



PORT COLBORNE

MEDIA RELEASE

Photo contest winners and finalists demonstrate they are Port Colborne Proud

Port Colborne, ON (Date) – Online voting for the #PortColborneProud photo contest was open from Tuesday, Feb. 25 – Tuesday, Mar. 3. COVID-19 delayed the announcement of contest winners, but the pandemic has never dampened the pride Port Colborne residents have for their City. After receiving 943 votes, the City is happy to announce the winners and finalists of the #PortColborneProud photo contest:

Category: Heritage, Arts and Culture

First place: Albert de Laat for *Outer Lighthouse*
Second place: Sandy Marr for *Public Art/Graffiti*

Category: Outdoor Adventure

First place: Nina Secord for *Welland Canal*
Second place: Brandon Little for *Nickel Beach Surfers*

The first place winners in each category received a total prize (combination of cash and gift cards) valued at approximately \$500. The second place winners received a total prize (combination of cash and gift cards) valued at approximately \$250.

Each finalist also received a \$25 gift card/voucher. The finalists are:

Category: Heritage Arts and Culture

Karl Roberts for *Port Marine Museum*
Brad Wood for *Lighthouse at Sunset*
David Sutherland for *Marine Industry*

Category: Outdoor Adventure

Melanie Moore for *Happy Girl*
Marilyn Turner for *Port Colborne Sunset*
Brian Klauck for *Breakwall Fishing*

The winning and finalists photos were to be on display at the Port Colborne Public Library and select locations throughout the city, however, due to the current closure of City facilities, this display has been postponed to a later date. In the meantime, the photographers' work can be enjoyed in a gallery on our [website](#).

About the #PortColborneProud Photo Contest

Spearheaded by the Economic Development Department, in partnership with the Port Colborne Public Library, the #PortColborneProud Photo Contest provided the City with an opportunity to refresh the current inventory of images, and provide residents and visitors the ability to show us how they see Port Colborne. From Nov. 28, 2019 until Jan. 31, 2020, the City of Port Colborne accepted photos from resident and visitor amateur photographers that capture what is beautiful, creative, innovative,

and authentic about the city. PORTicipants were also encouraged to share their entries on social media using the hashtag #PortColborneProud and mentioning the City of Port Colborne and Port Colborne Public Library on Facebook, Instagram, and/or Twitter. To be eligible to submit a photo(s) entrants were to be amateur photographers, at least 19 years of age, and residents and visitors of Port Colborne who are residents of Canada (with the exception of Quebec). The City received 109 submissions and a panel of judges narrowed it down to 10 finalists, between two categories, for the public to vote on. Voting was open online from Tuesday, Feb. 25 – Tuesday, Mar. 3. For more information about the #PortColborneProud photo contest, and to read the terms and conditions, visit www.portcolborne.ca/page/PortColborneProud.

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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