



MAYOR'S REPORT – MARCH 11, 2019

REMEMBRANCE OF OUR SERVICE PERSONNEL

Tomorrow we will be hanging yellow ribbons on the lampposts in front of City Hall, as we have done every year since 2009, when Corporal Tyler Crooks lost his life in Afghanistan.

These yellow ribbons symbolize our remembrance not only of Tyler and his ultimate sacrifice while serving his country, but of all past veterans and current personnel serving our country.

I would ask everyone to stand for a moment of silence as we remember.

Stand for one minute.

Thank you.

WIND STORM

Last week I had the opportunity to meet with officials from Canadian Niagara Power Inc. and members of staff to have a post wind storm discussion about the storm that hit our city over the weekend of February 23 and 24 as well as an update on the hydro situation in Port Colborne.

Canadian Niagara Power are scheduled to come to our April 8th meeting to provide council and members of the public with an update on past and future plans for Port Colborne.

I can tell you that during the two recent wind storms, CNPI and our staff worked extremely hard to get power back on in areas of the city that experienced outages.

But, as well as we worked together, especially through Sunday night in February, we realized we could do better.

We have now established a wind protocol that will result in a pre-preparation meeting between our staff and CNPI staff well in advance of any storm.

CNPI also committed to improved communications which was evident in their broadcasts during yesterday's power outage.

VISIT FROM FEDERAL TRANSPORTATION MINISTER MARC GARNEAU

On Wednesday, the Federal Minister of Transportation, The Honourable Marc Garneau will be coming to Port Colborne to meet with trade corridor stakeholders, including representatives of industry, elected officials, and educational institutions.

I will have the opportunity to have a one-on-one with him to speak about Port Colborne's opportunities within the St. Lawrence Seaway and the Niagara Gateway Region and discussing the need for a Port of Niagara, which also relates to our rail and highway infrastructure.

MARCH BREAK ACTIVITIES

March break activities are currently underway at the Public Library on King Street and the Vale Health & Wellness Centre.

Check out our website for lots of great family fun activities to keep the little ones busy.

OPENING OF THE WELLAND CANAL

On Sunday, March 17th, in addition to being St. Patrick's Day, St. James and St. Brendan Anglican Church will be holding their annual Mariner's Service to give thanks and blessings to those mariners who will be heading out onto the Great Lakes and beyond later that week

The service will start at 7:00 p.m. in the sanctuary and will continue at the Guild Hall with fellowship and music.

Friday, March 22 is the official opening of the Welland Canal and in Port Colborne that means Fair Trade Pancake Breakfast and Top Hat Ceremony.

Join us at Lock 8 Park at 8:00 a.m. on Friday, March 22 as our Fair Trade Committee ruffles up a free pancake breakfast with plenty of hot fair trade coffee, tea and hot chocolate.

Entertainment provided by the students of McKay Public School.

At 8:30 we will begin the Top Hat Ceremony welcoming the Captain of the first downbound ship into the Welland Canal.

It's a great annual tradition and we hope you will join us.