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Port Colborne Vinyl Fire

Port Colborne, Ont. (February 7, 2018) 7:15 a.m. –
Update provided by Deputy Fire Chief Mike Bendia:

Just before 07:39 a.m. on Tuesday, February 6, 2018 an Industrial fire broke out at Vinyl Works Canada, 2174 Barber Road in Port Colborne.

Crews worked all night to extinguish hot spots. There is still smoldering happening that is producing smoke. The wind direction has changed and is blowing towards the west side of the City. The Ministry of Environment air quality testing is within acceptable limits, however, residents are advised that if they have smoke in their area to continue to stay indoors with doors and windows closed. The Ministry of Environment will be back on scene today to continue to monitor air quality.

Port Colborne Fire & Emergency Services is experiencing frozen equipment and are working to de-thaw to return to the scene. Fire crews from Welland, Wainfleet, Fort Erie and Pelham stayed through the night to assist and have returned to their municipality.

Deputy Fire Chief Mike Bendia would like to thank all agencies, especially all Regional Fire Departments that have provided mutual aid.

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. Niagara Regional Police Services are preventing access to the scene.

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