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City releases name in Fire Code Violation Conviction

Port Colborne, ON (July 19, 2018) – Upon receiving legal advice, the City of Port Colborne and Port Colborne Fire & Emergency Services is releasing the name of the owner of 53 Nickel Street.

On July 18, 2018, Mrs. Nelly Engelage, the owner of 53 Nickel Street, was convicted on two counts in Provincial Offences Court for failing to comply with the Ontario Fire Code and was fined \$100,000 (plus a victim surcharge of 25%), in accordance with the provisions of the Fire Protection and Prevention Act. The maximum fines allowable by law were levied on both charges.

On December 14, 2016, Port Colborne Fire & Emergency Services responded to a reported structure fire. Responding crews found the dwelling to be fully involved on arrival. Four occupants of the dwelling lost their lives that morning. During the investigation it was determined that the owner of the dwelling failed to maintain the smoke alarms and test the smoke alarms annually.

Port Colborne Fire Chief Cartwright reminds all residents and owners of buildings in Port Colborne of their responsibilities under the Ontario Fire Code. Smoke and carbon monoxide alarms must be installed and maintained. Failing to meet these requirements could result in fines of up to fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000.00) per count.

Port Colborne residents or building owners that require assistance in determining whether they are in compliance are encouraged to call Port Colborne Fire & Emergency Services at 905-834-4512.

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