes to include election-year restrictions for Strong Mayor Powers. The changes strengthen accountability and limits major decisions during election transitions.

### Conclusion

Upon receipt and approval of this memo, staff will forward the comments contained below to the Province, MPP Sam Oosterhoff, the Niagara Region, and the Niagara local area municipalities. Staff will continue to monitor the changes and discuss potential implications with municipal partners.

Respectfully submitted by,

Victoria Steele

Director of Legislative Services/Deputy Clerk

Respectfully approved by,

Sarah Kim

Chief Administrative Officer

Sent by Email

May 1, 2026

The Honourable Peter Bethlenfalvy  
MPP Pickering-Uxbridge  
1550 Kingston Road, Suite 213  
Pickering, ON L1V 1C3  
[Peter.BethlenfalvyCo@pc.ola.org](mailto:Peter.BethlenfalvyCo@pc.ola.org)

Subject: Corr. 06-26  
Tracy Brown, Chair, Board of Trustees, Durham District School Board  
Re: Request for Provincial School Board Governance Consultation Process

The Council of The Corporation of the City of Pickering considered the above matter at a Meeting held on April 27, 2026 and adopted the following resolution:

1. That Corr. 06-26, from Tracy Brown, Chair, Board of Trustees, Durham District School Board, dated March 26, 2026, regarding a Request for Provincial School Board Governance Consultation Process, be received and endorsed; and,
2. That a copy of this resolution be forwarded to Durham Region MP's, Durham Region MPP's, John Henry, Regional Chair, The Regional Municipality of Durham, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM), all Ontario Municipalities, the Ontario Public School Boards' Association, and all Durham District School Board Trustees.

Should you require further information, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned at 905.420.4660, extension 2019.

A copy of the original correspondence is attached for your information.

Yours truly



Susan Cassel  
City Clerk

SC:am

Encl.

Copy: Juanita Nathan, MP Pickering-Brooklin  
Jennifer McKelvie, MP Ajax  
Ryan Turnbull, MP Whitby  
Rhonda Kirkland, MP Oshawa  
Jamil Jivani, MP Bowmanville-Oshawa North  
Jacob Mantle, MP York-Durham  
Hon. Todd McCarthy, MPP Durham  
Rob Cerjanec, MPP Ajax  
Lorne Coe, MPP Whitby  
Jennifer French, MPP Oshawa  
Laurie Scott, MPP Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock  
John Henry, Regional Chair, The Regional Municipality of Durham  
Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)  
Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM)  
All Ontario Municipalities  
Ontario Public School Boards' Association  
Durham District School Board Trustees

Chief Administrative Officer



## Durham District School Board

400 Taunton Road East, Whitby, Ontario L1R 2K6

Phone: 905-666-5500; Toll Free: 1-800-265-3968

March 26, 2026

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Premier's Office  
Legislative Building, Queen's Park  
Toronto, ON M7A 1A5

And

The Honourable Paul Calandra, Minister of Education  
Ministry of Education  
315 Front Street West, 14<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Toronto, ON M7A 0B8

Sent via email: [premier@ontario.ca](mailto:premier@ontario.ca); [minister.edu@ontario.ca](mailto:minister.edu@ontario.ca)

Re: Request for Provincial School Board Governance Consultation Process

Dear Premier Ford and Minister Calandra,

On behalf of the Board of Trustees of the Durham District School Board, I am writing to request that a province-wide consultation process take place before making any governance changes or decisions that would result in the elimination of school board trustees.

The potential elimination of trustees is concerning and represents a significant shift in Ontario's education governance. Trustees serve as a longstanding, essential democratic link between local communities and the public education system. Any change of this magnitude should not be considered without seeking input through evidence-based research and meaningful public engagement.

It is essential that communities have an opportunity to fully understand and respond to the implications of a proposal that would remove school board trustees, which may have unintended negative consequences on the communities that we are elected to serve. We understand you have recently heard from a number of other boards across the province, and we strongly agree with the statement from our colleagues at Avon Maitland DSB that *"transparency regarding the rationale, objectives, and anticipated outcomes of this proposal is essential to maintaining public trust and ensuring informed dialogue."*

Durham Region includes diverse, urban, suburban, and rural communities, all with vastly varying histories and needs. Local representation ensures the unique needs of each of our communities are considered and met. As a Board of Trustees, we are firmly and proudly

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committed to promoting meaningful learning, connected communities, and well-being, being responsive to the priorities of the local community in carrying out our duties and responsibilities.

In parallel to this letter, we are also writing to the Ombudsman's Office to request an immediate review of the potential impacts of removing school board trustees with respect to fairness, openness, transparency, and accountability.

We thank you for your immediate attention to this important matter.

Sincerely,



Tracy Brown  
Chair, Board of Trustees  
Durham District School Board

cc.

Members of Provincial Parliament (MPPs) for Durham Region  
Members of Parliament (MPs) for Durham Region  
Regional Chair, Mayors and Council for Durham Region Municipalities  
Ontario Public School Boards' Association and Members Board  
DDSB Board of Trustees

May 5, 2026

**CL 7-2026, April 30, 2026**

**CSC 3-2026, April 15, 2026**

***DISTRIBUTION LIST***

***SENT ELECTRONICALLY***

Motion Respecting A New Deal for Niagara

Regional Council, at its meeting held on April 30, 2026, passed the following motion:

WHEREAS the Niagara Region is a critical economic driver within Ontario and Canada, and a globally recognized tourism destination, welcoming approximately 14 million visitors annually (Niagara Falls Tourism/Ontario's Destination Niagara) and generating approximately \$3 billion in tourism-related economic activity;

WHEREAS the Niagara Region is one of the busiest border crossings between Canada and the U.S. and is bounded on 3 sides by water, which increases vehicular traffic traversing Niagara and policing and rescue responsibilities for our municipalities;

WHEREAS Niagara's visitor economy and border location place unique and sustained pressures on regional and local infrastructure, including roads, waste management (Public Works), transit (Niagara Transit), policing (Niagara Regional Police), paramedic services (Niagara EMS), water and wastewater systems, and public spaces;

WHEREAS Niagara municipalities are responsible for delivering essential services that support both residents and visitors, while relying only on property tax revenues that do not scale with tourism or trade corridor demands;

WHEREAS the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) has identified that Ontario's current provincial-municipal fiscal framework is unsustainable, citing ongoing provincial downloading and a structural mismatch between municipal responsibilities and available revenue tools;

WHEREAS AMO has called for a comprehensive review of municipal service delivery responsibilities ("who does what") and the development of new fiscal tools to ensure municipalities can meet growing service demands;

WHEREAS the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) has advocated for a modernized federal-municipal partnership, including predictable, long-term infrastructure funding, expanded housing investments, and direct federal engagement with municipalities to address national priorities;

WHEREAS Niagara Region is experiencing increasing financial pressures related to housing affordability, homelessness, transit expansion, climate adaptation, and state-of-good-repair infrastructure, all of which are compounded by population growth and visitor impacts; and

WHEREAS the economic benefits generated by Niagara's tourism sector and commercial trade significantly contribute to provincial and federal revenues, yet municipalities bear a disproportionate share of the costs required to sustain this economic activity.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

1. That Niagara Regional Council **CALL UPON** the Province of Ontario to initiate, in partnership with the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), a comprehensive review of the provincial-municipal fiscal framework, including a reassessment of municipal service responsibilities; the elimination or mitigation of ongoing provincial downloading; the identification of new, sustainable municipal revenue tools, with the Region of Niagara as the pilot;
2. That Niagara Regional Council **ADVOCATES** for a "New Deal for Niagara" that recognizes the Region's unique role as Canada's leading tourism destination and includes dedicated, predictable funding for tourism-supporting infrastructure; investment in regional transit and transportation networks; all emergency services; public health; support for housing and homelessness initiatives; revenue-sharing mechanisms that reflect visitor-driven economic activity;
3. That the Province of Ontario **BE REQUESTED** to ensure that any future transfer of responsibilities to municipalities is accompanied by full and ongoing funding in line with inflation;
4. That the Government of Canada, consistent with recommendations from the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM), **BE REQUESTED** to expand permanent, direct federal funding streams to municipalities; increase investments in affordable housing and enabling infrastructure; recognize and support high impact tourism and trade corridor regions such as Niagara;
5. That Niagara Regional Council **REQUEST** that both the federal and provincial governments formally recognize the infrastructure and service demands associated with hosting approximately 14 million visitors annually and generating approximately \$3 billion in tourism activity, as reported by Niagara Falls Tourism and Ontario's Destination Niagara; and

6. That this motion **BE CIRCULATED** to the Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario; Rob Flack, Ontario Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing; Jennie Stevens, MPP for St. Catharines, Sam Oosterhoff, MPP for West Niagara, Jeff Burch, MPP for South Niagara, Wayne Gates MPP Niagara Falls, Prime Minister of Canada; Mark Carney, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO); the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM); and all Niagara-area municipalities requesting their support.

Yours truly,



Ann-Marie Norio  
Regional Clerk  
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CLK-C 2026-041

Distribution List:

- Prime Minister of Canada
- Premier of Ontario
- Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
- J. Burch, MPP
- W. Gates, MPP
- S. Oosterhof, MPP
- J. Stevens, MPP
- Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)
- Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM)
- Local Area Municipalities

**The Corporation of the City of Port Colborne**

**By-Law No. \_\_\_\_\_**

**Being a By-law to Authorize Entering into an Amending Agreement (No. 3)  
to the Niagara Region Courts Inter-Municipal Agreement**

Whereas at its meeting of May 12, 2026, the Council of The Corporation of the City of Port Colborne (Council) approved the recommendations of Public Works Department Report No. 2026-64 Subject: Niagara Regional Courts Intermunicipal Amending Agreement; and

Whereas Council is desirous of entering into an Amending Agreement to the Niagara Region Courts Inter-Municipal Agreement with the local area municipalities; and

Whereas the *Municipal Act*, 2001 S.O. 2001, c.25, as amended, confers broad authority on municipalities to enter into such agreements;

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

1. That The Corporation of the City of Port Colborne enters into an Amending Agreement (No. 3) to the Niagara Region Courts Inter-Municipal Agreement with the local area municipalities.
2. That the Mayor and City Clerk be and they are hereby authorized and directed to sign the said Amending Agreement, attached hereto as Schedule "A", together with any documents necessary to complete the conditions of said Amending Agreement, and the City Clerk is hereby authorized to affix the Corporate Seal thereto.

Enacted and passed this 12<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2026.

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William C. Steele  
Mayor

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Charlotte Madden  
City Clerk

**NIAGARA REGION COURTS INTERMUNICIPAL AGREEMENT – AMENDMENT 3**

**THIS THIRD AMENDING AGREEMENT** (this “**Third Amendment**”) is made as of the \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2026 (the “**Effective Date**”).

**BETWEEN:**

**THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF FORT ERIE**  
(hereinafter called “Fort Erie”)

OF THE FIRST PART

-and-

**THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF GRIMSBY**  
(hereinafter called “Grimsby”)

OF THE SECOND PART

-and-

**THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF LINCOLN**  
(hereinafter called “Lincoln”)

OF THE THIRD PART

-and-

**THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF NIAGARA FALLS**  
(hereinafter called “Niagara Falls”)

OF THE FOURTH PART

-and-

**THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF NIAGARA-ON-THE-LAKE**  
(hereinafter called “Niagara-on-the-Lake”)

OF THE FIFTH PART

-and-

**THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF PELHAM**  
(hereinafter called “Pelham”)

OF THE SIXTH PART

-and-

**THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF PORT COLBORNE**  
(hereinafter called “Port Colborne”)

OF THE SEVENTH PART

-and-

**THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF ST. CATHARINES**  
(hereinafter called "St. Catharines")

OF THE EIGHTH PART

-and-

**THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF THOROLD**  
(hereinafter called "Thorold")

OF THE NINTH PART

-and-

**THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WAINFLEET**  
(hereinafter called "Wainfleet")

OF THE TENTH PART

-and-

**THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF WELLAND**  
(hereinafter called "Welland")

OF THE ELEVENTH PART

-and-

**THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WEST LINCOLN**  
(hereinafter called "West Lincoln")

OF THE TWELFTH PART

-and-

**THE REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY OF NIAGARA**  
(hereinafter called "the Region")

OF THE THIRTEENTH PART

**WHEREAS** the Parties entered into an Intermunicipal Agreement dated April 26, 2000 (the "Intermunicipal Agreement"), all parties agreed, among other things, to appoint the Region as Agent to undertake the court administration, support, and prosecution program for the operation of the Provincial Offences Court on behalf of all municipalities;

**AND WHEREAS** effective November 22, 2005, the Parties entered into a First Amendment (the “First Amendment”) which amended the Intermunicipal Agreement by updating Schedule “A” entitled “Reporting Relationships”;

**AND WHEREAS** effective September 27, 2023, the Parties entered into a second amending agreement (the “Second Amendment”) which established the Vision Zero Program pursuant to which the Region implemented the use of Red Light Cameras (“RLC”) and Automated Speed Enforcement (“ASE”) cameras, including the processing of offences and the allocation of revenues derived therefrom;

**AND WHEREAS** the Second Amendment is set to expire on September 27, 2026;

**AND WHEREAS** pursuant to Bill 56, the “Building a More Competitive Economy Act”, the Province of Ontario has eliminated the authority of municipalities to operate ASE effective November 14, 2025;

**AND WHEREAS** the Parties wish to further amend the Intermunicipal Agreement to extend the term of the Second Amendment supporting the continued use of RLC and to include transitional provisions reflecting the termination of ASE as of November 14, 2025 pursuant to Bill 56, and the continued processing and revenue-sharing of ASE charges issued prior to November 14, 2025, in accordance with the terms of the Second Amendment.

**AND WHEREAS** the Parties wish to extend the term of the Second Amendment for an additional three (3) years on the terms set out in the Second Amendment, as amended by this Third Amendment;

**NOW THEREFORE**, in consideration of the mutual covenants and agreements contained herein, and for other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which is hereby acknowledged, the Parties hereto agree as follows:

## **1. EXTENSION OF RLC ENFORCEMENT UNDER THE VISION ZERO PROGRAM**

1.1 Section 1 of the Second Amendment is hereby amended by deleting the definition of “**Effective Date**” in its entirety and replaced with the following:

“**Effective Date**” means September 27, 2023;

1.2 Section 9 of the Second Amendment is hereby deleted and replaced with the following:

The Term of this Amending Agreement shall commence on the Effective Date and shall continue for a period of six (6) years, concluding on September 27, 2029. The Parties acknowledge that the financial sustainability and potential expansion

of Red Light Camera (“RLC”) enforcement under the Vision Zero Program depend on various factors, including enforcement volumes, operational and processing costs, and applicable Provincial requirements. Regional Staff will actively monitor the use of RLCs and provide updates, including available data, as part of the annual report to Council required pursuant to Section 4 of this Amending Agreement. The Parties further agree to engage in discussions to collectively review available data and consider any further modifications or extension to this Amending Agreement.

## **2. TERMINATION OF ASE ENFORCEMENT UNDER THE VISION ZERO PROGRAM**

**2.1 Termination of ASE Enforcement.** The parties acknowledge that effective November 14, 2025, and pursuant to Bill 56, the legal authority for municipalities to operate ASE was eliminated by the Province of Ontario. As a result, ASE enforcement under the Vision Zero Program concluded on that date.

**2.2 Continuation of Existing ASE Matters.** Notwithstanding Section 2.1, all ASE charges arising from alleged offences occurring on or before November 14, 2025 (“**Existing ASE Matters**”) may continue to be processed, administered, prosecuted, resolved, and enforced in accordance with the terms of the Second Amendment.

## **3. GENERAL**

**3.1 No Further Amendments.** Except as expressly amended by this Third Amendment, all terms, conditions, obligations, and provisions of the Intermunicipal Agreement, as amended by the First Amendment and the Second Amendment, shall remain unchanged and in full force and effect. For greater certainty, this Third Amendment amends and modifies certain provisions of the Second Amendment only to the extent expressly set out herein.

**3.2 Confirmation.** The acceptance of this Amending Agreement may be communicated by facsimile or email transmission reproduction between the Parties, and such reproduction will be binding upon the Parties with the same effect as an executed original of the Amending Agreement.

**3.3 Counterparts.** This Amending Agreement may be executed in any number of counterparts, each of which shall be deemed an original, but all of which together shall constitute one and the same instrument.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF** the parties hereto have executed this Amending Agreement:

Dated at \_\_\_\_\_, this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_.

**THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF FORT ERIE**

Per:

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Name:  
Title:

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Name:  
Title:

Dated at \_\_\_\_\_, this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_.

**THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF GRIMSBY**

Per:

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Name:  
Title:

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Name:  
Title:

Dated at \_\_\_\_\_, this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_.

**THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF LINCOLN**

Per:

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Name:  
Title:

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Name:  
Title:

Dated at \_\_\_\_\_, this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_.

**THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF NIAGARA FALLS**

Per:

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Name:  
Title:

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Name:  
Title:

Dated at \_\_\_\_\_, this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_.

**THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF NIAGARA-ON-THE-LAKE**

Per:

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Name:  
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Dated at \_\_\_\_\_, this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_.

**THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF PELHAM**

Per:

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Name:  
Title:

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Name:  
Title:

Dated at \_\_\_\_\_, this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_.

**THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF PORT COLBORNE**

Per:

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Name:

Title:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name:

Title:

Dated at \_\_\_\_\_, this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_.

**THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF ST. CATHARINES**

Per:

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Name:

Title:

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Name:

Title:

Dated at \_\_\_\_\_, this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_.

**THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF THOROLD**

Per:

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Name:

Title:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name:

Title:

Dated at \_\_\_\_\_, this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_.

**THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF  
WAINFLEET**

Per:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name:  
Title:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name:  
Title:

Dated at \_\_\_\_\_, this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_.

**THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF WELLAND**

Per:

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Name:  
Title:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name:  
Title:

Dated at \_\_\_\_\_, this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_.

**THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WEST  
LINCOLN**

Per:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name:  
Title:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name:  
Title:

Dated at \_\_\_\_\_, this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_\_.

**THE REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY OF NIAGARA**

Per:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name:

Title:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name:

Title:

**The Corporation of the City of Port Colborne**

**By-Law No. \_\_\_\_\_**

**Being a By-law to Amend the Assessment Schedule to  
Levy the Actual Costs Incurred in Constructing the Drainage Works  
Known as the Biederman Municipal Drain and to repeal  
By-law No. 7457/41/26**

Whereas Section 61 Chapter D.17 of the *Drainage Act* R.S.O. 1990 authorizes a municipality, upon the completion of the drainage works, to levy the final cost thereof to the lands and roads liable, as stated in the engineer's report; and

Whereas By-law 7069/14/23, Being a By-law to Provide for Drainage Works in the City of Port Colborne and Township of Wainfleet in the Regional Municipality of Niagara, known as the Biederman Municipal Drain, was enacted the 23rd day of April, 2024, and provided for the construction of the Biederman Municipal Drain based on the estimates contained in the drainage report dated January 12, 2023, as submitted by Brandon Widner P. Eng, from the firm of Spriet Associates Engineers & Architects.; and

Whereas the Drainage Works was completed as per the Engineer's Report, as amended, and the total actual costs incurred were \$329,316.08 compared to an original estimated cost of \$518,000.

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

1. That the Treasurer invoice the Township of Wainfleet in accordance with Schedule 'A', attached hereto, being the amounts to be charged for completing the construction of the drainage works known as the Biederman Drain for the portions of work within the Township of Wainfleet, with the invoice being due within 30 days of the invoice date.
2. That the Treasurer invoice the City of Welland in accordance with Schedule 'A', attached hereto, being the amounts to be charged for completing the construction of the drainage works known as the Biederman Drain for the portions of work within the City of Welland, with the invoice being due within 30 days of the invoice date.
3. That the Treasurer levy the remaining amount in accordance with Schedule 'A', attached hereto, against the lands and roads in the City of Port Colborne, being the amounts to be charged for completing the construction of the drainage works known as the Biederman Drain.
4. That landowners of the City of Port Colborne with bills greater than \$500.00 shall have the option of submitting full payment of the net cost or make five yearly payments, with the first payment due on the invoice date and the remaining four (4) payments added to the 2027–2030 final tax bills, bearing 5% interest per annum.
5. That in the event of nonpayment, the City of Port Colborne's penalty and interest charges on outstanding accounts receivable, By-law 6841/91/20 shall be followed.
6. That By-law 7069/14/23 is hereby amended by replacing the assessment schedule with Schedule 'A' appended hereto.

7. This by-law shall come into force and take effect on the day of its final passing.
8. That By-law No. 7457/41/26 is hereby repealed.

Enacted and passed this 12th day of May, 2026.

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William C. Steele  
Mayor

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Charlotte Madden  
City Clerk

**The Corporation of the City of Port Colborne**

**By-law No. \_\_\_\_\_**

**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 Meeting of  
May 12, 2026**

Whereas Section 5(1) of the *Municipal Act, 2001*, provides that the powers of a municipality shall be exercised by its council; and

Whereas Section 5(3) of the *Municipal Act, 2001*, provides that a municipal power, including a municipality's capacity rights, powers and privileges under section 9, shall be exercised by by-law unless the municipality is specifically authorized to do otherwise; and

Whereas it is deemed expedient that the proceedings of the Council of The Corporation of the City of Port Colborne be confirmed and adopted by by-law;

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

1. Every action of the Council of The Corporation of the City of Port Colborne taken at its Meeting of May 12, 2026, upon which a vote was taken and passed whether a resolution, recommendations, adoption by reference, or other means, is hereby enacted as a by-law of the City to take effect upon the passing hereof.
2. That where no individual by-law has been or is passed with respect to the taking of any action authorized in or with respect to the exercise of any powers by the Council, then this by-law is deemed for all purposes to be the by-law required for such authorization or exercise of any powers.
3. That the Mayor and Clerk are authorized to execute any documents required on behalf of the City and affix the corporate seal of the City and the Mayor and Clerk, and such other persons as the action directs, are authorized and directed to take the necessary steps to implement the action.
4. That the Clerk is authorized to affect any minor modifications, corrections, or omissions, solely of an administrative, numerical, grammatical, semantical, or descriptive nature to this by-law or its schedules after the passage of this by-law.

Enacted and passed this 12<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2026.

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William C. Steele  
Mayor

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Charlotte Madden  
City Clerk