

**City of Port Colborne
Council Meeting Agenda**

Date: Tuesday, October 13, 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. Adoption of Agenda
3. Disclosures of Interest
4. Closed Session (Beginning at 5 p.m.)
 - 4.1 Approval of Closed Session Minutes
 - a. Regular Council Meeting (Closed Session) - September 8, 2026
 - 4.2 Staff Reports
 - a. Confidential Human Resources Report - Verbal Update
Confidential Human Resources Report - Verbal Update pursuant to the *Municipal Act, 2001*, Subsection 239(2)(b) personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees.
 - b. A Matter of Acquisition or Disposition of Land , 2026-138
A Matter of Acquisition or Disposition of Land, 2026-138 pursuant to the *Municipal Act, 2001*, Subsection 239(2)(c) a proposed or pending acquisition or disposition of land by the municipality or local board and Subsection 239(2)(h) information explicitly supplied in confidence to the municipality or local board by Canada, a province or territory or a Crown agency of any of them.

- c. Confidential Planning Department Verbal Report - Litigation Update

Confidential Planning Department Verbal Report - Litigation Update pursuant to the *Municipal Act, 2001*, Subsection 239 (2)(e) litigation or potential litigation, including matters before administrative tribunals, affecting the municipality or local board.

- d. Chief Administrative Officer Confidential Verbal Report

Chief Administrative Officer Confidential Verbal Report pursuant to the *Municipal Act, 2001*, Subsection 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.

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

6. National Anthem

7. 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.

8. Proclamations

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10. Delegations

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, email deputyclerk@portcolborne.ca or phone 905-228-8118.

11. Mayor's Report

12. Regional Councillor's Report

13. 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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The Corporation of the City of Port Colborne

22. Adjournment

"LEST WE FORGET"



The Royal Canadian Legion

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2026 September 02

Subject: Request for Approval – 2026 Annual Poppy Campaign

Dear Members of Council,

Remembrance Day, November 11th, is quickly approaching. This important day provides an opportunity for our community to pause and reflect with gratitude, honouring the courage, sacrifice, and service of those who gave so much in the defence of our freedom.

At this time, we respectfully request Council's approval to conduct our **Annual Poppy Campaign**, commencing on **Saturday, October 24, 2026, and continuing through to November 11, 2026 for a total of 19 days.**

The Poppy Campaign is a meaningful tradition that allows our community to come together in remembrance and to honour the sacrifices made by veterans and those who served our country.

We sincerely appreciate Council's consideration of our request and your continued support of this important community tradition.

Respectfully yours,

Tex Kiser, Poppy Chairman
Royal Canadian Legion, Branch 56
Port Colborne, Ontario



October 13, 2026

Mover Councillor
Seconder Councillor

That I, Mayor William C. Steele do hereby proclaim October 24th, 2026 to November 11th, 2026 as "Poppy Week" in the City of Port Colborne in honour of the men and women from Port Colborne who gave their lives during the two world wars, the Korean War and the Afghanistan War.

William C. Steele
Mayor

From: Lori Kleinsmith

Sent: Tuesday, September 15, 2026 12:15 PM

To: 'deputyclerk@portcolborne.ca' <deputyclerk@portcolborne.ca>

Subject: October proclamation request: Community Health and Wellbeing Month

Hello Jessica,

I am in touch to submit a proclamation request. Bridges Community Health Centre would like to request the City of Port Colborne to proclaim the month of October "Community Health and Wellbeing Month." Attached is the full proclamation. If you have any questions or require more information, please let me know.

Thank you,

Lori

Lori Kleinsmith

Health Promoter

Bridges Community Health Centre

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289-479-5017 ext. 2445

lori.kleinsmith@bridgeschc.ca

Proclamation - Community Health and Wellbeing Month 2026

WHEREAS Ontario is furthering health equity and powering connections to achieve equitable health and wellbeing for everyone living here;

WHEREAS health is much more than the absence of illness; it is the complete state of physical, mental, spiritual and social wellbeing;

WHEREAS community health is essential to the wellbeing of people, the places where we live, and our health system overall;

WHEREAS better health and wellbeing begins locally, in our homes, in our schools, in our workplaces, and in the community spaces where we live, work and play;

WHEREAS treating people's illnesses and sending them back to the same conditions that produced their sickness will only result in continued ill-health and stress on our health and social systems;

WHEREAS by ensuring better health and wellbeing for all, and by creating collaborative, coordinated programs and services that confront health inequities across our entire community, we will ease pressures on our health care system and strengthen public health care across the province, part of our core values as a society;

WHEREAS community health care workers, including social workers, nurses, mental health staff, and others, continue to be paid less than their counterparts in other provinces and health care sectors, hurting the ability of the community health organizations our community depends on to retain and recruit vital personnel;

WHEREAS to achieve this future we need to transform Ontario's health system to a Community Health and Wellbeing system rooted in comprehensive primary health care that promotes equitable health and wellbeing for everyone living in Ontario and supports community health workers and their organizations to keep people well and at home wherever possible;

WHEREAS during the Month of October, 2026, communities across the province will be furthering health equity and powering connections in support of community health organizations and workers to build a health system with primary health care as the foundation, for the best possible and equitable wellbeing and health of all people in our community and in communities all across Ontario;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the City of Port Colborne does hereby proclaim the Month of October, 2026, to be "Community Health and Wellbeing Month" in Port Colborne.



PORT COLBORNE

October 13, 2026

Moved by Councillor
Seconded by Councillor

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William C. Steele
Mayor

City of Port Colborne

Council Meeting Minutes

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66 Charlotte Street, Port Colborne

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

Member(s) Absent: F. Danch, Councillor

Staff Present: E. Acs, Chief Planner
B. Boles, Chief Administrative Officer
J. Beaupre, Deputy Clerk
C. Banting, Manager of Environmental Services
G. Long, Director of Development and Business Enterprises
C. Madden, City Clerk
M. Murray, Chief Human Resources Officer
M. Middleton, Deputy Fire Chief
S. Shypowskyj, Director of Public Works

Others Present: J. Armstrong, Community Land Trust of Niagara

1. Call to Order

Mayor Steele called the meeting to order at 5:38 p.m.

2. Adoption of Agenda

Item 4.2 b was added to the Closed Session Agenda.

C-26- 153

Moved by Councillor M. Bagu

Seconded by Councillor M. Aquilina

That the Council agenda dated September 8, 2026, be confirmed, as amended.

Carried

3. Disclosures of Interest

There were no disclosures of interest.

4. Closed Session (Beginning at 5:30 p.m.)

C-26- 154

Moved by Councillor T. Hoyle

Seconded by Councillor R. Bodner

That Council do now proceed to meet in Closed Session at 5:39 p.m. under the *Municipal Act, 2001*, subsection 239(2)(b) personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees.

Carried

4.1 Approval of Closed Session Minutes

- a. Regular Council Meeting (Closed Session) - July 14, 2026**
- b. Regular Council Meeting (Closed Session) - August 11, 2026**

4.2 Staff Reports

- a. Confidential Human Resources Department Report - Workplace Performance Discussion, 2026-127**
- b. Confidential Human Resources Verbal Report**

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

C-26- 155

Moved by Councillor R. Bodner

Seconded by Councillor M. Aquilina

That Council rise and reconvene from Closed Session at 6:30 p.m. with report:

4.2 Staff Reports

a. That the Chief Human Resources Officer 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. Statutory Public Meeting

8.1 Statutory Public Meeting Report for Proposed Site-Specific Zoning By-law Amendment – Vacant Land Forkes Road – File D14-04-26, 2026-134

C-26- 156

Moved by Councillor M. Aquilina

Seconded by Councillor R. Bodner

That Planning and Development Report 2026-134 be received as 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 Zoning By-law Amendment.

Carried

a. Presentation from Staff

Erik Acs, Chief Planner, presented to Council on the Proposed Site-Specific Zoning By-law Amendment – Vacant Land Forkes Road –

File D14-04-26, 2026-134. The agent for the applicant was present virtually and answered questions.

9. Proclamations

9.1 Fetal Alcohol Syndrome Disease (FASD) - September 2026

C-26- 157

Moved by Councillor M. Bagu

Seconded by Councillor M. Aquilina

Whereas Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder (FASD) is a diagnostic term used to describe the impacts on the brain and body of individuals prenatally exposed to alcohol. FASD is a lifelong disability. Individuals with FASD experience some degree of challenges in their daily living, and need support with motor skills, physical health, learning, memory, attention, communication, emotional regulation, and social skills to reach their full potential. Each person with FASD is unique and has areas of both strengths and challenges; and

Whereas Raising public awareness about the risks of prenatal alcohol exposure is essential in preventing alcohol use during pregnancy and promoting the health and well being of pregnant people, families, and future generations; and

Whereas Individuals with FASD can thrive, contribute meaningfully to their communities, and lead fulfilling lives when provided with the appropriate accommodations and supports; and

Whereas the City of Port Colborne recognizes the lifelong effects of FASD and is committed to supporting FASD awareness, healthy pregnancies, improving access to early diagnosis and assessment of FASD, and intervention and support for children, youth, and adults with FASD and their families; and

Whereas International FASD Awareness Day is observed globally on September 9, 2026, and FASD Awareness Month is observed throughout September 2026 as a reminder of the importance of alcohol-free pregnancies throughout the nine months of gestation, and to encourage compassion, inclusion, and support for those impacted by FASD; and

Whereas The 2026 FASD Awareness Month theme, “Everyone Plays a Part: It Takes a Community,” highlights the vital role that individuals, families, educators, service providers, workplaces, and communities play

in supporting those impacted by FASD and in creating a more inclusive society;

Now therefore, I Mayor William C. Steele do hereby proclaim the month of September 2026 as “Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder Awareness Month ” and September 9, 2026 shall be known as “Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder Awareness Day” in the City of Port Colborne.

Carried

9.2 Rail Safety Week - September 21 to 27, 2026

C-26- 158

Moved by Councillor R. Bodner

Seconded by Councillor G. Bruno

Whereas Rail Safety Week is to be held across Canada from September 21 to 27 2026; and

Whereas 252 railway crossing and trespassing incidents occurred in Canada in 2025; resulting in 69 avoidable fatalities and 60 avoidable serious injuries; and

Whereas educating and informing the public about rail safety (reminding the public that railway rights-of-way are private property, enhancing public awareness of the dangers associated with highway rail grade crossings, ensuring pedestrians and motorists are looking and listening while near railways, and obeying established traffic laws) will reduce the number of avoidable fatalities and injuries cause by incidents involving trains and citizens; and

Whereas Operation Lifesaver is a public/private partnership whose aim is to work with the public, rail industry, governments, police services, media and others to raise rail safety awareness; and

Whereas CN and Operation Lifesaver have requested City Council adopt this resolution in support of its ongoing efforts to raise awareness, save lives and prevent injuries in communities, including our municipality.

Now therefore I, Mayor William C. Steele, do hereby proclaim September 21 – 27, 2026 “Rail Safety Week” in the City of Port Colborne.

Carried

10. Presentations

10.1 CLT Niagara

John Armstrong from the Community Land Trust of Niagara presented to Council on the organization's work in the Niagara Region.

11. Delegations

There were no delegations.

12. Mayor's Report

A copy of the Mayor's report is attached.

13. Regional Councillor's Report

Regional Councillor Badawey was absent.

14. Consent Agenda

Items 14.3 c, 14.3 f, 14.4 c, and 14.4 e were lifted from the Consent Agenda and considered under item 15, Items Requiring Separate Discussion.

C-26- 159

Moved by Councillor T. Hoyle

Seconded by Councillor D. Elliott

That Council hereby approves the listed consent items on the September 8, 2026, Council agenda; and

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

Carried

14.1 Approval of Minutes

a. **Public Meeting - July 7, 2026**

b. **Special Council Meeting - August 11, 2026**

14.2 Receipt of Minutes of Boards & Committees

a. **Port Colborne Public Library Board - July 27, 2026**

14.3 Staff Reports

- a. **Niagara Compliance Audit Committee – 2026 Municipal and School Board Election, 2026-135**
- b. **Vacant Position – Resignation of Councillor Eric Beauregard, 2026-136**
- d. **Algoma Gateway CIP - 2026-94**
- e. **Gateway Community Improvement Program, Tax Increment Grant – Fontaine Transport, 2026-23**
- g. **Purchase of VL Wellington Street PIN 64152-0063 to Facilitate Future Drainage Realignment Project, 2026-130**

14.4 Receipt of Correspondence Items

- a. **Correspondence from Fred Davies MP Niagara South - Regarding Ridgeway Nine**
- b. **Town of Grimsby - Request for Expansion of Provincial Disaster Assistance Programs**
- d. **Municipality of Wawa - Health Care System Support**
- f. **Municipality of St. Charles - Support Townships of Brudnell, Lyndoch and Raglan - Request for Provincial Legislation Amendments, Health and Safety Concerns**

15. Items Requiring Separate Discussion

Item 15, Items Requiring Separate Discussion, was re-ordered and item 15.1, 2026 Water and Stormwater Master Plan and Pollution Prevention Control Plan, 2026-95, was considered last.

15.1 Multi Year Accessibility Plan 2027-2031, 2026-126

C-26- 160

Moved by Councillor M. Aquilina

Seconded by Councillor R. Bodner

That Human Resources Department Report 2026-126 be received; and

That Council approve the Multi Year Accessibility Plan 2027-2031, attached hereto as Appendix A.

Carried

15.2 Petition for Drainage – Peter Storm Drain, 2026-108

C-26- 161

Moved by Councillor R. Bodner

Seconded by Councillor T. Hoyle

That Public Works Department Report 2026-108 be received; and

That Council accept the petitions for drainage works related to the Peter Storm Drain, attached hereto as Appendices A-E; and

That Council direct Joel Miller, P.Eng., of K. Smart Associates, in accordance with his appointment under By-law No. 7377/68/25, to review and incorporate the petitions attached hereto as Appendix A-E into the ongoing Peter Storm Drain Engineer's Report.

Carried

15.3 Town of Ingersoll - Review of the Ontario Land Tribunal and Enhancing Deference to Municipal Planning Decisions

C-26- 162

Moved by Councillor M. Aquilina

Seconded by Councillor M. Bagu

That Council support the correspondence from the Town of Ingersoll regarding review of the OLT and enhancing deference to municipal planning decisions.

Carried

15.4 District of Parry Sound - Township of Armour - Funding for Ontario's Public Libraries

C-26- 163

Moved by Councillor M. Bagu

Seconded by Councillor G. Bruno

That Council support the correspondence from the District of Parry Sound regarding Funding for Ontario's Public Libraries.

Carried

15.5 2026 Water and Stormwater Master Plan and Pollution Prevention Control Plan, 2026-95

Steve Shypowskyj, Director of Public Works and Cassandra Banting, Manager of Environmental Services, presented to Council on the 2026 Water and Stormwater Master Plan and the Pollution Prevention Control Plan.

C-26- 164

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

That Public Works Department Report 2026-95 be received; and

That Council endorse, in principle, the draft 2026 Water and Stormwater Master Plan and 2026 Pollution Prevention Control Plan for the Wastewater System and the 2026 Pollution Prevention Control Plan for the Wastewater System as the recommended strategies to meet Port Colborne's future servicing needs through 2051 while ensuring the effective management of existing infrastructure assets; and

That Council direct Staff to file a Notice of Completion and commence the 30-day public review period as required under the Municipal Class Environmental Assessment (MCEA) process.

Carried

16. Staff Remarks

Steve Shypowskyj, Director of Public Works, discussed right-of-way construction scheduled to take place from early October to late November along King Street between Clarence Street and Charlotte Street. He also noted the Niagara Region's tunnel crossing project is progressing, but has resulted in sections of Welland Street, Killaly Street East, and Barrack Road being temporarily filled with stone rather than asphalt. He highlighted the City's upcoming tree giveaway at the H.H. Knoll Lakeview Park Pavilion on Saturday, September 19 at 10 a.m. Residents will have the opportunity to bring home a tree while supporting Port Cares and the continued growth of Port Colborne's urban tree canopy.

Charlotte Madden, City Clerk, provided an update on the 2026 Municipal and School Board Election, which will be held on Monday, October 26. She encouraged residents to confirm that their information is up to date on the voters' list by emailing election@portcolborne.ca, calling 905-835-2900 or visiting City

Hall in-person at 66 Charlotte Street between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. She also reminded residents that Port Colborne's ward boundaries are changing for the 2026 election. Residents may confirm their ward using Port Colborne's interactive map online at www.portcolborne.ca/votes. She noted that staff are available to answer questions or help residents confirm their ward boundaries in person, by email or by calling Customer Service at 905-835-2900. She also shared information regarding advance voting, which will take place on Friday, October 2, Saturday, October 3, and Wednesday, October 14 from noon to 8 p.m. at the Vale Health & Wellness Centre. Eligible electors can also vote by mail by requesting a Vote By Mail Kit online at www.portcolborne.ca/votes or in person at City Hall between September 1 and September 25.

17. Councillors' Remarks

Councillor Bodner inquired about an incident at Wyldewood Beach in Sherkston Shores that required an ambulance response, and if the fire department was satisfied with the response. He complimented the flowers displayed throughout the city. He inquired to Steve Shypowskyj, Director of Public Works, about regular drainage inspections. He also inquired to Bryan Boles, Chief Administrative Officer, about the City's approach to tariffs when purchasing large equipment and spoke about his attendance at the AMO Conference. Lastly, he spoke about the upcoming annual Remembrance Day ceremony at Cedar Bay, which will take place on November 11.

Councillor Hoyle thanked staff for answering his questions.

Councillor Elliott inquired to Steve Shypowskyj about the upcoming King Street work. He thanked Public Works for assisting with a resident's water issue, and he also asked for an update on the Clarence Street relining project.

Councillor Bruno inquired about the Clarence Street relining project. He asked about sidewalk accessibility near Helen Street and Steele Street. He thanked the Clerk's Department for its work during the election period and he thanked Public Works for assisting with a water quality issue.

Councillor Bagu thanked Public Works for assisting a homeowner with an issue. He asked for an update on the traffic signals at Clarence Street and Welland Street. He spoke about his attendance at the AMO conference. He thanked the Bryan, Chief Administrative Officer for joining him in a meeting with residents regarding condo assessments. He complimented the downtown flower displays and asked about the annual Touch-A-Truck event.

Councillor Aquilina congratulated Eric Beauregard on his new position with the City of Port Colborne's Planning Department. She thanked Port Colborne Fire & Emergency Services for responding to an incident that took place at Wyldewood Beach in Sherkston Shores. She spoke about her attendance at the AMO conference. She also thanked Gary Long, Director of Development & Business Enterprises, for assisting with the coordination of many delegation meetings.

18. Motions

18.1 Councillor Bodner - Thank a Farmer Month

C-26- 165

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

Now Therefore Be it Resolved that Council for The Corporation of the City of Port Colborne hereby proclaims September as 'Thank a Farmer' Month in the City of Port Colborne.

Carried

19. Notice of Motions

There were no notices of motions.

20. Procedural Motions

There were no procedural motions.

21. By-laws

C-26- 166

Moved by Councillor D. Elliott
Seconded by Councillor T. Hoyle

That the following by-laws be passed and enacted, as presented:

- By-law No. 7495/79/26
- By-law No. 7496/80/26
- By-law No. 7497/81/26
- By-law No. 7498/82/26
- By-law No. 7499/83/26

Carried

21.1 By-law No. 7495/79/26

21.2 By-law No. 7496/80/26

21.3 By-Law No. 7497/81/26

21.4 By-law No. 7498/82/26

21.5 By-law No. 7499/83/26

22. Adjournment

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

William C. Steele, Mayor

Charlotte Madden, City Clerk



MAYOR'S REPORT TO COUNCIL

Tuesday, September 8, 2026

AMO

It was a productive week in Ottawa for the Port Colborne delegation at the 2026 AMO Annual Conference, with the City participating in 16 meetings with provincial ministers, parliamentary assistants, ministry officials, government agencies and consultants.

Key advocacy topics discussed include, next steps for the Water/Wastewater Municipal Services Corporation, seeking capital funding for a community health hub, funding for the wharf 18 rehabilitation project, Port Colborne's strategic position within an integrated Great Lakes Port Network and waterfront redevelopment, industrial investment opportunities within the East Side Employment Lands, and increased power supply to support residential growth and industrial expansion.

We appreciated having senior leadership from Niagara College and Asahi Kasei join us for several meetings with provincial representatives and it was great to reconnect with municipal colleagues from across Ontario and continue building relationships that support our community. Lastly, a special thank you to Minister Sylvia Jones for her support on our development of the Health Hub. We look forward to continuing the work on this important initiative.

MY DREAM BORROW

The Port Colborne Public Library recently wrapped up the second year of its *Ahoy! From Port Colborne Postcards* project, with 73 groups and more than 200 people participating during Canal Days. Families dressed up with props and posed in

front of the Library's green screen, choosing from four iconic Port Colborne locations: the Museum, Incredible Shrinking Mill, Lock 8 Park and the Library. Library staff then edited each image and created digital postcards. Every participating family also received a printed postcard mailed to their home as a keepsake of their Canal Days experience. A big thank you to the Library team and everyone across the Communications, Museum and Canal Days teams who helped bring this creative community project to life. A great souvenir for families and a fun reminder of Canal Days 2026!

HWY 3

I want to acknowledge the serious concerns that have been raised regarding traffic safety along Highway 3, particularly in the area of Wilhelm Road and Empire Road. This is an area where members of Council and residents have expressed concerns previously. The configuration of the intersection, highway speeds, traffic volumes, and the significant increase in seasonal traffic travelling to and from the surrounding area have all contributed to ongoing safety concerns.

As Highway 3 falls under the jurisdiction of the Ministry of Transportation, the City has previously raised concerns regarding this area and requested that the Ministry review the intersection and surrounding roadway. Following the most recent incident, the appropriate contacts within the Niagara Regional Police Service have also been notified of the concerns being raised by the community. NRPS has advised that the matter is being escalated through the appropriate channels for further review.

A follow-up meeting has also been scheduled for early October to continue these discussions and ensure that the concerns raised by residents and Council remain a priority. The City will continue to advocate for a comprehensive review of this area and work with the appropriate agencies and levels of government to determine what improvements may be warranted. This could include reviewing traffic volumes, speeds, intersection design, and other potential safety measures. Residents who live, farm, and travel in this area regularly have firsthand knowledge of the challenges that exist, and their concerns deserve to be heard.

END OF CONCERTS

We're wrapping up the 2026 Community Concert Series, presented by Asahi Kasei Battery Separator Canada, with Petty Nicks on September 11 at H.H. Knoll Lakeview Park! Join us for one last night of live music by the waterfront as Petty Nicks brings the music of Tom Petty and Fleetwood Mac to the Bandshell. Pre-show activities and food vendors from 6 p.m. Concert starts at 7 p.m. Concert is free with a non-perishable food or cash donation to Port Cares. Bring your lawn chair, blanket, family and friends and join us for the final Community Concert of the season!

Speaking of Port Cares, I am pleased to announce that Port Cares will be holding their 40th Anniversary Soiree in support of the Reach Out Centre, on Saturday, October 3 at the Roselawn Centre. More details can be found at portcares.ca.

GOODBYE STUDENTS

I want to take a moment to say a BIG thank you to all our outstanding summer students for everything they've contributed this summer. From parks and recreation to communications, community services, operations and so many other departments across the City, our summer students were an integral part of the work we do throughout the busy summer months. Your hard work, enthusiasm and willingness to lend a hand have made a difference in our community! A special note to the members of our Public Works grounds crew and students for the installation and maintenance of the butterfly gardens outside City Hall. I have personally witnessed many people stop to admire the gardens and take photos of them and the spectacular butterflies they attract.

25th ANNIVERSARY OF 9/11

This Friday marks the 25th anniversary of the September 11, 2001 terrorist attacks. On this solemn anniversary, we remember the nearly 3,000 people who lost their lives, honour the firefighters, police officers, paramedics and other first responders who courageously responded that day, and recognize the lasting sacrifices and health impacts experienced by so many first responders in the years since.

Commemorative events will be taking place throughout the Niagara Region, including ceremonies in Niagara-on-the-Lake and Niagara Falls, providing an opportunity for our communities to come together in remembrance and reflection. As we mark this significant anniversary, I encourage everyone to take a moment on Friday to remember those whose lives were lost, those who ran toward danger to help others, and the families and communities forever changed by the events of that day. Twenty-five years later, their courage, sacrifice and memory remain with us. We will never forget.

FLAG RAISING

On Sept. 2, the City of Port Colborne raised the Childhood Cancer Awareness flag in front of City Hall to mark Childhood Cancer Awareness Month, which is observed each September. Throughout the month, communities across the country come together to recognize the strength and courage of children facing cancer and to show support for their families, caregivers and loved ones. Together, we stand with all children and families affected by childhood cancer.

THIS CONCLUDES MY REPORT FOR THIS EVENING

Port Colborne Museum, Heritage and Culture Board Meeting Minutes

Date: Tuesday, June 16, 2026
Time: 7:00 pm
Location: Roselawn Centre
296 Fielden Ave, Port Colborne, ON L3K 4T6

Members Present: T. Huffman
C. Brema
J. Piniak
G. Hoyle
L. Brazeau
J. van Dillen
M. Hili
A. Lessard
B. Schneider

Member(s) Absent: B. Heaslip
C. MacMillan
E. Beauregard, Councillor
M. Heaslip

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 7:00pm.

2. Disclosures of Interest

None to report.

3. Adoption of Agenda

Moved by T. Huffman
Seconded by G. Hoyle

That the agenda dated June 16, 2026, be confirmed as circulated or as amended.

Carried

4. Approval of Minutes

Moved by C. Brema

Seconded by L. Brazeau

That the minutes from the previous meeting held on May 19, 2026, be confirmed as circulated or as amended.

Carried

5. Business Arising from the Minutes

None to report.

6. Correspondence

Tami reported that there were 4 pieces of correspondence received:

- 3 pieces were thank you cards to Michelle and Katelynn from Lakeshore Catholic co-op department and co-op student Jacob Wilson for their guidance during his semester at the Museum.

- 1 thank you card to the Mueseum Board from the Garden Club for providing a gift basket for the Niagara Garden Clubs meeting on April 25.

7. Council Report

None to report as Councilor Beauregard was absent.

8. Curator's Report

Sarah reported that that staff were given a guided tour of the grain elevator by Joe Lannan to gain in depth knowledge of how it worked and its history, find potential donations, as well as documenting and taking photos. Staff were also given a tour of the Fire Hall at Bell Street by Don Baer and Brian Heaslip.

Kiersten Lindblad is the new Tea Room student for the summer. Jill Wellington and Erin Markuschewsky-Smith are two Mohawk College students completing their Library Sciences co-op placements with us over the summer. They will be working with the collection to complete their hours.

Since the last meeting two newsletters have been sent: the Spring newsletter printed and mailed as well as e-mailed, and the Cultural Compass that gets e-mailed to subscribers monthly. This first one had 168 clicks.

The Museum will provide a walking Tour to the Downtown Business Improvement Area.

Sarah is looking for better ways to promote the Museum in the community with the local newspapers going quiet. A poster brigade will be organized with summer student Emerson Darling and the Board.

The giftshops at the Museum and Roselawn are up and running with a focus on Canadian made products, and products that are branded for each site. The Museum giftshop is above target for the year so far. Garry has also been tracking visitors with 50% being local and 13.8% being international.

Michelle Vosburgh will be a contributor for the Ontario History, the scholarly journal for the Ontario Historical Society.

Tami gave a report on the Pie Social and History fair - it was well attended with around 450 people, and the Tea Room sold out of pies. Also, Putting Port Colborne on the map exhibit is now open until December 20 at the Museum, Out & About: Folk Art by Denis Bryan is on display in the Lighthouse Theatre Lobby for their season, Painting the Town exhibit is open until the end of August at Roselawn, as well as Nos Histoires and the Tapestry of Voices are on display at Roselawn through July.

Canal Days shirts are now printed and ready for sale in the giftshops, market, and events. The design was once again created by local artist Stephen Brule. Stephen hand drew the design to look like a lino cut. It's of a large osprey carrying a fish with wheat in its belly. The fish represents a boat, and wheat is the cargo and was chosen because of our flour mills, and the bird symbolizes the lock system that helps the boats climb the escarpment. There are two colours: stone blue and paragon (taupey-mauve) and are \$30.

The Museum has expanded hours to accommodate cruise ships walking tours - opening for mornings during the week and weekend, as well as evenings.

It was suggested that the outdoor signs be made to promote the giftshops.

9. Auxiliary Report

None to report.

10. Friends of Roselawn Centre Liaison Report

Bonnie reported that they held their AGM on June 10th.

The May Masterpieces Art Auction ended on May 22.

They will have a table at the June 20th Art Crawl.

11. Committee Report

11.1 Finance Committee

Bonnie reported that the total revenue for the Pie Social activities was \$486 (\$231 from teacup sales and \$255 from the plant sale).

Donations received since the last meeting: \$3,003.65

11.2 Membership Committee

Claudia reported that so far this year there are 51 new members, with a total of 386 overall members.

11.3 Building and Property Committee

Terry reported that they have removed the white fence in front of the Sherk Cabin. The new fence is painted and ready to be installed, once the post holes are dug. They are also continuing to help with the re-organization of the Roselawn and Museum basements, as well as helping with some exhibit installations as needed.

Staff will get an update on the fencing surrounding the Museum grounds and bring it back to the Board.

11.4 Programme Committee

Tami reported that on May 23 there was private paranormal investigation at Roselawn.

May 25 and 27 the arts department from Port Colborne Highschool used space at Roselawn for a photo shoot including dance class, cosmetology class, and the photography and film. The photos will be used to make a calendar for a fundraiser.

June 4 was History in Action Day at the Hamilton Civic Museum. Students from the Hamilton-Wenton District School Board were invited to participate in activities offered by different museums and heritage sites. Sloane brought the printing press, and had interactions with 600 + students. Sloane also attended the June 6 re-enactment of the Battle of Stoney Creek at the same site.

Tami toured the Port Colborne Historical Society through the Out & About exhibit at Lighthouse, Painting the Town exhibit at Roselawn, and the Putting the Port Colborne on the Map exhibit at the Museum. After the tours the Historical Society went to the Tea Room.

Coming up:

- June 25 - Cyclist group tour the museum and grounds.

July 6 - St. John Bosco daycare visit - scavenger hunt around the grounds

July 8 - invited to participate in Family Fun Night at Heartland Forest

11.5 Fundraising Committee

Terry thanked volunteers and staff for quickly changing plans and moving the set - up for the concert inside for the June 14 Music on the Lawn at Roselawn with Tony and the Nu-Tones. Walter Ostanek made a special guest appearance!

There were 108 visitors for the event. \$31.10 in the donation bin. The 50/50 draw raised \$176.00 with \$88 going to the winner.

11.6 Policy Committee

Draft AI policy is in the works setting out guidelines on how AI would be allowed to be used within the department, with a focus on the importance on ensuring all information and history is presented accurately.

11.7 Accession Committee

The next meeting will be in July.

11.8 Heritage Committee

Mike reported that a meeting was held where the missing minutes were discussed - only missing minutes for two meetings now. Also discussed was the Delegation of Authority By-Law, and the Committee Plan.

The War Memorial Research report, written by Michelle Vosburgh, was circulated at the Board meeting and discussed.

Moved by C. Brema

Seconded by L. Brazeau

That the Board recommends to Council to designate the 100-year-old War Memorial Cenotaph at H.H. Knoll Park

12. Confidential Items

None to report.

13. New Business

In preparation for 2028, a Canal Days 50th Anniversary Committee was formed to begin planning. Committee will be chaired by Terry Huffman and will include Claudia Brema, Bonnie Schneider, Arlene Lessard, and Tami as staff liaison. Please let the committee know if you are interested in joining.

Congratulations to Sarah who recently completed and graduated Goodman School of Business, Brock University, Next Gen Community Leaders program!

Congratulations to Stephanie who recently completed and graduated Goodman School of Business, Brock University, Executive Leadership Training! The program was completed by senior staff and council members.

Stephanie thanked the Friends of Roselawn for their \$10,000 donation towards the renovations at the Roselawn Centre and spoke to how they are continuing to grow with the department and sharing the same interest in a healthy and engaged community.

14. Adjournment

The Chair adjourned the meeting at approximately 7:54pm.

Chair

Staff Liaison

Port Colborne Public Library Board Meeting Minutes

Date: Wednesday, June 3, 2026
Time: 6:00 pm
Location: Library Auditorium, Port Colborne Public Library
310 King St, Port Colborne

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

Member(s) Absent: A. Desmarais, Vice Chair
M. Booth
E. Tanini
A. Smits

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

1. **Call to Order**

The Chair called the meeting to order at 6:20 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 Councillor M. Bagu

That the agenda dated June 3, 2026, be confirmed, as circulated.

Carried

5. Approval of Minutes

Moved by Councillor M. Bagu

Seconded by C. MacMillan

That the minutes dated May 6, 2026, be confirmed, as circulated.

Carried

6. Consent Items

Moved by B. Beck

Seconded by H. Cooper

That the Board approves Consent Items 6.1 to 6.4, as presented.

6.1 Staff Reports

a. **Public Relations Report - May 2026**

6.2 Financial Reports

a. **2026 Operating Budget (as of May 29, 2026)**

6.3 Circulation Reports

a. **Circulation Report - April 2026**

a. **Circulation Snapshot - April 2026**

6.4 Correspondence

a. **Opposition to Bill 28 and Defense of Local Library Governance**

a. **CFLA-FCAB Bill 28 Statement**

7. Policy Items

Moved by C. MacMillan

Seconded by Councillor M. Bagu

That the Board approves Policy Item 7.1, as presented.

Carried

7.1 HR-10: Disconnecting From Work

8. Discussion Items

8.1 Legacy Document (B. Ingram)

The legacy document will be discussed at an upcoming meeting.

8.2 Strategic Planning Update (R. Tkachuk)

The CEO provided an update on the Community Engagement Survey that was conducted in May for the Board's upcoming Strategic Planning session.

8.3 CEO Verbal Report (R. Tkachuk)

The CEO provided an update on library projects, programs, and partnerships. The Public Works Team was thanked for planting new flowers and greenery in the King St. and Elgin St. garden beds in May. The CEO reported that the library has loaned several paintings of local buildings to the Museum for its upcoming "Painting the Town" exhibit. An update was also provided on partnership activities with Port Cares, including a new food donation bin at the library and programming discussions. The CEO noted that the second annual "My Dream Borrow" contest is underway and thanked the Communications Team for promoting the initiative. The CEO also shared positive feedback regarding library staff and services.

9. Roundtable

Trustee MacMillan shared that she had attended the Ontario Library Service Board Assembly Meeting, and that she presented the Port Colborne Public Library's My Dream Borrow contest.

Councillor Bagu inquired about the status of the Adopt-a-Magazine donation program at the library. The CEO reported that one donation has been made in 2026.

10. Next Meeting Date and Adjournment

A Special Meeting of the Board will be held on Saturday, June 6, 2026 at 9 AM in the Library Auditorium.

The Chair adjourned the meeting at approximately 6:34 PM.

Bryan Ingram, Chair

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

Port Colborne Public Library Board Meeting Minutes

Date: Wednesday, August 5, 2026
Time: 6:00 pm
Location: Library Auditorium, Port Colborne Public Library
310 King St, Port Colborne

Members Present: M. Bagu, Councillor
H. Cooper (Attended virtually)
C. MacMillan, Acting Chair
B. Beck
M. Booth
E. Tanini (Attended virtually)

Member(s) Absent: A. Desmarais, Vice Chair
B. Ingram, Chair
A. Smits

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

Others Present: A. Taylor, Consultant, Ontario Library Service (Attended virtually)

1. Call to Order

The Acting Chair called the meeting to order 6:06 PM.

2. Land Acknowledgement

The Acting Chair recited the Land Acknowledgement.

3. Disclosures of Interest

Nil.

4. Adoption of Agenda

Moved by B. Beck

Seconded by M. Booth

That the agenda dated August 5, 2026, be confirmed, as circulated.

Carried

5. Approval of Minutes

Moved by M. Booth

Seconded by Councillor M. Bagu

That the minutes dated July 27, 2026, be approved, as circulated.

Carried

6. Presentation

6.1 Strategic Planning Presentation (A. Taylor)

The Library Board received a Strategic Planning presentation from a Consultant from the Ontario Library Service.

7. Notice of Motions

Nil.

8. Roundtable

Nil.

9. Next Meeting Date and Adjournment

The next regular meeting of the Board will be Wednesday, September 2, 2026, at 6 PM in the Library Auditorium. The Acting Chair adjourned the meeting at 7:35 PM.

Bryan Ingram, Chair

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

City of Port Colborne

Port Colborne Senior Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

Date: Tuesday, May 19, 2026
Time: 10:00 am
Location: L.R. Wilson Heritage Research Archives
286 King St, Port Colborne, ON L3K 4H2

Members Present: M. Cooper
D. Santarella
Deanna Rudyk
Nancy Salvage
Tammy McDowell
M. Parkes

Member(s) Absent: J. Mete

Staff Present: M. Aquilina, Councillor
S. McDowell, Public Programmer, Museum and Culture
G.R. Bisson, Senior Health Advisor
A Hawkins, Customer Service and Revenue Manager

1. Call to Order

The chair called the meeting to order at 10:04 a.m.

2. Adoption of the Agenda

Moved By D. Santarella
Seconded By M. Cooper

That the Senior Advisory Committee agenda, dated May 19, 2026, be approved.

Carried

3. Disclosures of Interest

No disclosures of interest.

4. Approval of Minutes

Moved By M. Cooper
Seconded By N. Salvage

That the Senior Advisory Meeting minutes, dated February 17, 2026, be approved.

Carried

5. Staff Updates

5.1 Presentation: Genevieve-Renee Bisson

Genevieve-Renee Bisson, Senior Health Advisor presented the Health and Wellness Action Plan to the Committee.

The presentation was followed by questions and discussion from the committee regarding funding and amalgamation.

5.2 Sloane McDowell, Staff Liaison

S. McDowell shared information regarding the Niagara Regional Transit presentation the committee received last month.

S. McDowell reported that the final report for the Seniors Community Grant 2025-2026 has been submitted and approved.

The committee discussed taking a summer break in August.

6. Order of Business

6.1 Seniors Month

The committee discussed and finalized the schedule for the committee outreach table at the Friday farmer's market in the month of June. S. McDowell will investigate the addition of a questions box and additional brochures and giveaways.

S. McDowell reported the Seniors Month Age-Friendly Flag Raising will take place on June 1st at 10:00 a.m. in front of City Hall.

S. McDowell reported that the Communications department will be writing a piece on the Seniors Advisory Committee for Seniors Month.

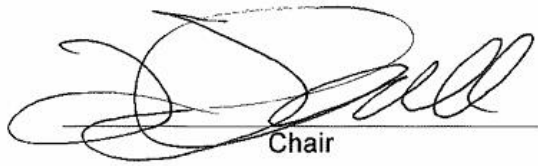
7. New Business

7.1 NOAA Meeting Update

T. McDowell updated the committee on the last Niagara Older Adult Alliance meeting. Many municipal senior committees have disbanded until the completion of the election.

8. Adjournment

The chair adjourned the meeting at 11:46 a.m.



Chair



Staff Liaison

Port Colborne Museum, Heritage and Culture Board Meeting Minutes

Date: Tuesday, July 21, 2026
Time: 7:00 pm
Location: Roselawn Centre
296 Fielden Ave, Port Colborne, ON L3K 4T6

Members Present: B. Heaslip
C. MacMillan
T. Huffman
C. Brema
J. Piniak
G. Hoyle
L. Brazeau
J. van Dillen
M. Hili
A. Lessard
B. Schneider
M. Heaslip

Member(s) Absent: E. Beauregard, Councillor

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

1. Call to Order

The Chair called the meeting to order at 7:01pm.

2. Disclosures of Interest

None to report.

3. Adoption of Agenda

Moved by Bonnie Schneider
Seconded by C. Brema

That the agenda dated July 21, 2026, be confirmed as circulated or as amended.

Carried

4. Approval of Minutes

Moved by C. MacMillan
Seconded by L. Brazeau

That the minutes from the previous meeting held on June 16, 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 was not present.

Stephanie provided an update for the Board. She reminded the Board that it is an election year and if any of the registered candidates request information about our department or the Board, we must ensure that all candidates receive that information for transparency and fairness. Staff are to remain neutral on the election and the Board should follow that direction. Orientation for the new council will include a section for our department with a tour of our facilities as well. The Board is welcome to join when the tour happens.

The next meeting of Council is August 14th.

The Budget discussions will be delayed due to the election, but staff are still preparing for it. The fencing around the Museum will need to be considered for the 2027 budget.

The Board also discussed acknowledging Councilor Beauregard, thanking him for being on our Board during his term.

8. Curator's Report

Sarah discussed some of the internal tracking the department has started and some of the specifics we will be recording related to research, programs, events, visitors, and collections. Board members will be able to review our successes,

and staff will have the information ready if it is requested by council or senior staff.

Community Museum Operating Grant has been submitted. We also submitted a grant for the New Horizons for Seniors program application. This grant will help us bring in new community members to support our collections research. In particular, community members will help provide background information on collections related to community organizations. This will allow us to have a more wholesome description of our artefacts. The project will also support the digitization of the collection and database updates. This project also includes workshops focused on caring for one's personal collections.

The deck of the lifeboat on the grounds is being repaired. We have a temporary solution to the cradle rocking but we are talking to someone about improving the metal cradle with a more permanent holder to secure it better.

A new staff person will be hired to help with the 2026-27 Seniors Community Grant (SCG) Program. This person will work 20 hours per week, supporting the project. Thank you to the Province of Ontario for this funding.

Website will be up and running in the Fall. Staff have had a first look at the design and had some training on how to update it.

The Annual Report is complete and copies have been provided to the Board.

Square is up and running at Roselawn now which is easy to use for staff. Now that both sites use square- we will be looking at having an online store featuring our products in the new year.

A few comments from the visitor book since the last meeting are:

Loved the museum, glad to see all the old buildings

First class museum!! Bon travail! (Good work)

I love it here. Gorgeous!!!

Beautiful display and some exhibits are very good & nicely presented (archeological materials)

Very good exhibit well done!

Gift shop: Many thanks to Brian for donating handmade wood bowls and toy flintlock muskets!

Sales are up since last year by 49% in May and 94% in June. One new product coming in July is a Swedish Dish cloth featuring the 1865 Port Colborne Map which ties into the current exhibition: "Putting Port Colborne on the Map".

Incidents- The Museum is experiencing a small uptick in incidents on the grounds with people smoking in the heritage buildings, moving furniture in the buildings, or using our outlets for charging phone. Staff have approached these visitors with respect and open-mindedness. We hope it won't escalate as we are a public park and we do want to be welcoming. However, visitors should respect the spaces as well.

Exhibitions: The new exhibition in the MEL will be installed later this week. It is titled Lighting the Way and our student Jennifer is working on the display. It focuses on navigation and our local lighthouses.

The Nos Histoires is now at Heartland Forest in Niagara Falls until mid-August.

Canal Days plans are well underway. We have some new signage ready for the entrances and recognition for Claire's who is our new sponsor. We have the fun filled programs for families and new this year will be an Indigenous Discovery Zone that will feature Michele-Elise from Kakekalanicks. Two elders stepped forward interested in big drum teachings, song, dance and running of a tent with children's drop-in activities. Tami has been reaching out to volunteers to confirm spots for the weekend. If you haven't received your volunteer assignment, please contact Tami this week.

Hours: Friday 12:00 P.M. - 5:00 P.M. Saturday 11:00 A.M. - 5:00 P.M. Sunday 11:00 A.M. - 5:00 P.M. Monday 12:00 P.M. - 5:00 P.M.

Tea Room is 12-4 on the Saturday and Sunday. Roselawn is 1-3 on the Saturday and Monday.

Please see the Canal Days website for more information.

9. Auxiliary Report

Marianne reported that June saw 375 patrons and 283 in July so far. They have had 3 biscuit mixing bees so far this year. They are open Canal Days 12-4 on the Saturday and Sunday. The Auxilliary is looking for new volunteers so if you know of anyone who may be interested, please contact her or Cheryl or have them submit a volunteer form to the Museum. The volunteers become very close friends, like a family, and it can be a very rewarding experience so encourage those you know to join the team.

10. Friends of Roselawn Centre Liaison Report

None to report.

11. Committee Report

11.1 Finance Committee

Donations since the last meeting \$928.89.

- \$652.05 of that was from the Archives, the rest was from the donation box or Canada Helps monthly donors

Tip Tap- has raised \$120 for the Museum since it started.

Canal Days Sponsorship- \$2,000 from Bell Marine has been deposited.

11.2 Membership Committee

We have had one new member and one new life member.

11.3 Building and Property Committee

Brian reported that they trimmed the shrubs near the Heritage Resource Centre and moved the Mennonite commemorative plaque up above ground. The picket fence at the Sherk cabin is up. They also added some top soil along the sidewalks to level the land out. He reported that we may need to replace the trees on the Roselawn grounds as the property has lost 3 trees. This will ensure shade in the future. There was some discussion amongst the Board about what type of trees and where to get them from. Stephanie mentioned that the city's environmental goals include more tree planting. It would be great for the Board to guide this project. A discussion with staff, the Property committee and the Friends of Roselawn will be useful for selecting the proper tree. Brian noted that there is a plan to use the wood from the trees that were removed for the benefit of the Museum- tables or giftware for example.

11.4 Programme Committee

Previous Programs:

- Museum and Grounds Tour had 29 people
- July 8th Heartland Forest, Family Fun Night had 200+ interactions

Upcoming:

- July 24th- We're hosting the Pathways Day camp with our Settlers of Port Colborne Program

- August 3rd we have the Toronto All-Star Big Band, Music on the Lawn
- August 26th & 27th: First Friends Day Care visit to the Museum & Roselawn

Other:

July 27th, 2026 – March 31st, 2027

- Museum is recipient of Seniors Community Grant, Veteran's Stream
- Contract employee will work on creating a legion exhibit, oral history project, day trip for veteran seniors and other community programming.

11.5 Fundraising Committee

Terry reported that Music on the Lawn has seen some great numbers despite the weather. The July event was outside with a great turnout. Sloane has provided great leadership with the events on behalf of the staff. Visitors enjoy the concerts, the hours and the diversity of music. There are many referrals to the venue that happen because of this event. This volunteer initiative has made this event cost effective, and it is a fun event for volunteers to work too.

11.6 Policy Committee

None to report.

11.7 Accession Committee

Luke reported that a meeting was held on June 29th: There were 19 accessions and 57 items for donation but about 38 items were accepted. 8 items were not accepted because the committee thought they were a better fit for other communities.

11.8 Heritage Committee

None to report.

12. Confidential Items

Discussion held between 7:40-7:45pm.

13. New Business

Stephanie mentioned that staff will receive training on August 26th on working with the Vulnerable Sector Citizens.

Cherly complimented the staff on keeping the tearoom grounds safe. Community members do a great job supporting the museum and letting staff know of any issues.

Gary asked about an update to the cenotaph designation. Mike provided information on the designation plans forthcoming.

Gary asked about where the Lions Park plaque, that recognized that the Lions Park was gifted from the Cement plant, was moved to.

Sarah mentioned that the Garden Club's stone has been installed but we are waiting for the plaque to be installed on it.

14. Adjournment

The Chair adjourned the meeting at approximately at 8:04pm.

Chair

Staff Liaison



Memorandum

To: City Council
From: Bryan Boles, Chief Administrative Officer
Date: October 13, 2026
Re: Municipal Property Assessment review

The purpose of this memo is to inform Council about a process to review several residential property assessments being coordinated with the Municipal Property Assessment Corporation (MPAC).

Over the past several weeks some residents have reached out to members of Council and Staff regarding the property assessment process for new construction. The purpose of this memo is to communicate on-going work that Council has previously directed with respect to property assessment.

For many years Council has advocated for an update to MPAC's property assessments. The last MPAC property assessment date was 2016. That assessment update was phased in from 2017 to 2020.

As part of that advocacy Council directed Staff to review assessments with MPAC. Following multiple discussions with MPAC the municipality is undergoing an independent review of assessment with a specific look at new construction post 2020.

The independent third party is working towards the December 8, 2026 Council meeting to present a public report on their findings.

MPAC has agreed to coordinate with the City to provide in-person group sessions in early 2027 to help residents understand how to submit reassessment requests.

We will keep Council informed about this work and ensure the MPAC meetings for residents are appropriately communicated to the public when details are confirmed.

Signed by,

Bryan Boles
Chief Administrative Officer



Subject: Niagara Transit Update

To: Council

From: Office of the Chief Administrative Officer

Report Number: 2026-139

Meeting Date: October 13, 2026

Recommendation:

That Office of the Chief Administrative Officer Report 2026-139 be received; and

That the Chief Administrative Officer be directed to negotiate with Niagara Region Transit, the St. Lawrence Seaway Management Corporation and service providers including Port Cares to ensure transportation options are available for residents to access services during the winter bridge closure.

Purpose:

This report provides Council with updates on Niagara Transit service and Council's motion requesting enhanced service. The report also outlines options and next steps to ensure transportation options are available during the upcoming Seaway bridge closures for winter maintenance to ensure residents continue to have access to school, work, and social services.

Background:

In June 2026 Council received [Planning and Development Report 2026-87](#) and passed a motion requesting Niagara Transit to consider additional routes for Port Colborne. This follows a new process set out by the Niagara Transit Commission Board of Directors. In September the Niagara Transit Board received the City's request (see Appendix A).

In addition to long-term planning, the City is also responding to more immediate transportation needs of residents impacted by the St. Lawrence Seaway Management Corporation ("Seaway") winter bridge maintenance schedule. While winter maintenance has long been a part of the Seaway's activities, with the changes in the regional transit

system over the past several years, and the change from a fixed route system in Port Colborne to on-demand microtransit, the East side of the community has been cut off from direct transportation to access health, social services and critical food security programs delivered by Port Cares, during the winter maintenance period. Council has provided direction to staff to work with Niagara Transit, the Seaway and agencies such as Port Cares to develop options to improve transportation during the winter closure.

Discussion:

Niagara Transit service expansion

Starting Sept. 6, 2026 Niagara Transit launched expanded regional service to include Sundays and statutory holidays (except Christmas Day and New Year's Day). This includes [Route 25 – Port Colborne Link](#). The expanded service provides residents with more options to travel between Port Colborne, Welland and other destinations across Niagara seven days a week. On-demand microtransit is also available on Sundays.

For more details about Route 25 – Port Colborne Link or Niagara Region on-demand microtransit, visit the Niagara Transit website: www.nrtransit.ca.

The City will continue to share information about Niagara Transit service through its website and social media channels.

Port Colborne's enhanced service request

At its meeting on Sept.15, 2026, the Niagara Transit Commission formally received the City's request to advance the analysis of expanded service requested through [Planning and Development Report 2026-87](#) which included:

- The potential for transit to service businesses on Highway 140
- Transit service options to further connect residents on the east side of the canal to the west
- Enhanced service for residents to access healthcare at the new South Niagara hospital

Next steps will see Niagara Transit consider options, costs, timelines for service enhancements throughout 2027, for consideration as part of the 2028 budget. Niagara Transit staff will work with elected officials and City staff to consider options before new routes or services are included in a future budget. City staff will continue to keep Council informed about the options analysis and work together with the City's next representative on the Niagara Transit Commission Board of Directors to ensure any options to enhance local transit meet the local needs of Port Colborne transit riders and budgetary expectations.

Regarding improved access to healthcare as a priority outlined in the June Council report, work continues through the lens of the Community [Health and Wellness Action Plan](#) and the work of the Healthcare Advisory Committee. Led by the Senior Health Advisor and the priorities in the Action Plan, the Committee is continuing to research and connect with service providers such as [Happy in My Home](#) to prioritize improvements to transportation and access to healthcare and social services to the most vulnerable community members including seniors.

City staff will continue to work with other service providers and Niagara Transit to identify immediate and long-term solutions to improve healthcare related transportation through other models and partnerships, and consult with users and community groups to ensure residents can reasonably access care.

Seaway winter bridge closure

Also outlined in the June Council report was a request to Niagara Transit to work with the City and Seaway to develop options for temporary service during the upcoming winter bridge maintenance to ensure residents on the East side of the canal have access to important services on the West side of the City, including to Port Cares when the bridge or bridges are closed.

The City is in contact with officials at the Seaway and staff are expecting to receive confirmed details of the winter bridge maintenance schedule and bridge closures in short order. However, details are not yet confirmed. Work continues with Niagara Transit and community partners such as Port Cares to identify the most effective and efficient options to connect residents with vital community services despite the bridge closure and transportation challenges.

Options may include, but are not limited to a shuttle service, financial support for microtransit rides or other options.

Considering the upcoming municipal election and the timelines for decision-making, staff are recommending that Council formally delegate to the CAO to continue to work with Niagara Transit, the Seaway and Port Cares to ensure transportation and access to services on the West side, including healthcare, food security programs and social supports is in place before the winter bridge closure.

Financial Implications:

As a first priority, the City will seek a contribution from the Seaway and support from Niagara Transit for the transportation solution for the winter bridge closure.

Regarding potential future enhanced service routes requested to Niagara Transit, financials will be considered through future City budgets and presented to Council for approval. Since Niagara Transit is now a regionalized service, any service

enhancements must also be finalized through the Niagara Transit Commission budget cycle and presented to Niagara Regional Council for approval, under the current process.

Public Engagement:

City staff will work with Niagara Transit and other service providers to determine the most effective and efficient transportation solution for transit riders and clients during the winter bridge closure. When details are confirmed, the City will work with the appropriate partners to raise awareness and ensure residents are aware of the transportation options available during the closure.

Strategic Plan Alignment:

Access to transit, ensures access to social services, healthcare, employment and education. As such, the initiative contained within this report is aligned with each of the pillars of the strategic plan:

- Environment and Climate Change
 - Welcoming, Livable, Healthy Community
 - Economic Prosperity
 - Increased Housing Options
 - Sustainable and Resilient Infrastructure
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Conclusion:

The community of Port Colborne is uniquely impacted by the geography of the Welland Canal, the bridges and development patterns of the community around it. While the canal is vital to the economy, local businesses and employers, the winter bridge closures present challenges, particularly to vulnerable populations who require access to transit and social services across the canal.

Overall, improving public transit and access to health and social services on both sides of the Welland Canal remains a top priority that requires coordination with the regional transit provider, healthcare and community service providers and most importantly, in a way that meets the needs of transit riders.

The City will continue to work with the Seaway and partners to minimize impacts and provide alternative means of transportation in ways that are most effective and efficient for transit riders.

Appendices:

- a. Niagara Transit Commission Local Area Municipality Information Request
Approvals Report, September 2026

Respectfully submitted,

Julie Rorison, Corporate Affairs Manager

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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.

Subject: Local Area Municipality Information Request Approvals

Report to: Niagara Transit Commission Board

Report date: **Tuesday, September 15, 2026**

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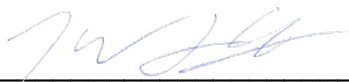
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Other Pertinent Reports

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April 28, 2026

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Attention : Jordan Hambleton, Chief of Staff

Dear Jordan,

Re: Request for Inclusion in Niagara Regional Transit intra-municipal Service for West Lincoln

This is to confirm that at the April 27, 2026 Council Meeting the following resolution was adopted with respect to the above noted matter:

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WHEREAS many of the residents who are moving to West Lincoln are accustomed to utilizing local transit; and

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WHEREAS the population of The Township of West Lincoln is approximately 16,500, and is expected to grow to over 39,000 by 2051; and

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local municipalities receiving transit services fairly and equitably;

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THEREFORE Mayor and Council direct the Clerk to send this request as official correspondence to the Niagara Transit Commission

If any further information is required, please contact the undersigned at 905-957-3346, Ext 5129.

Yours Truly,



Justin J. Paylove
Manager, Legislative Services/Clerk

cc. Ann-Marie Norio, Regional Clerk

June 24, 2026

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Dear Ms. Stout:

Re: Port Colborne City Council Motion – Niagara Transit Expansion Services

Please be advised that, at its meeting of June 23, 2026 the Council of The Corporation of the City of Port Colborne passed the following resolution:

WHEREAS transit is a vital service in Niagara, connecting residents, communities, businesses and local services; and

WHEREAS Highway 140 is a critical employment corridor containing key economic development signature sites; and

WHEREAS the ease of the movement of labour is a critical factor in attracting investment into these sites and the success of the businesses located there now and in the future; and

WHEREAS essential services such as grocery, medical and pharmacy, education, recreation and employment opportunities are primarily located on the west side of the Welland Canal but a significant population in Port Colborne live on the east side; and

WHEREAS the Port Colborne urgent care centre will be closing in 2028 to coincide with the opening of the new South Niagara Hospital;

WHEREAS enhancements to transit services will benefit the entire community of Port Colborne;

THEREFORE the Mayor and Council request that Niagara Transit provide route, service level and cost implication options for consideration of the following:

- The potential introduction of transit to service current and future businesses on Highway 140;
- Transit service options that would further connect residents on the East side of the Welland Canal to the West side of the City;

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- Transit service options that improve access to healthcare services, including the Welland Hospital, future South Niagara Hospital, diagnostic imaging services, specialist care, and other major healthcare destinations within the Niagara Region;
- Temporary services during prolonged Seaway bridge closures;

AND FURTHER THAT Council requests Niagara Transit to collaborate with City staff to report back to a future City Council meeting, and work with the Niagara Transit Commission and Regional Council to seek budget approvals;

AND FURTHER THAT Council direct the City Clerk to send this request as official correspondence to the Niagara Transit Commission.

Please find attached a copy of Planning and Development Department Report 2026-87 with further information.

Thank you for your collaboration on this matter.

Sincerely,



Charlotte Madden
City Clerk

ec: Tara Stephens, City Clerk, City of Welland
Jordan Hambleton, Chief of Staff, Niagara Transit
Eric Beauregard, Councillor, City of Port Colborne and Board Member, Niagara Transit Board

Att.: City of Port Colborne Planning and Development Department Report - 2026-87



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July 16, 2026

SENT VIA E-MAIL

jordan.hambleton@niagaratransit.ca

Dear: Jordan Hambleton, Chief of Staff, Niagara Transit

RE: Request for Information – Connection Service to Grimsby GO Station

Please be advised that the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Grimsby at its meeting held on July 13, 2026, passed the following resolution:

Moved: Councillor Korstanje

Seconded: Councillor Charrois

Resolved that Town of Grimsby Council request the Niagara Transit Commission present plans for the introduction of conventional service that would connect Grimsby and Niagara residents to the new Grimsby GO Station at a future council meeting; and

1. That any plan will be subject to Niagara Transit Commission and Regional Council budget approvals and in line with the Niagara Transit 10-Year Master Plan, and include details about route, service level and cost implications; and
2. That Council direct staff to send this request as official correspondence to the Niagara Transit Commission.

If you require any additional information, please let me know.

Regards,

Victoria Steele
Town Clerk



OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK

Nicholas Debono, City Clerk
3540 Schmon Parkway, P.O. Box 1044
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August 14, 2026

SENT ELECTRONICALLY

To the Niagara Transit Commission,

Re: 16.1 Resolution Respecting the provision of financial data for expanded transit coverage from Niagara Regional Transit

Please be advised that the Council of the Corporation of the City of Thorold, at its meeting held on August 11, 2026, considered the aforementioned topic and passed the following resolution:

WHEREAS transit is a vital service in Niagara, connecting residents, communities, businesses and local services;

AND WHEREAS the Brock University Students Union contracts service with the Niagara Transit Commission for certain routes during the school year;

AND WHEREAS many Thorold residents utilize these routes and must navigate reduced service during the summer months;

AND WHEREAS recently, significant development has occurred in the area of Thorold South and Port Robinson West;

AND WHEREAS Route 322 has limited service for the area south of Davis Road;

AND WHEREAS the Port Robinson West area is one of the last remaining areas of Niagara without transit service;

AND WHEREAS enhancements to transit services will benefit the entire community of Thorold;

AND WHEREAS a lack of transit service causes more challenges for residents to be able to access essential services such as groceries, medical and pharmacy, education, recreation and employment opportunities.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Corporation of the City of Thorold enacts as follows:

1. That Thorold City Council **REQUESTS** that the Niagara Transit Commission present, subject to Niagara Transit Commission and Regional Council budget approvals, and in line with the Niagara Transit 10-Year Master Plan, route, service level and cost implication plans for:
 - i. Enhanced transit service to the area of Thorold South;
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 - iii. Harmonization of the service level on Route 321/421 for the full year, and
2. That Staff **BE DIRECTED** to send this request as official correspondence to the Niagara Transit Commission.

Thank you,



Nicholas Debono
City Clerk, City of Thorold

From: Saunders, Colleen <Colleen.Saunders@niagararegion.ca> on behalf of Spezza, George <George.Spezza@niagararegion.ca>

Sent: Wednesday, September 9, 2026 4:00 PM

Subject: Niagara Region Tariff and Trade Support Initiatives: Update for Team Niagara

Team Niagara,

As tariffs and trade conditions continue to evolve, I wanted to provide an early update on the work Niagara Region Economic Development is advancing to support businesses and residents across Niagara, along with recent federal engagement on these issues.

Niagara Thrives campaign

Niagara Region Economic Development is preparing to launch Niagara Thrives, a coordinated regional campaign which builds on our previous Shop, Support, Share Local campaign with two distinct audiences and clear calls to action:

- **Residents:** The resident campaign will encourage people to shop, support and share local. Campaign materials will direct residents to the [Niagara Business Directory](#), where they can find and connect with businesses across Niagara. The campaign will also build awareness of which products, sectors and businesses are affected by tariffs, while highlighting practical ways residents can support Niagara's economy.
- **Businesses:** The business campaign will direct companies to Niagara Economic Development's [Navigating Tariffs resource page](#). This page consolidates key information in one location, including CUSMA guidance, financial support programs, tariff tools and relief, export assistance, market diversification resources and connections to government and industry partners.

The campaign is targeted to begin in September 2026, subject to final artwork, production timelines and media availability.

For clarity, Niagara Thrives uses a different funding model than the previous Buy Local initiative. Niagara Region Economic Development is covering all costs associated with the campaign. No financial contribution will be requested from the local area municipalities.

We will also provide campaign materials and a practical toolkit that each municipality can distribute and use through its websites, social media, newsletters, digital boards, business networks and other appropriate local channels. This will give each municipality ready-to-use tariff support materials for both residents and businesses.

As part of our early regional coordination, Katie Wiens recently met with Niagara's municipal CAOs to provide a high-level overview of the campaign. This ensured your senior administrative awareness of the forthcoming initiative while the creative materials and implementation details are finalized.

[Janine Tessmer](#) , who is covering Katie's portfolio during her maternity leave, will provide Team Niagara with the finalized materials, confirmed campaign timing and further information about opportunities for municipal participation. Please direct any questions to Janine while Katie is on her leave.

Recent federal advocacy

Earlier this week, I participated in a roundtable with **Minister Joly** focused on trade, tariffs and the economic pressures facing Niagara businesses.

The discussion emphasized the need for coordinated regional action, reliable information and practical support that helps businesses respond to changing trade conditions. Niagara Thrives advances these priorities by encouraging residents to support Niagara businesses and directing businesses to consolidated financial programs, trade guidance and other available resources.

Upcoming national engagement

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These activities form part of Niagara Region Economic Development's ongoing work to support businesses and residents as trade conditions evolve. Final campaign materials and implementation details will be shared with Team Niagara as they become available, providing municipalities with resources they may use through their own channels.

Thank you for your continued partnership.

George

George Spezza

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NIAGARA
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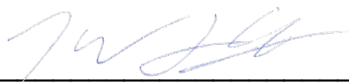
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June 24, 2026

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Dear Ms. Stout:

Re: Port Colborne City Council Motion – Niagara Transit Expansion Services

Please be advised that, at its meeting of June 23, 2026 the Council of The Corporation of the City of Port Colborne passed the following resolution:

WHEREAS transit is a vital service in Niagara, connecting residents, communities, businesses and local services; and

WHEREAS Highway 140 is a critical employment corridor containing key economic development signature sites; and

WHEREAS the ease of the movement of labour is a critical factor in attracting investment into these sites and the success of the businesses located there now and in the future; and

WHEREAS essential services such as grocery, medical and pharmacy, education, recreation and employment opportunities are primarily located on the west side of the Welland Canal but a significant population in Port Colborne live on the east side; and

WHEREAS the Port Colborne urgent care centre will be closing in 2028 to coincide with the opening of the new South Niagara Hospital;

WHEREAS enhancements to transit services will benefit the entire community of Port Colborne;

THEREFORE the Mayor and Council request that Niagara Transit provide route, service level and cost implication options for consideration of the following:

- The potential introduction of transit to service current and future businesses on Highway 140;
- Transit service options that would further connect residents on the East side of the Welland Canal to the West side of the City;

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- Transit service options that improve access to healthcare services, including the Welland Hospital, future South Niagara Hospital, diagnostic imaging services, specialist care, and other major healthcare destinations within the Niagara Region;
- Temporary services during prolonged Seaway bridge closures;

AND FURTHER THAT Council requests Niagara Transit to collaborate with City staff to report back to a future City Council meeting, and work with the Niagara Transit Commission and Regional Council to seek budget approvals;

AND FURTHER THAT Council direct the City Clerk to send this request as official correspondence to the Niagara Transit Commission.

Please find attached a copy of Planning and Development Department Report 2026-87 with further information.

Thank you for your collaboration on this matter.

Sincerely,



Charlotte Madden
City Clerk

ec: Tara Stephens, City Clerk, City of Welland
Jordan Hambleton, Chief of Staff, Niagara Transit
Eric Beauregard, Councillor, City of Port Colborne and Board Member, Niagara Transit Board

Att.: City of Port Colborne Planning and Development Department Report - 2026-87



**The Corporation of the Town of Grimsby
Administration**

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July 16, 2026

SENT VIA E-MAIL

jordan.hambleton@niagaratransit.ca

Dear: Jordan Hambleton, Chief of Staff, Niagara Transit

RE: Request for Information – Connection Service to Grimsby GO Station

Please be advised that the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Grimsby at its meeting held on July 13, 2026, passed the following resolution:

Moved: Councillor Korstanje

Seconded: Councillor Charrois

Resolved that Town of Grimsby Council request the Niagara Transit Commission present plans for the introduction of conventional service that would connect Grimsby and Niagara residents to the new Grimsby GO Station at a future council meeting; and

1. That any plan will be subject to Niagara Transit Commission and Regional Council budget approvals and in line with the Niagara Transit 10-Year Master Plan, and include details about route, service level and cost implications; and
2. That Council direct staff to send this request as official correspondence to the Niagara Transit Commission.

If you require any additional information, please let me know.

Regards,

Victoria Steele
Town Clerk



OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK

Nicholas Debono, City Clerk
3540 Schmon Parkway, P.O. Box 1044
Thorold, ON L2V 4A7

August 14, 2026

SENT ELECTRONICALLY

To the Niagara Transit Commission,

Re: 16.1 Resolution Respecting the provision of financial data for expanded transit coverage from Niagara Regional Transit

Please be advised that the Council of the Corporation of the City of Thorold, at its meeting held on August 11, 2026, considered the aforementioned topic and passed the following resolution:

WHEREAS transit is a vital service in Niagara, connecting residents, communities, businesses and local services;

AND WHEREAS the Brock University Students Union contracts service with the Niagara Transit Commission for certain routes during the school year;

AND WHEREAS many Thorold residents utilize these routes and must navigate reduced service during the summer months;

AND WHEREAS recently, significant development has occurred in the area of Thorold South and Port Robinson West;

AND WHEREAS Route 322 has limited service for the area south of Davis Road;

AND WHEREAS the Port Robinson West area is one of the last remaining areas of Niagara without transit service;

AND WHEREAS enhancements to transit services will benefit the entire community of Thorold;

AND WHEREAS a lack of transit service causes more challenges for residents to be able to access essential services such as groceries, medical and pharmacy, education, recreation and employment opportunities.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Corporation of the City of Thorold enacts as follows:

1. That Thorold City Council **REQUESTS** that the Niagara Transit Commission present, subject to Niagara Transit Commission and Regional Council budget approvals, and in line with the Niagara Transit 10-Year Master Plan, route, service level and cost implication plans for:
 - i. Enhanced transit service to the area of Thorold South;
 - ii. The introduction of transit service to the area of Port Robinson West; and
 - iii. Harmonization of the service level on Route 321/421 for the full year, and
2. That Staff **BE DIRECTED** to send this request as official correspondence to the Niagara Transit Commission.

Thank you,



Nicholas Debono
City Clerk, City of Thorold

**Ministry of
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and Housing**

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234-2026-3477

September 15, 2026

Dear Head of Council,

As we continue working together to protect Ontario workers and communities from President Trump's tariffs, I am writing to make clear our government's expectation that municipalities fully comply with Ontario's Buy Ontario policies and maximize the use of Ontario and Canadian goods and services in municipal procurement. In addition, we will be seeking to extend the Building Ontario Business Initiative (BOBI) to municipalities for good and services procurement.

American tariffs and anti-trade actions against Canadian imports are causing uncertainty for thousands of Ontario businesses and millions of Ontario workers. In response, Ontario has implemented strong procurement requirements that prioritize Ontario and Canadian goods and services in provincial and municipal procurement. These requirements ensure that every possible dollar of Ontario's more than \$30 billion in annual procurement, as well as our \$236 billion, 10-year infrastructure plan, supports Ontario and Canadian workers.

Ontario taxpayers expect municipalities to do the same. Ontario municipalities spend more than \$22 billion each year procuring goods and services. The Municipal Buy Ontario Procurement Directive requires municipalities, local boards and municipal services corporations to prioritize Ontario and Canadian products. In light of this latest round of tariffs and anti-trade actions against Canada, adherence to these requirements is not optional. It is an absolute must. Municipalities must use every available opportunity to prioritize Ontario and Canadian goods and services.

I appreciate that many municipalities are already taking steps to maximize their use of Ontario and Canadian content. Today, I am making clear your obligation, and that of your municipal leadership team, to closely review your supply chains, procurement practices and upcoming purchases to identify every opportunity to increase domestic procurement. This should include determining whether goods and services currently sourced from outside Canada can be replaced with Ontario or Canadian alternatives, including through the expanded application of BOBI.

Failure to comply with Buy Ontario requirements will force us to reconsider provincial funding made available to municipalities, in addition to other consequences under the Buy Ontario Act (Public Sector Procurement), 2025.

In the face of these unprecedented economic attacks against our province and country, we all have a responsibility to do everything within our control to protect our workers and communities. Following Buy Ontario procurement policies can make the difference for an Ontario company that might otherwise be forced to close its doors or lay off workers because of U.S. tariffs.

I welcome your continued partnership as we work together as a united Team Canada to stand up for our province and country and protect Ontario workers and families.

Your Chief Administrative Officer will also receive correspondence outlining our government's expectations that municipal administrations identify further opportunities to increase domestic procurement.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Robert J. Flack". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Robert" and the last name "Flack" clearly legible.

Hon. Robert J. Flack
Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing

c: The Hon. Stephen Crawford, Minister of Public and Business Service Delivery and Procurement



Honourable Rob Flack
Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing
College Park, 17th Floor
777 Bay St.
Toronto, ON, M7A 2J3

Re: Strong Chair Powers and Weighted Voting

Dear Minister Flack,

On behalf of our local Niagara municipalities, we would like to take this opportunity to share with the Province of Ontario important suggestions that could support a brighter future for Niagara.

Most residents of Niagara recognize that change was necessary, and we are excited to see how the Regional Municipality of Niagara can be transformed into a more effective organization. Some of us do not support Strong Chair powers, which could potentially favour some municipalities over others or urban over rural issues. If Strong Chair powers are to be granted, we recommend that there will be limitations on these powers to ensure that Niagara continues to function democratically and that all municipalities can prosper.

Collectively, we feel it is important that Strong Chair powers not be identical to Strong Mayor powers, because Strong Chairs are not tied to any individual community and have not been directly elected. Specifically, it is not felt that a Strong Chair should be able to vote with the same frequency as an elected Mayor; hence, our recommendation below is that the Strong Chair vote only in the event of a tie.

With respect to future governance at the Region, one of Niagara's great strengths is that it has always respected both its urban and its rural communities. It is critically important that the new system provides a mechanism to ensure that this continues. From this perspective, we are proud to present two key concepts which we believe should guide governance in Niagara:

1. Strong Chair Powers

We acknowledge that a Strong Chair may be helpful in the efficient delivery of Regional services. As such, if Strong Chair powers are to be granted, they should be limited to the annual budget, the hiring and firing of senior staff, appointments to Regional committees and subcommittees and voting only in the event of a tie.

2. Double Majority – The Best Form of Weighted Voting

Having reviewed multiple governance models across Ontario, we have not found an entirely ideal one that could be applied to Niagara. As such, we believe that a 'double majority' would constitute



a made-in-Niagara solution that could both respect the needs of urban populations, while also protecting rural needs.

We recommend that the Niagara Region adopt a 'double majority' requirement for passage of important items during the next term of Council. This would mean that at least half of all Niagara municipalities (six) would need to support a measure, and that those municipalities must represent at least half of the total Region population. The elegance of this model considers that urban centres would have the population but not adequate community support, while smaller centres would have the community support but not enough overall population. This would compel both groups to continue to work together on all issues. This will ensure that Niagara can deliver housing, jobs, infrastructure, and prosperity.

Many of Niagara's local municipalities have met with you to discuss the specifics of a double majority vote and how this would work at Regional Council. We propose a technical paper, with procedural rules and weighted voting parameters, to be provided to your Ministry in October 2026. In general, we believe that for day-to-day, simple business items, all municipalities would have one vote. For critical, major financial or legacy-type decisions, weighted voting would apply.

Our local municipalities welcome all opportunities to work with the Provincial government in delivering excellent results for all Niagarans, and we look forward to continuing this important dialogue.

Signed by:

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 Marvin Junkin, Mayor
 Town of Pelham

Signed by:

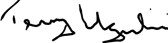
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 William C. Steele, Mayor
 City of Port Colborne

cc: Sam Oosterhoff, Associate Minister of Energy-Intensive Industries

September 25, 2026

CL 16-2026, September 24, 2026
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Motion Respecting Asbestos Investigation – Former General Motors Site

Regional Council, at its meeting held on September 24, 2026, passed the following motion:

WHEREAS asbestos-containing materials were extensively used throughout the former General Motors manufacturing facility;

WHEREAS the site is subject to a Property Standards Order requiring remediation or demolition, creating the potential for asbestos fibres to become airborne if the site is disturbed;

WHEREAS the City of St. Catharines is responsible for issuing building demolition permits;

WHEREAS The Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP) is the primary regulatory agency with the legal jurisdiction, technology and expertise to monitor and identify potential environmental hazards;

WHEREAS Niagara Region Public Health (NRPH) is in direct contact with MECP and will take appropriate action using established, evidence-based scientific methods and public health protocols should evidence of a health hazard be found;

WHEREAS the Ministry of Labour, Immigration, Training and Skills Development (MLITSD) enforces the Occupational Health and Safety Act with respect to worker safety as well as regulatory requirements for asbestos and hazardous substances management while workers are onsite;

WHEREAS the property owner (BayShore Groups or 2390541 Ontario Inc.) and contractor are responsible for ensuring all applicable regulations and permit requirements are followed throughout the demolition;

WHEREAS residents have shared their concerns to NRPH about the possible health hazards from the site;

WHEREAS, pursuant to section 10 of the *Health Protection and Promotion Act*, Niagara Region Public Health is responsible for conducting a human health risk assessment when contaminants are identified as having migrated off-site and may result in public exposure; and

WHEREAS, in such circumstances where contaminants are identified as having migrated off-site and may result in public exposure, Niagara Region Public Health coordinates with the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks, as the lead agency, and takes appropriate action in accordance with established, evidence-based scientific methods and public health protocols.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

1. That Niagara Regional Council **REQUEST** the Medical Officer of Health to continue working with MECP, Public Health Ontario (PHO), MLITSD and the City of St. Catharines to ensure that if a future health hazard is identified, Niagara Region Public Health (NRPH) can work quickly to reduce the impact to the surrounding neighbourhood and Environmental Health team at NRPH, MECP, the City of St. Catharines, and MLITSD will touch base at least every two weeks;
2. That Niagara Regional Council **REQUEST** the City of St. Catharines to take all reasonable steps within its authority to ensure NRPH is provided notice of demolition and remediation plans and **REQUEST** NRPH review and provide public health feedback prior to demolition or other site disturbances;
3. That Niagara Regional Council **REQUEST** NRPH work with the City of St. Catharines to provide public health FAQs for their external website that are up to date regarding any public health information related to site activities, environmental investigations, remediation efforts, and enforcement actions throughout the Property Standards compliance process; and
4. That copies of this resolution **BE CIRCULATED** to the City of St. Catharines and its Council, the other local area municipalities within Niagara Region, the Ontario Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks, Todd McCarthy; the Ontario Minister of Health, Sylvia Jones; and the local Members of Provincial Parliament and Members of Parliament.

Yours truly,



Ann-Marie Norio

Regional Clerk

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CLK-C 2026-073

cc: Dr. A. Kasmani, Medical Officer of Health and Commissioner, Public Health & Emergency Services
G. Kramer, Executive Assistant, Public Health & Emergency Services

Distribution List: City of St. Catharines Council
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From: Ontario Honours And Awards (MCM) <OntarioHonoursAndAwards@ontario.ca>
Sent: Tuesday, September 29, 2026 3:35 PM
To: Ontario Honours And Awards (MCM) <OntarioHonoursAndAwards@ontario.ca>
Subject: 2026 Ontario Senior Achievement Award / Prix d'excellence de l'Ontario pour les personnes âgées de 2026

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Minister

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September 2026

Dear Friends,

It is my pleasure to invite you to submit a nomination for the 2026 [Ontario Senior Achievement Award](#).

Each year, the program recognizes extraordinary seniors who, **after the age of 65**, have made significant contributions to their community or province.

This is to inform you the deadline to nominate someone has been extended to December 1st. You can submit a nomination online by [registering through the Ontario Honours and Awards Portal](#).

For more information about the program, please visit the [Ontario Senior Achievement Award webpage](#).

You may also contact Ontario Honours and Awards Secretariat at OntarioHonoursAndAwards@ontario.ca, if you have questions about the Ontario Senior Achievement Award and how to submit a nomination online.

Thank you in advance for taking the time to consider putting forward the name of a special senior in your community.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Raymond Cho".

Raymond Cho, Minister for Seniors and Accessibility

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Septembre 2026

Madame, Monsieur,

J'ai le plaisir de vous inviter à proposer une candidature au [Prix d'excellence de l'Ontario pour les personnes âgées](#) de 2026.

Chaque année, le programme rend hommage aux aînés extraordinaires qui, **après l'âge de 65 ans**, ont apporté une contribution exceptionnelle à leur communauté ou à la province.

Nous souhaitons vous informer que la date limite pour présenter une candidature a été prolongée jusqu'au 1^{er} décembre. Pour soumettre une candidature en ligne, veuillez-vous [inscrire au Portail des distinctions et prix de l'Ontario](#).

Pour plus de renseignements sur le programme, veuillez consulter la [page Web du Prix d'excellence de l'Ontario pour les personnes âgées](#).

Si vous avez des questions au sujet du Prix d'excellence de l'Ontario pour les personnes âgées, veuillez contacter aussi le Secrétariat des distinctions et prix de l'Ontario à OntarioHonoursAndAwards@ontario.ca.

Je vous remercie d'avance de prendre le temps de songer à proposer le nom d'une personne âgée exceptionnelle de votre collectivité.

Veuillez agréer, Madame, Monsieur, l'expression de mes sentiments les meilleurs.

Sincèrement,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Raymond Cho".

Raymond Cho

Ministre des Services aux aînés et de l'Accessibilité

September 29, 2026

To: Alectra Utilities
sent via email:

Re: Electricity Bill Relief for Flood Affected Residents
Our File: 10.12.1

At its meeting of September 14, 2026, St. Catharines City Council approved the following motion:

WHEREAS the recent flooding in St. Catharines caused significant damage to homes and required many residents to operate sump pumps, dehumidifiers, fans, air conditioners, water pumps and other equipment continuously to remove water, dry their homes and prevent further damage; and

WHEREAS these necessary flood recovery measures resulted in significant increases in electricity consumption for many affected households, with some residents reporting electricity bills that increased by 100% or more compared with their normal usage; and

WHEREAS these increased electricity costs were incurred through no fault of affected residents and add an additional financial burden at a time when many households are already facing substantial costs to repair and restore their homes;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that St. Catharines City Council formally request that the Ontario Energy Board establish a one time flood relief credit, refund or other financial assistance program for St. Catharines residential customers who can demonstrate a significant increase in electricity consumption directly associated with flood cleanup and recovery; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Council request that, where required, the Ontario Energy Board work with local Utilities to identify and authorize an appropriate mechanism to provide this relief; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the requested program prioritize households whose electricity consumption or bill increased by 100% or more during the flood recovery period compared with an appropriate previous billing period or historical household usage; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Ontario Energy Board be requested to make the application process simple and accessible, recognizing that affected residents are already dealing with significant flood related recovery costs; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to local Utilities, affected Niagara municipalities, the Ontario Energy Board, the Minister of Energy and Mines, the Federation of Canadian Municipalities, and Niagara Area Members of Provincial Parliament for their support.

If you have any questions, please contact the Office of the City Clerk at extension 1524.



Kristen Sullivan, City Clerk
ksullivan@stcatharines.ca
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cc: Niagara Municipalities
Ontario Energy Board
Ministry of Energy and Mines
Federation of Canadian Municipalities
Niagara Area MPP's



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October 2, 2026

SENT VIA EMAIL: OEBmedia@oeb.ca

Ontario Energy Board
2300 Yonge St., 27th fl.
P.O. Box 2319
Toronto, ON M4P 1E4

RE: Town of Lincoln Council Resolution – Request to the Ontario Energy Board for a Flood Relief Program

Please be advised that Council of the Corporation of the Town of Lincoln at its Special Council Meeting held on September 30, 2026, passed the following resolution regarding a request to the Ontario Energy Board for a Flood Relief Program:

Resolution Number: SC-2026-74

Moved by: Councillor Lynn Timmers; Seconded by: Councillor Tony Brunet

WHEREAS the recent flooding in the Town of Lincoln caused significant damage to homes and required many residents to operate sump pumps, dehumidifiers, fans, air conditioners, water pumps and other equipment continuously to remove water, dry their homes and prevent further damage; and

WHEREAS these necessary flood recovery measures resulted in significant increases in electricity consumption for many affected households, with some residents reporting electricity bills that increased substantially compared with their normal usage; and

WHEREAS these increased electricity costs were incurred through no fault of affected residents and add an additional financial burden at a time when many households are already facing substantial costs to repair and restore their homes;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Lincoln Council endorse the resolution passed by the City of St. Catharines requesting that the Ontario Energy Board establish a one-time flood relief credit, refund, or other financial assistance

program for affected residential electricity customers who can demonstrate a significant increase in electricity consumption directly associated with flood cleanup and recovery; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Council request that, where required, the Ontario Energy Board work with local electricity utilities to identify and authorize an appropriate mechanism to provide such relief; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the requested program prioritize households whose electricity consumption or bill increased during the flood recovery period compared with an appropriate previous billing period or historical household usage; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Ontario Energy Board be requested to make any application process simple and accessible, recognizing that affected residents are already dealing with significant flood-related recovery costs, or apply it across the municipality; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to local electricity utilities, all Niagara municipalities, the Ontario Energy Board, the Minister of Energy and Mines, the Federation of Canadian Municipalities, Association of Municipalities of Ontario and Niagara Area Members of Provincial Parliament for their support.

CARRIED

If you require any additional information, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned.

Regards,



Julie Kirkelos
Town Clerk

jkirkelos@lincoln.ca

cc: The Minister of Energy and Mines
The Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM)
Niagara MPPs
Niagara municipalities
Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)
Niagara Peninsula Energy

September 30, 2026

Executive Director
York Regional Police Services Board

Delivered by email
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The Honourable Doug Ford
Premier of Ontario

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The Honourable Rob Flack
Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing

minister.mah@ontario.ca

Alcohol and Gaming Commission of Ontario (AGCO)

municipal@agco.ca

**Re: Town of Aurora Council Resolution of September 22, 2026
Report No. CS26-022 - Cannabis Retail Review Task Force - Findings and
Recommendations**

Please be advised that this matter was considered by Council at its meeting held on September 22, 2026, and in this regard, Council adopted the following resolution:

1. That **Report No. CS26-022** be received; and
2. That the Local Actions set out in the Recommendations section of the final report of the Cannabis Retail Review Task Force be implemented; and
3. That the final report of the Cannabis Retail Review Task Force be circulated to York Regional Police, the Premier of Ontario, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the Alcohol and Gaming Commission of Ontario (AGCO), Local Members of Provincial Parliament, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), and all municipalities in Ontario for consideration and support.

The above is for your consideration and any attention deemed necessary.

Sincerely,



Anne Kantharajah
Town Clerk
The Corporation of the Town of Aurora

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Attachments (Council meeting extract and final report of the Cannabis Retail Review Task Force)

Copy: Dawn Gallagher Murphy, MPP Newmarket—Aurora
(dawn.gallaghermurphy@pc.ola.org)
Hon. Michael Parsa, MPP Aurora—Oak Ridges—Richmond Hill
(michael.parsaco@pc.ola.org)
Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) (resolutions@amo.on.ca)
All Ontario Municipalities



8. Committee of the Whole Meeting Report of September 8, 2026

Moved by Councillor Thompson

Seconded by Councillor Gallo

That the Committee of the Whole Meeting Report of September 8, 2026, be received and the recommendations carried by the Committee approved, with the exception of sub-items 8.4.1, 8.4.2, and 8.9.1, which were discussed and voted on separately as recorded below.

Yeas (7): Mayor Mrakas, Councillor Weese, Councillor Gilliland, Councillor Gaertner, Councillor Thompson, Councillor Gallo, and Councillor Kim

Carried (7 to 0)

8.4 Corporate Services Committee Agenda

8.4.4 CS26-022 - Cannabis Retail Review Task Force - Findings and Recommendations

1. That Report No. CS26-022 be received; and
2. That the Local Actions set out in the Recommendations section of the final report of the Cannabis Retail Review Task Force be implemented; and
3. That the final report of the Cannabis Retail Review Task Force be circulated to York Regional Police, the Premier of Ontario, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the Alcohol and Gaming Commission of Ontario (AGCO), Local Members of Provincial Parliament, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), and all municipalities in Ontario for consideration and support.

Carried

Cannabis Retail Review Task Force

Final Findings and Recommendations

August 27, 2026

1. Purpose

The Cannabis Retail Review Task Force was established by Council to review the Town of Aurora's experience since opting in to Ontario's retail cannabis framework and to report back to Council with findings and recommendations.

The Task Force reviewed the provincial regulatory framework, previous Council decisions and reports, information from Town staff and York Regional Police, enforcement and complaint information, community concerns, the experience of neighbouring residents and businesses, and feedback received through the 2026 Cannabis Retail Review Survey.

The Task Force recognizes that legal cannabis retailers are legitimate businesses operating within a provincially regulated framework. The purpose of this review is not to reconsider the legalization of cannabis or Aurora's decision to opt in, but to determine what has been learned from Aurora's experience and identify opportunities to better address community impacts.

2. Background

Aurora Council opted in to permit private cannabis retail stores on January 21, 2019.

At the same time, Council recognized potential concerns regarding the location and concentration of cannabis retail stores and requested that the Alcohol and Gaming Commission of Ontario consider additional location restrictions.

Specifically, Council requested:

- A minimum 150-metre separation between cannabis retail stores; and
- A minimum 150-metre separation between cannabis retail stores and specified sensitive uses, including daycares, nurseries, parks, group homes, addiction and

counselling facilities, recreation facilities, the Aurora Public Library, Town Hall and similar public gathering uses.

Despite Council's request, these additional criteria were not adopted by the AGCO.

The Province currently requires a 150-metre separation from schools and private schools. Municipalities do not have authority to license private cannabis retailers or regulate cannabis retail as a separate land use. Cannabis stores are otherwise subject to the same applicable municipal zoning requirements as other permitted retail uses.

The Town's 2023 Retail Cannabis Update subsequently confirmed that the number or proximity of cannabis stores is not an objectionable criterion under the provincial framework and that municipalities have no control over their locations beyond the zoning requirements applicable to retail uses generally.

3. Community Survey

Council authorized a Cannabis Retail Review Survey to provide the Task Force with current community feedback.

The survey was conducted from July 14 to August 9, 2026 and was promoted through Town communication channels.

The survey received:

- 479 visits; and
- 154 completed responses.

The survey should be considered an important source of community feedback rather than a statistically representative referendum of all Aurora residents.

Overall, the survey indicates that the principal concern among respondents is not simply the existence of legal cannabis retail stores. Concerns are more strongly associated with:

- The number of cannabis retail stores;
- Concentration and clustering;
- Store locations;
- Proximity to sensitive uses;

- Youth exposure; and
- Neighbourhood impacts.

The Task Force also recognizes that a segment of respondents supports cannabis retail and considers these businesses legitimate and appropriately regulated retail operations.

These results generally reinforce the location and concentration concerns identified by Aurora Council when it opted in to cannabis retail in 2019.

4. Task Force Findings

Finding 1: Cannabis retail has not created a significant town-wide enforcement problem

The available information does not demonstrate widespread public safety, crime or municipal enforcement problems associated with cannabis retail stores across Aurora.

Town staff have historically reported relatively few complaints associated with legal cannabis retailers, and proactive By-law inspections conducted in March 2026 did not identify violations.

The Task Force therefore does not find evidence supporting a conclusion that cannabis retail stores, as a class of business, represent a significant town-wide enforcement problem.

Finding 2: Town-wide statistics do not necessarily reflect localized impacts

While aggregate complaint and enforcement numbers are relatively low, the Task Force heard concerns regarding impacts experienced by residents and businesses neighbouring certain cannabis retail locations.

Issues identified during the Task Force's work included:

- Litter and discarded cannabis packaging;

- Parking;
- Signage;
- Patron behaviour;
- Loitering or prolonged gathering;
- Neighbourhood compatibility; and
- Other nuisance and quality-of-life concerns.

The Task Force finds that a relatively small number of locations can generate significant impacts for immediate neighbours without producing large town-wide complaint statistics.

Accordingly, aggregate complaint data should not be the sole measure used to determine whether a localized problem exists.

Finding 3: Location and concentration are central concerns

The Task Force finds that one of the most consistent concerns is the location and concentration of cannabis retail stores rather than the existence of legal cannabis retail itself.

This finding is reinforced by the 2026 community survey, which identified the perceived number, concentration and location of stores as primary concerns.

The existing provincial framework provides Aurora with little ability to address these concerns.

Finding 4: Aurora anticipated these concerns in 2019

The Task Force finds it significant that Aurora Council identified location and concentration as potential concerns before cannabis retail stores began operating in the Town.

Council's 2019 request for:

- 150-metre separation between cannabis retail stores; and
- 150-metre separation from specified sensitive uses

was intended to provide reasonable safeguards while allowing legal cannabis retail businesses to operate in Aurora.

Seven years of experience and the results of the 2026 review demonstrate that many of the concerns identified by Council in 2019 remain relevant.

Finding 5: The provincial framework significantly limits municipal control

The Task Force finds that there is a significant gap between municipal responsibility for responding to community concerns and municipal authority to prevent or address the underlying location issues.

Aurora can enforce generally applicable municipal bylaws, including parking, signage and property-related regulations.

However, Aurora cannot:

- License cannabis retail stores;
- Regulate cannabis retail as a separate land use;
- Establish cannabis-specific zoning;
- Establish mandatory separation distances between cannabis stores; or
- Establish additional cannabis-specific setbacks from sensitive uses.

The ultimate authority respecting retail cannabis authorizations rests with the Province through the AGCO.

Finding 6: Localized problems require targeted responses

Given the relatively low level of town-wide complaints but more significant concerns associated with particular locations, the Task Force finds that targeted intervention is preferable to blanket enforcement.

Where persistent problems are identified, the Town should coordinate available resources and work with retailers, property owners, neighbouring businesses, residents, By-law Services, YRP and the AGCO, as appropriate, to address the specific circumstances.

Finding 7: Residents need clearer information about where and how to report concerns

Responsibility for cannabis-related concerns is divided among several organizations.

Depending upon the issue, residents may need to contact:

- Town of Aurora By-law Services;
- York Regional Police;
- The AGCO;
- York Region; or
- A property owner or business operator.

The Task Force finds that clearer public information would improve reporting, allow concerns to be directed to the appropriate authority and improve the quality of information available for future monitoring.

5. Recommendations

The Cannabis Retail Review Task Force recommends that Council endorse the following actions.

A. Local Actions

1. Improve public information and reporting

That the Town develop clear public information identifying where residents and businesses should report cannabis retail concerns, including the respective responsibilities of the Town, AGCO, York Regional Police and other appropriate agencies.

2. Establish a targeted response approach

That where recurring concerns are identified around a cannabis retail location, appropriate Town departments coordinate a targeted response using existing municipal

enforcement authorities and engage the retailer, property owner, neighbouring residents and businesses, YRP and AGCO where appropriate.

3. Encourage retailer and property-owner engagement

That the Town encourage cannabis retailers and property owners to proactively address legitimate neighbourhood concerns, including litter, parking, property maintenance and patron behaviour occurring on their properties.

4. Continue monitoring

That the Town periodically monitor cannabis retail-related complaints and enforcement activity to identify emerging trends or recurring locations of concern and report significant developments to Council as appropriate.

B. Provincial Advocacy

5. Reaffirm Aurora's 2019 position

That Council reaffirm its January 21, 2019 position respecting cannabis retail store locations and advocate to the Province of Ontario and the AGCO for implementation of those principles.

Specifically, Aurora should continue to advocate for authority to establish:

- A minimum 150-metre separation between cannabis retail stores; and
- A minimum 150-metre separation between cannabis retail stores and appropriate sensitive uses, including daycares, nurseries, parks, group homes, addiction and counselling facilities, recreation facilities, libraries and other appropriate public gathering places.

6. Provide municipalities greater authority over location and clustering

That Council request that the Province amend the cannabis retail regulatory framework to provide municipalities with meaningful authority to address the location, density and clustering of cannabis retail stores within their communities.

Any expanded municipal authority should allow municipalities to develop locally appropriate standards while maintaining reasonable opportunities for legal cannabis retailers to operate.

7. Strengthen municipal input into AGCO decisions

That Council request that the Province strengthen the municipal role in the AGCO retail store authorization process, including requiring meaningful consideration of municipal concerns regarding location, concentration, sensitive uses and documented community impacts.

8. Review operating conditions where neighbourhood impacts exist

That the Province and AGCO be requested to examine whether additional regulatory tools are appropriate where a cannabis retail operation generates repeated, documented impacts on neighbouring residential or commercial properties, including whether operating conditions or hours may be considered where warranted.

9. Coordinate advocacy with other Ontario municipalities

That Aurora's final Task Force report and Council resolution be forwarded to:

- The Premier of Ontario;
- The appropriate Provincial Ministers;
- The AGCO;
- The Association of Municipalities of Ontario;
- York Region;
- All Ontario municipalities,

with a request for support for greater municipal authority over cannabis retail location and clustering.

6. Conclusion

Aurora's experience with legal cannabis retail is nuanced.

The Task Force did not find evidence that cannabis retailers generally represent a significant town-wide public safety or enforcement problem. Legal cannabis retailers

are regulated businesses that contribute to Aurora's economy and should be treated fairly.

At the same time, the review demonstrates that legitimate localized impacts can occur and that the current provincial framework leaves municipalities with limited tools to address one of the community's principal concerns: where cannabis stores locate and how closely they may be concentrated.

Importantly, Aurora anticipated these issues in 2019.

When Council opted in to cannabis retail, it supported reasonable separation distances between stores and from sensitive uses. Those recommendations were not incorporated into the provincial framework. The concerns identified through the Task Force's work and the 2026 community survey demonstrate that those principles remain relevant today.

The Task Force therefore recommends a balanced approach.

Locally, Aurora should improve reporting, monitoring, communication and targeted responses where problems occur.

Provincially, Aurora should renew and strengthen its advocacy for the principles Council established in 2019 and request meaningful municipal authority over cannabis retail location, concentration and neighbourhood compatibility.

This approach recognizes cannabis retailers as legitimate businesses while also recognizing the responsibility of municipal government to protect the quality of life of residents and neighbouring businesses.

Councillor John Gallo
Town of Aurora
Cannabis Retail Review Task Force Chair

Memorandum

To: Mayor Steele and Members of Council
From: Councillor Hoyle
Date: October 13, 2026
Re: West Street Heritage Conservation District

The purpose of this memorandum is to outline a proposed motion respecting the potential consideration of a Heritage Conservation District for West Street. The motion would direct staff to engage local business and property owners regarding a Heritage Conservation District and to report back to Council with their findings and recommendations.

A Heritage Conservation District is intended to preserve and enhance the overall character of a defined area rather than regulate individual properties in isolation. The distinctive character of West Street has been maintained and strengthened over many years through the stewardship and investment of property owners. Establishing a Heritage Conservation District would recognize and celebrate these efforts while providing a framework to ensure that future development and redevelopment is sensitive to and compatible with the unique historical and architectural character of the area.

Staff from the City's Heritage Archives have compiled extensive historical information regarding West Street and its buildings, providing a valuable foundation for further study. In addition, staff from the City's Planning Department possess the technical and legislative expertise required to undertake the Heritage Conservation District process and evaluate the opportunities, benefits, and considerations associated with a potential designation.

I am requesting that the following motion be approved:

Therefore it be resolved:

That Planning staff, in collaboration with Heritage Archives staff, be directed to engage with property owners, business owners, and the Downtown BIA with respect to the considerations of a Heritage Conservation District for West Street; and

That this motion be circulated to the Heritage Sub-Committee for consultation.

Thank you for your consideration,

Councillor Hoyle
Ward 2

Memorandum

To: City Council
From: Grant Allocation Advisory Committee
Date: October 13, 2026
Re: Second Allocation of Community Grants

Please be advised at the September 9, 2026, meeting of the Grant Allocation Advisory Committee, the Committee passed the following resolution:

Moved by B. Haymes
Seconded by T. Hoyle

That the Grant Allocation Advisory Committee recommends to Council the following funding requests be approved for a total of \$21,600 in the second allocation of grants for 2026:

Big Brothers / Big Sisters	\$2,000
South Niagara Singers	\$900
PC Girls Hockey Association	\$5,125
Living out Loud Community Support	\$2,500
PC Feline initiative	\$1,600
Start Me Up Niagara	\$1,400
Harbour Life Singers	\$2,000
Birchway Niagara	\$2,700
PC Operatic Society	\$1,500
SJSB Church	\$1,875

That a memo be sent to council.

CARRIED

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 October 13, 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 October 13, 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 13th day of October 2026.

William C. Steele
Mayor

Charlotte Madden
City Clerk