



MEDIA RELEASE

Port Colborne to hold ceremony for National Day of Mourning

Port Colborne, ON (Tuesday, April 24, 2018) - At their meeting on Monday, April 23, 2018 Council proclaimed Saturday, April 28, 2018 as National Day of Mourning, in accordance with the request received from the National Regional Labour Board. Flags at City Hall will be flown at Half-Mast.

A ceremony will also be held at the Workers' Monument at H.H. Knoll Lakeview Park, 260 Sugarloaf Street, Port Colborne, at 1 p.m. Mayor John Maloney along with Fire Chief Tom Cartwright and members of the Port Colborne Fire & Emergency Services will be in attendance.

"April 28 is a day of mourning. A day to reflect, remember, and pay our respects to the thousands of workers who have died or been injured on the job and the families they have left behind," said Mayor Maloney.

Health & Safety is a top priority in the City of Port Colborne. A full-time Health & Safety Coordinator works to ensure staff are provided training on a regular basis and working in a safe environment. With increased awareness around mental health and presumptive legislation for Fire Fighters and the associated risks of cancer, in 2018 the City will be focusing on rolling out new initiatives that focus on the well-being of staff and their families.

The City also encourages all employers in the city to ensure health & safety is a top priority. Mayor Maloney commented further that "as we remember, may we renew our commitment to the promotion of healthy and safe workplaces and the prevention of future fatalities".

Beginning May 7 over 40 students will join the City of Port Colborne for summer employment in various roles. They will undergo training as a group and then move on to specialized training depending on the department they will be working in.

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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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