



CITY OF PORT COLBORNE
SPECIAL COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
MEETING AGENDA
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 2013 –
5:30 P.M.
Council Chambers, 3rd Floor, 66 Charlotte St.

CALL MEETING TO ORDER Deputy Mayor David Elliott

1. CONFIRMATION OF AGENDA
2. DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST
3. DELEGATIONS:

(a) Jeff Stuart, Chair of Management Program at Niagara College and Andrea Birrell, Manager, Port Cares Re 2013 Many Hands Project – Port Cares Reach Out Food Centre

4. PRESENTATIONS:

(a) Continuation of Draft 2013 Budget Deliberations
Peter Senese, Director of Community and Corporate Services

5. ADJOURN

Note: Please bring the 2013 budget package to the meeting



To: Port Colborne City Council
From: The 2013 Many Hands Project Committee
Date: February 20, 2013
Subject: 2013 Many Hands Project – Port Cares Reach Out Food Centre

We look forward to presenting this year's Many Hands Project to Council at an upcoming City Council meeting. We would like to update Council on the project, the scope of work and the level of community impact it will have in Port Colborne. We are requesting a "Peace" Level of sponsorship in the amount of \$500 to support the *indoor family friendly children's area* or the *expansion of the community garden plots (located on David Street, Port Colborne)*. If a presentation to Council by late March is not conducive, we would like to send each Councilor an information package in this regard. Below is a summary of the Many Hands Project and our impact on the Port Colborne Reach Out Food Centre.

The Many Hands Project is a student-driven renovation program designed to help the students of the Event Management Post Graduate Program and the Construction Studies Programs at Niagara College receive hands-on experience in their designated fields. Together they select a non-profit organization within the Niagara Region to receive their assistance in planning and executing the entire process including; completing the desired renovations, volunteer recruitment, and raising awareness for the non-profit organization. Since 1998, the Many Hands Project has supported 16 non-profit organizations through renovation and landscaping projects. This year is our first time in Port Colborne.

As the needs vary for each recipient year to year, the cost changes as well. With our \$0 budget, we rely on sponsorships, donations, and five local fundraisers organized and executed by the Event Management students to help offset the renovations expenses. We have once again secured a \$5,000 partnership with our 16-year standing lead sponsor, Canadian Tire Financial Service.

As you are aware, the recipient this year is Port Cares Reach Out Food Centre and one that we all feel very passionate about. Port Cares is a non-profit community organization providing leadership, support programs, and resources intended to help improve the quality of life of local citizens. The centre is currently serving over 1400 people in the Port Colborne and Wainfleet townships and over 132 families with more than two children, with numbers rising each month.

The recent expansions at the Reach Out Food Centre serve an excellent purpose and have allowed it to serve a greater number of people. However, these changes have created some durability, longevity and functionality concerns at the property. The students are working hard together to help fund and complete the necessary renovations, which include floor repairs, insulation, a movable privacy grill at the kitchen counter, painting, creation of an indoor family friendly child play area, storage creation and the expansion of the outdoor community garden plots. Renovations began January 11th, 2013 with a successful Groundbreaking Ceremony at which Mayor Badawey made a special presentation. The expected completion date for the renovations is April 13th, 2013, and will be celebrated with a community block party organized by the Many Hands Project Committee.

We know that by making the necessary improvements to the Port Cares Reach Out Food Centre, we will be helping a very deserving organization reach out and help more community members in need. We look forward to the City of Port Colborne's help and support to make this project a success.

Thank you.

The 2013 Many Hands Committee