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Port Colborne Vinyl Fire

Port Colborne, Ont. (February 6, 2018) 3:35 p.m. –
Update provided by Deputy Fire Chief Mike Bendia:

Just before 07:39 a.m. an Industrial fire broke out at Vinyl Works Canada, 2174 Barber Road in Port Colborne.

The fire is under control and crews are currently working on hot spots. The building has fully collapsed.

Residents are reminded to stay indoors with their windows and doors closed while the Ministry of Environment continues to conduct further air quality testing. The Ministry of Environment has currently tested 3 locations: Concession 3 & Babion Road, the Miller Yard on Hwy 140, and 2250 Ramey Road. The air quality at these locations was reported as safe to Deputy Fire Chief Mike Bendia. Based on air quality testing school children can be released and picked up from schools via regular transportation.

Agencies that have provided support included Fire Departments from across Niagara Region, Ministry of Environment, Enbridge, Canadian Niagara Power, Niagara Regional Police Services, EMS and Niagara Region staff.

Seven employees were at the building when the fire began and everyone exited safely. No one was transported or required medical attention by EMS.

The office of the Fire Marshal has been notified and investigation will begin when the fire is extinguished.

Road closures will continue on Barber Road & 2nd Concession along with Hwy 140 & 2nd Concession until the scene is cleared by Port Colborne Fire & Emergency Services.

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