



## City reminds residents to PORTicipate safely this long weekend

**Port Colborne, ON (May 21, 2021)** – Heading into the Victoria Day long weekend, the City of Port Colborne is reminding residents to PORTicipate safely by continuing to follow COVID-19 guidelines and only use outdoor facilities designated for resident use.

Starting Saturday, May 22 at 12:01 a.m., here are some great ideas to PORTicipate this weekend:

- Go for a stroll or a bike ride on one of the many trails
- Enjoy the playground equipment located at City parks
- Support local businesses and order takeout or curbside pickup
- Explore the grounds at the Port Colborne Historical and Marine Museum
- Borrow a book, board game and movie through curbside pickup from the Library
- Check out the AlgoPort Skate and BMX Park
- Play a friendly game of tennis, baseball, soccer, or basketball at a local park
- Have a boating adventure at Sugarloaf Marina; both the marina and public boat ramp will be open starting Saturday. Please be advised, only members of the same household are permitted to boat together.
- Splash around at Nickel Beach or Centennial-Cedar Bay Beach. Beaches will be open to Port Colborne residents only until the Stay-at-Home order is lifted. Port Colborne residents will be required to show their #PORTicipate Pass or proof of residency prior to accessing the beaches.
  - Just a reminder, [parking prohibition](#) will be in effect for Port Colborne roads along Lake Erie's shoreline

“Based on the weather forecast, it looks like this is going to be a warm and sunny weekend,” said Mayor Bill Steele. “This is a great opportunity to get outdoors for some exercise, maybe take the family to a park or visit one of the many local trails. Although we’re still in a Stay-at-Home order, I hope everyone enjoys this holiday weekend and finds fun ways to celebrate.”

The City would also like to ask residents to avoid playing, walking, or exploring areas near railway tracks in the community, especially the Clarence Street area. City staff have received reports of more residential activity happening in these areas and would like to remind everyone these are working tracks, and trains travel through frequently. For everyone’s safety, please refrain from playing on the tracks.

“As we continue to navigate the COVID-19 pandemic, it’s also important to continue to follow provincial guidelines this weekend,” said Mayor Steele. “Even though more people are being vaccinated and numbers are decreasing, we all need to do our part in preventing the spread of the virus. The goal is to have a somewhat normal July and August, so let’s all do our part this weekend to ensure that can happen.”

More information, including COVID-19 updates can be found [online](#).

### **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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