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City of Port Colborne to Take Action on Radon

The City of Port Colborne is PORTicipating in the 100 Radon Test Kit Challenge

Port Colborne, ON (Jan. 21, 2019) – The City of Port Colborne is PORTicipating in the 100 Radon Test Kit Challenge research project to help residents learn about Radon in their homes, and assist the municipality in their research to determine the extent of elevated radon levels locally.

Take Action on Radon is hosting a Radon Information Session in Port Colborne on Tuesday, Jan. 29, 2019 from 6 – 8 p.m. in the Bocce Room at the Vale Health & Wellness Centre. A Take Action on Radon representative will be providing a 30-minute presentation at 6 p.m. 100 FREE Radon Test Kits will be available to the first 100 attendees.

Radon is a colourless, odourless, radioactive gas created by the natural decay of uranium in the soil. A measurable amount of radon is found in every building, but exposure to high amounts over a long period of time presents a risk for lung cancer. In fact, radon is the primary cause of lung cancer in non-smokers. It is important to note, however, that all homes can be tested for radon and radon levels can be reduced if they are found to be high. The only way for homeowners to know their radon level is to test.

By participating in this program, the City's building department can gather data on what the radon levels are, and what percentage of homes are above Canada's radon guideline. This data will provide insight to city staff on what policy changes or other support might be useful to help residents identify and reduce radon levels in their homes.

For more information, visit: <https://takeactiononradon.ca/events/port-colborne-radon-information-session/>.

About City of Port Colborne

Located on the south coast of the scenic Niagara Region, Niagara's Port of Call has found the perfect balance – successful industrial and commercial sectors, comfortable and scenic residential areas, white sand beaches, unique culinary choices, the world class Sugarloaf Marina, fishing, golfing, trails, shopping districts along the historic Welland Canal and an energized festival and entertainment scene that includes live theatre – truly a community that adds to the overall Niagara Experience.

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