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## An Important Moment of Decision

Well, it's election time again in St. Catharines and the Region. Port Dalhousie Ward has a total of four candidates in the running for City Council. This includes our present councillors, with whom many of you are familiar, Carlos Garcia and Bruce Williamson. They are being challenged by Wolfgang Guembel and Jeff Mackie, both hard-working, young family men, who are involved with multiple businesses in the downtown core.

The Port Reporter had sent questions to each of the candidates and we have printed those questions and their responses for your consideration. All candidates were given the same opportunity to state their case and their answers are unedited.

We want to take this opportunity to urge all residents to get out and vote! It is an integral part of our democratic obligation to do so. It is a right that many people in the world do not have, so we should respect the opportunity we have to exercise our franchise. Please be advised that you do not have to vote for candidates in every category on the ballot, just because the ballot says you can vote for a certain number. It is better to vote for someone you know and trust rather than filling out a ballot for someone you don't know. Too often people vote without knowing the candidates or what they stand for or rely simply on name recognition as their guide.

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## We Ask the Port Dalhousie Ward Candidates Five Questions



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## SPECIAL ELECTION ISSUE



*How do you intend to ensure that the concerns of all residents of the Port Dalhousie ward are properly and fairly represented?*

**BRUCE:** I will ensure the concerns of all residents of Port Dalhousie Ward are properly and fairly represented by continuing to listen carefully and by being responsive to residents. Reflecting on the overall public interest in decision-making is at the heart of providing proper and fair representation.

**CARLOS:** As a Councillor, I carefully review all staff reports and items on Council's agenda and, particularly those that involve Port Dalhousie Ward, so I can address residents' concerns. I will then contact residents that may be affected. In addition, I return all phone calls and emails from residents within 24 hours.

**JEFF:** It's important to get as many views on a topic as possible. I am self-employed and it allows me to tailor my schedule to make sure I am available to meet with constituents and listen to their concerns and ideas. I'm easily reachable by phone/email/social media/in person.

**WOLFGANG:** I work in the core of the heritage district and I am Chair of the Port Dalhousie Business Association. I live off Linwell Road in a very different area. I understand concerns and needs from several different perspectives. I'm a husband, father, homeowner, teacher, business owner, community leader, and volunteer.

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*Will you support and defend the newly approved Secondary Plan, especially the provision for the restriction to a three-storey frontage and a six-storey setback within the commercial core of the Port Dalhousie Heritage District?*

**CARLOS:** Most definitely. The Secondary Plan is critical as it includes specific policies on how development should proceed in the Core to ensure it is compatible and does not overwhelm already strained traffic and parking. The six-storey height limit should be strictly adhered to in any new proposals.

**JEFF:** Building 3-storeys at street level is very important. It helps any development stay within the human scale. If a 6-storey building, built behind a 3-storey frontage, can provide an adequate amount of commercial and publicly accessible user space within the development, I would be supportive of it.

**WOLFGANG:** Yes, the principle of the Secondary Plan is worth supporting. However, this Plan does little more than establish arbitrary height limits and ground floor restrictions. It does not provide direction for cooperation, protecting our environment, parking, or resources for pedestrians or cyclists. Effective alternatives are not addressed.

**BRUCE:** I will defend the Secondary Plan as it applies to the commercial core of the Heritage District. With the significant number of units already approved for a confined area it would be irresponsible to do otherwise. However, the SP does not reflect what the public asked for through the consultation process.

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# 5 Questions for the Port Dalhousie Ward Candidates

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**Parking in Port has always been a problem and will worsen with approved and proposed developments. Are you in favour of paid parking in Lakeside Park and on village streets and if not, what is your solution to this issue?**

**JEFF:** I'm in favour of looking at all options and listening to community input. Some ideas COULD be: paid parking in Lakeside Park, time limited parking on weekends, resident parking permits, parking garage on Lakeside Park parking lot, improving public transit, encouraging bicycle usage and lanes, alternating side of the street parking, shuttle from west side. Etc...

**WOLFGANG:** There are many effective parking by-law options to resolve all of this concern and none of them are currently in use. For example, we can limit overnight parking, or register vehicles to local addresses, introduce paid parking options with tiered pricing, parking licenses, and many others.

**BRUCE:** My preference has consistently been against paid parking. However, with the higher density and insufficient

parking in the newly approved buildings, time limits may need to be placed on public parking to ensure long-term parkers do not unfairly take up spaces. The situation will need to be monitored.

**CARLOS:** I do not support paid parking in Lakeside Park or on the street. All residents of the City should be able to easily access the park and the beach. New developments should recognize that most condo owners will have more than one car and should provide sufficient on-site parking.

**The Union Waterfront Development is now in receivership. What is your vision for the commercial core, should it be developed as a tourist/visitor destination or for population intensification?**

**WOLFGANG:** If you visit Europe you can appreciate the work-live feel that is replicated in Mt. Tremblant, or Blue Mountain. Retail and services on the main floor with 3-4 levels of condos above can make for a vibrant core that does not include excessive height but does include intelligent density.

**BRUCE:** I believe a mixed-use development with specialty retail and commercial on the ground floors may be the best alternative for the small business block.

**CARLOS:** I believe all heritage buildings in the Core including the Lakeside Hotel (Austin House) and those along Lakeport Road – should be properly restored and re-used for appropriate commercial purposes. There is room for some residential development in the Union site, but the potential is limited given the other developments already approved.

**JEFF:** Our best-case scenario would be a hybrid development that combines enough residential density to support commercial activity 365-days per year as well as being a regional tourist destination for the summer season.

**Do you have any personal business or financial interest in Port's commercial core or harbour area?**

**BRUCE:** I have no conflicting financial interests in Old Port and recognize it is a place for multiple purposes,

including commerce, active and passive recreation or simply a near-by waterfront escape for people to enjoy free-of-charge. Lakeside Park and the new piers must remain open to everyone.

**CARLOS:** None.

**JEFF:** I own a part-time seasonal business in Hogan's Alley (The Alley Beach Bar & Grog House) and I produce the Port Dalhousie Christmas Market every December (a portion benefits Community Care). I have no financial interest in any developments in the core or harbour area.

**WOLFGANG:** Yes. My wife owns Trysport Niagara/Aktiv Yoga and my business partner and I own Lock Street Brewing Company and 9 and 15 Lock Street. Between all of our tenants over 35 people are employed. They and their families are each dependent on a viable commercial core to earn a living.

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The two new candidates have expressed their support of past development proposals for the commercial core which would have dramatically increased population intensification.

Bruce and Carlos have a long record of standing in defence of Port's Heritage designation and for the advancement of sensitive, and sympathetic development. Bruce has an incredible amount of experience as a councillor and has demonstrated a lifelong commitment to Port. Carlos has more than proven himself in his first term, and we are unaware of any other councillor who has taken on a part-time position in such a full-time manner.

Our councillors, along with other community organizations, have accomplished a great deal in the last four years, including their vigorous encouragement of funding for the restoration of our beloved piers; the refurbishment of Lakeside Park; the

passage of a new Secondary Plan for Port Dalhousie; a new entrance for the Henley Regatta Grandstand, as well as consistency in supporting reasonable and sensitive growth in the town. They have worked very hard to try to ensure



Hank Beekhuis  
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Port Dalhousie  
Conservancy

that development in Port is in keeping within our Heritage Designation, and have been relentless in trying to ensure that the two projects which were approved in the harbour lands were as appropriate as possible. They have also demonstrated a commitment to the protection of public land use, and have sought to maintain views and public access to the harbour and shore lands. They have been responsive to

residents' concerns and have worked very well with the many community organizations.

We acknowledge that standing for public office is a courageous and self-sacrificing act and applaud all the candidates for their commitment.

Ultimately the final choice is yours. So once again, please take the time to become informed and determine for yourself which candidates reflect your values and your hopes for Port. The future of Port Dalhousie is in your hands. ■

*"Voting is the first act of building a community as well as building a country."*

## A Note from the Editorial Board

As many of our readers know, The Port Reporter is a communication vehicle of the Port Dalhousie Conservancy. Our Editorial Board comprises volunteers, who four times a year, put together Port Dalhousie's community newspaper. Our voice has located itself somewhere between a deeply-held affection for our community, and a passion for the protection of our natural and built heritage.

The Editorial Board of the Reporter found itself in unfamiliar territory with this Election Issue. Recent changes to the Municipal Elections Act (MEA) have produced some uncertainty about both the role of a community newspaper like ours and the parameters of expression available to us. Uncertainty about the requirements of the legislative changes in the MEA and our collective desire to "do the right thing," resulted in

considerable research and even more considerable kindness on the part of several lawyers and public servants.

I suspect the intention of the changes to the Municipal Elections Act is to increase transparency within the election process, and to reduce the possibility of powerful entities controlling outcomes in this very important political exercise of the democracy of municipal politics. Today, in what can only be described as an abundance of caution - even though we will not be making expenditures on any candidates - the Port Dalhousie Conservancy, Inc. registered as a Third-Party Advertiser in the current Municipal Election. ■

Deborah Kehler  
On behalf of the Editorial Board

# THE REPORTER

The Port Reporter is a not-for profit, all-volunteer community information newspaper published by the Port Dalhousie Conservancy since 2005. The paper focuses on issues related to the St. Catharines waterfront, the conservation and celebration of heritage in Port Dalhousie and across the city. It also encourages residents to work together to improve our community environment.

It is currently published quarterly, usually in March, June, September and December. Normally 3,500 copies are delivered to homes in Old Port and surrounding areas in Port Dalhousie ward. It can also be found at Avondale, City Hall, public libraries and in various local business establishments.

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# Port Dalhousie Saves The Monarch Butterfly!

Ok, maybe we didn't single-handedly save them, but thanks to the BWC and over 200 citizens they were helped along their 3,000 mile flight to Mexico

Many of you will recall that two years ago, our community planted the large pollinator gardens on Rennie Island and in Howes Park. The planting was by far the largest volunteer event we've hosted. Estimates are that 200-250 women, men and children turned up that day.

Many more of you will have noticed the increased presence of butterflies this year; it has been substantial, and hard not to notice. Perhaps the most satisfying thing about the increase is how many of these butterflies have been Monarchs. Until this year, the Monarchs were becoming a rarer and rarer sight in this area. In fact they have been in decline for decades, but this year they are back with a vengeance, and it is all because of our pollinator gardens!

OK, ok, that is an overly bombastic statement, our pollinator gardens have not single-handedly saved the Monarch, but there is no doubt they have helped them. These Monarchs are on their way to Mexico for the winter and in order to get there, they need plenty of refuelling points along the way. Port Dalhousie is strategically placed to assist them. Once they complete their non-stop flight over Lake Ontario, they need places to rest



and recuperate before continuing the journey and that is what we are giving them.

The pollinator gardens serve more than the Monarchs though, they serve a multitude of biodiversity, including small mammals, birds and insects. The gardens also help with flood control as they retain

water much better than a grass surface, and if that is not enough they also purify the water they process. Believe it or not, the benefits of that pollinator garden do not end there. Have you noticed the greatly reduced numbers of geese on the island? Yep...the pollinator garden did that. Geese do not like high brush, it

gives shelter to creatures that eat geese, so geese avoid it. Geese are smart that way. Full disclosure, I am a fan of the geese, but over the years I have heard so many complaints about them that I am certain that more than a few of you are glad to see the numbers reduced.

Our pollinator gardens are a great success; we have paid a little bit of the debt back to Mother Nature. The gardens will continue to get better looking every year as the flowering plants establish their dominance, but remember we are returning this land to nature; it is not supposed to look like a well-groomed backyard garden. The success of these gardens is a high point for Port Dalhousie: we have given habitat and shelter to animals and plants that have been in decline in our urban areas for decades.

I hope that every citizen of Port Dalhousie looks with pride every time they pass those gardens. ■

Ed Smith

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# In the Beginning ... Part One

The Land Upon Which Port Dalhousie Was Founded Was a Wilderness Originally Inhabited by the Chonnoton People.

Prior to the arrival of the Europeans, the area of which Port Dalhousie is now a part consisted of swamp (known later as The Black Swamp) and dense forest. Wild game including deer, bear, beaver, wild turkey and rattlesnakes roamed the woods and its creeks and streams were plentiful with fish. The Neutral Indians (Chonnoton) who originally occupied the peninsula built their villages in the coastal areas and hunted in the interior wilderness, creating trails and clearing forests. Their diet consisted of corn, beans, squash, fish and meat. In 1650 the Chonnoton, who had avoided conflict with the Huron tribes to the North and the Iroquois to the East, were annihilated by the Iroquois who had just defeated the Huron. Soon after, the Mississaugas, a branch of the Chippewa tribe, settled in this area and further developed trails which would be used

by the French traders and missionaries who followed. Throughout the years, arrowheads from these early tribes have been uncovered in McMahon's Farm (now part of Cole Farm subdivision) and on Read Island (now Henley) and other areas of Port Dalhousie.

Prior to the first Welland Canal, Port Dalhousie was fertile farmland, somewhat isolated and home to few families. These families, United Empire Loyalists (UEL), were former British colonists in America who refused to take up arms against Britain during the Revolutionary War of 1775 and instead fought for Butler's Rangers. The Treaty of Paris of 1783 ended the war and

the Loyalists who found themselves disenfranchised and landless, fled to Canada where they hoped to obtain valuable land. The British Government gave them free grants of arable land as well as food, clothing and livestock.

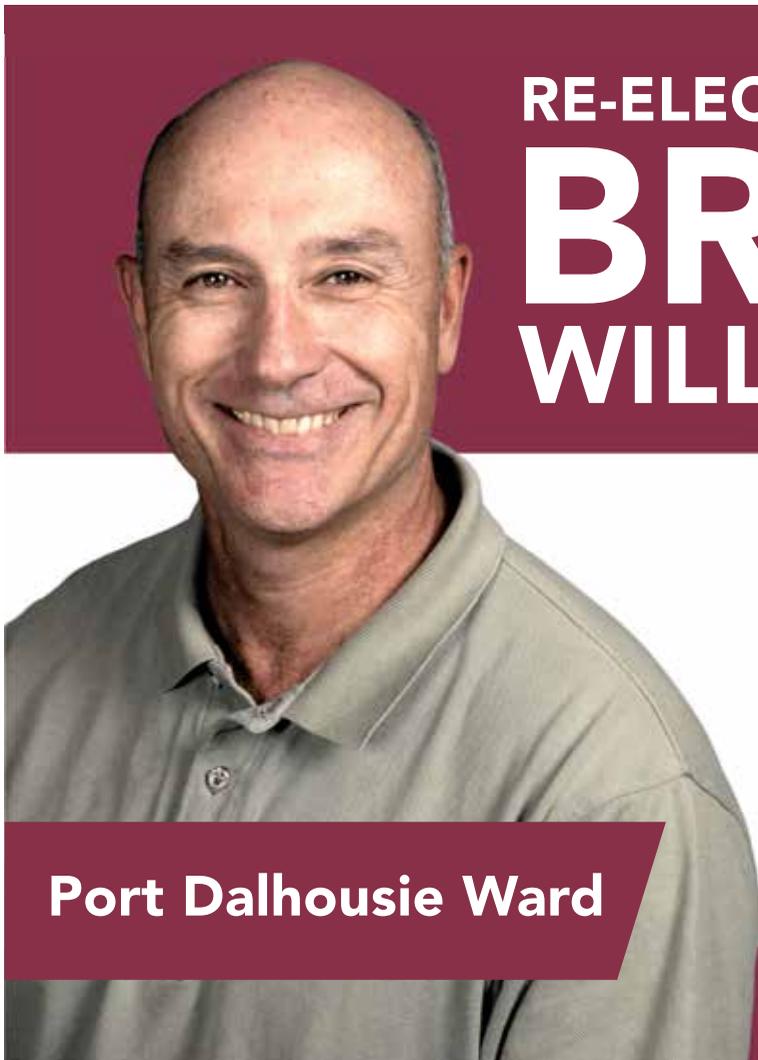
One such UEL was Captain Peter Tenbroeck, an officer in Butler's Rangers, who re-entered civilian life with hundreds of others when Butler's Rangers was disbanded at Niagara. In 1796 he was granted over eight hundred acres of Crown Land, including the

land on which Port Dalhousie was later built. Benjamin Pawling, also of Butler's Rangers, received a large tract of land in the township of Grantham just east of Port Dalhousie. He and his brother

Jesse, were sons of a Welshman who settled in Pennsylvania before the American Revolutionary War. Later, Jesse married Captain Tenbroeck's daughter Gertrude and they had several children. On December 28, 1821, Jacob Tenbroeck, son of Peter, sold three hundred acres of land to Henry Pawling, son of the deceased Jesse and Gertrude. On the same day Henry deeded the land to his younger brother Squire Nathan Pawling. With speculation of improved transportation between Lakes Ontario and Erie, it seems likely that the Pawlings wanted to ensure they held onto the deeded land upon which Port Dalhousie was founded.

The settlement was initially called "Dalhousie" as early as 1826. - as seen in an advertisement placed in 'The Farmer's Journal and Welland Canal

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# In the Beginning ... Part One

Intelligencer' by Nathan Pawling, the small settlement was named after the Earl of Dalhousie, who was Governor General of Canada from 1820-1828. As the newly constructed Welland Canal traffic increased, the village attracted millers and labourers, ship chandlers, hotels, businesses and canal-related industries that developed and prospered. Port Dalhousie was on its way to becoming an important port on the Great Lakes. ■

From "The History Outline of Port Dalhousie" by

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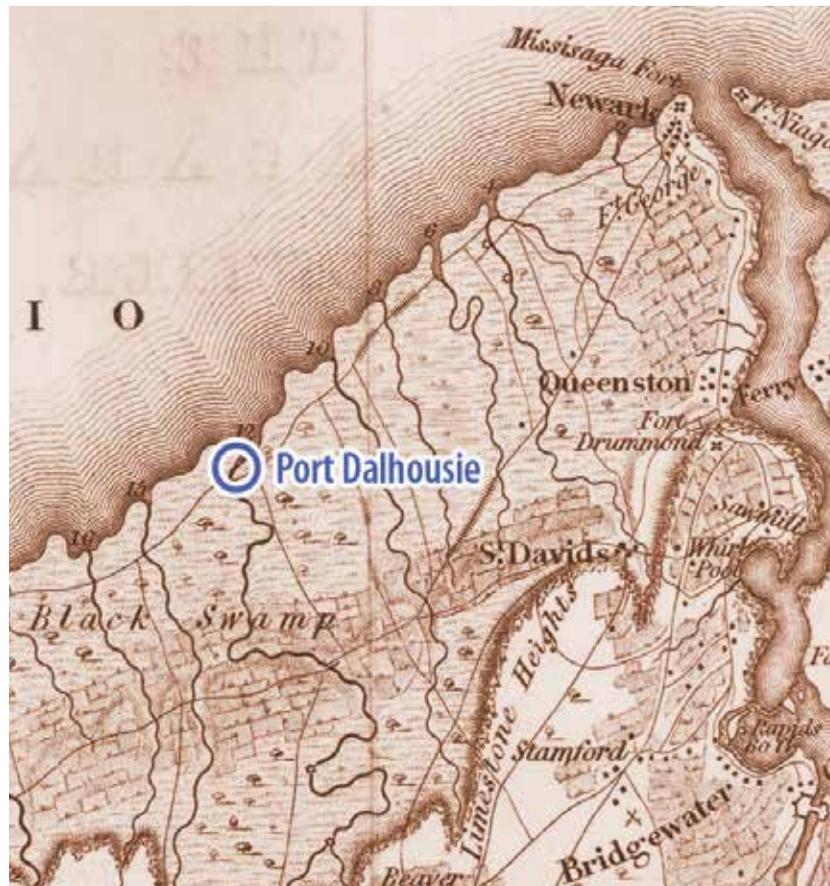
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The experience of the late war, with other important considerations, have impressed every thinking man in the community, of the necessity of the canal terminating here; and accordingly the work is fast progressing under the most favourable auspices. *Dalhousie, April 5, 1828.*

9th NATHAN PAWLING.



Above: Map of Niagara showing the Black Swamp - circa 1818

Left: 'The Farmer's Journal and Welland Canal Intelligencer' circa 1826

## Port Dalhousie Ward Polling Locations

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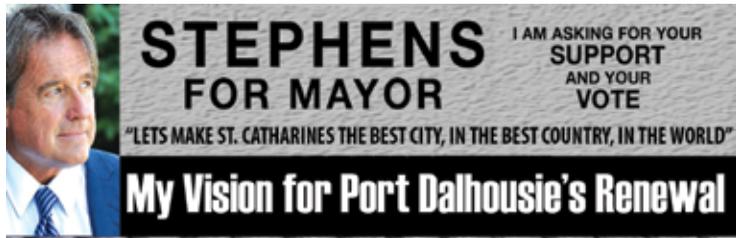


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# Port Dalhousie Beautification and Works Committee Report



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**My Vision for Port Dalhousie's Renewal**

- Any and all development should reflect the heritage and character of a 19th century maritime village. We need a consistent look much like Blue Mountain or Whistler
- Both sides of the canal should be developed such that a harbour village atmosphere is created
- There is no place in Port Dalhousie for modern looking high rise buildings, they belong downtown. The height limit of six storeys should be strictly enforced for any new development
- Surplus City land should be developed to create a municipal tax base
- We need to create a parking deck in Lakeside Park to effectively double the parking. The second deck would have a promenade around the entire deck with historic lighting, planters and benches. The view would be spectacular
- We must ensure that there are amenities on the new Port Dalhousie piers
- Saint Catharines needs to attract world class developers with grand visions for this and other major developments such as the old GM property
- Saint Catharines should and can be the crown jewel of the Great Lakes. It is our City, our home.

The big event these past few months was the formal opening of the Olde Lock One Commons. This was held on June 16th in conjunction with the Annual Kiwanis Duck race. The BWC was asked by Mayor Sendzik to cut the ribbon. This was most fitting as it was their vision and perseverance that led the BWC to partner with the Kiwanis, win the National Trust Prize, and to secure the generous support from Mr. Tom Rankin. Other notable attendees included our own local Councillors, Garcia and Williamson, other councillors and members of the City staff as well as representatives from the National Trust who presented the final prize cheque to the Kiwanis.

The opening celebration included a free BBQ with roast pork prepared and served by the Staff at Cefalu restaurant. Many thanks to Rocco for providing the excellent fare. Drinks were donated by Giant Tiger and entertainment was provided by musicians from the Kiwanis Junior Music program.

While progress was delayed by last year's high-water level in Lake Ontario, the Rankin construction team made sure the project was delivered on time. Thank you.

July saw the "World Music on the Beach" jazz festival held at various venues in Port: The Band Shell, the Pavilion, opposite Mackie's Alley Bar and..... Olde Lock One Commons.

This event was organized by Juliet Dunn and Peter Shea, who run the Niagara Jazz Festival. In ideal weather, we had several first-class musicians perform and it turned out to be a huge success. All of the musicians found the Olde Lock One to be a great venue.

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Next, we had another first. Vlad Cojocari contacted us in order to reserve the Lock for a most important event: his marriage proposal to Diana Praleska, his childhood sweetheart. This took place on August 3rd, and Diana accepted at 8:47 pm. We all wish them every happiness and look forward to learning of their wedding plans. Congratulations Vlad and Diana!

In the meantime, a booking site has been created for anyone wishing to reserve the venue:

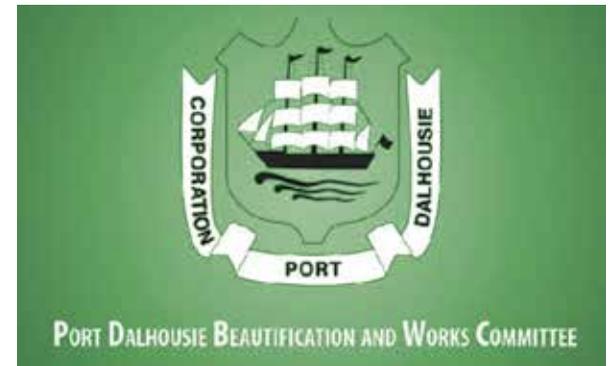
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This will be administered by Susanna Brousseau and she can be contacted at [susanna\\_brousseau@hotmail.com](mailto:susanna_brousseau@hotmail.com). Anyone wishing to hold an event can find all of the information through Susanna.

Please help us make the Lock a success by helping us get it booked for all kinds of events, weddings, musical events, dinner and music, etc. This is a wonderful asset and it belongs to you, the citizens of St Catharines.

As always, we like to close with a plea for more volunteers to carry out all kinds of light duties. An hour every week will make a huge difference.

- Your BWC



Photos by Emily Stanton and BWC



**St. Catharines is more than just a city, it's a place that I call home. Here, I grew up with memories, achievements, and have established myself within our community.**

**As I enjoy the gift of living in St. Catharines/ Niagara, I want to give back to the community that has given so much to me and my family.**

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## Report from Councillor Carlos Garcia Port Dalhousie Ward

Reporting on my work on behalf of the residents of Port Dalhousie Ward and all of St. Catharines, I am writing this as your representative at City Council over the period from March 2018 through early September 2018.

### Residential Rat Control Rebate Program.

On March 19, 2018 Council received a report I had requested recommending a Residential Rat Control Rebate Program. The program, which was subsequently approved by the Budget Committee, allows for a maximum eligible rebate for the services of a licensed pest control expert of \$200, or 50% of the cost, per residential property on a one-time basis with a 2018 budget allocation of \$20,000. In addition, a total of \$10,000 was approved for the proactive rat-baiting of sewers. I had received many complaints from residents of Port Dalhousie Ward that they needed assistance as rats were a nuisance and health risk even though the residents followed all the rules and kept their properties clean.

### Secondary Plan (SP) and Heritage Conservation District (HCD) Plan for Port Dalhousie's Core.

At the April 9, 2018 meeting, Council passed these based on Staff's recommendation. Councillor Williamson and I had been requesting these for a long time as they were to include specific policies on how development should proceed in the full Core and Harbour area. Unfortunately, the plans were inexplicably delayed by a full year and major applications were all submitted BEFORE the new plans were passed. While there are many good provisions in the plans, Councillor Williamson and I voted against them because Staff recommended a maximum height of 8 storeys in the harbour area and this was contrary to the input from the residents at the public meetings who wanted Lincoln Fabrics to remain the highest building.

### Port Dalhousie Legion Development Approved.

At the June 11, 2018 meeting Council approved the proposal by Rankin Construction to demolish the current Legion building and replace it with an 8-storey building that will house the Legion in the ground floor and include 51 condominiums. I was concerned about the 8-storey height because input from residents at the Secondary Plan public meetings was that the existing Lincoln Fabrics building should remain the highest in Port. However, I supported the proposal because, in the first place, the 8-storeys were consistent with the Secondary Plan that Council eventually approved and, secondly, because Rankin Construction is a highly-reputable and reliable, local company that will build a good project. In addition, the Legionnaires will be accommodated and the new building will be in the same footprint.

### 85 Scott Proposed Condo Towers.

Also at the June 11 meeting, Council supported my motion, and Staff's recommendation, to deny the application for two new condo towers at 85 Scott that contravened the allowable height. The residents at the existing condo at 81 Scott—as well as residents on nearby streets—were universally opposed to the proposal. The residents were not anti-development and they were quite reasonable in their position that two new 8-storey buildings, as allowed by the zoning, were acceptable, but the proponent wanted higher buildings.

### The Beaches Project at Lock and Dalhousie.

Progress continues slowly on this project and it now looks like it will not be finished before 2019. We have heard from a number of residents concerned about the height and mass of the building and how it looks from the park. However, the most-frequently voiced concern continues to be the closing of the stairs to the park and the inconvenience this causes. These have now been closed for nearly two years and Councillor Williamson and I continue to push for the full reconstruction and reopening. The developer has informed us the stairs will be rebuilt as soon as current construction at the top of the bank is completed.

### City Agrees to Take Over Port Dalhousie Piers.

On July 9, 2018 Council passed Councillor Williamson's motion to advise the Department of Fisheries and Oceans that we are willing to take ownership of the piers and related harbour assets once the feds have fixed them and a successful negotiation on a divestiture agreement is completed. In addition, my amendment was passed that "Council direct staff to negotiate an appropriate restrictive covenant to be included in the transfer of the surface lands, that will ensure that the lands shall continue to be for public use and enjoyment as park, harbour, open space, and associated uses."

The federal government will be in charge of the reconstruction. Requests for Proposals were being sent out and it is hoped that work can start before year-end.

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### Lincoln Fabrics Restoration and Massive Addition Approved.

At its August 27, 2018 meeting, Council approved the proposal from a Toronto developer to add 2 storeys to the existing building and, secondly, to build a 9-10 storey addition behind it to accommodate a total of 145 condo units. The restoration and adaptive re-use of this heritage building is admirable and I strongly support it—even with two new storeys on top as they are well set back. However, both Councillor Williamson and I were forced to vote against the project because we do not support the mass and height of the said 9-10 storey addition and we were not allowed to vote on each component separately. In my opinion, the addition clearly overwhelms the heritage building as it is taller and larger in mass. This contravenes the heritage guidelines that call for additions to be smaller and lower, and even the new Heritage Conservation District Plan (HCD) which calls for additions to be subordinate. Also, the large number of condos will mean another 200 or so cars pulling out onto already-congested Lakeport Rd.

### Labour Day Parade 2018.

On September 3, I once again represented Council in the Labour Day Parade in Merriton. This time, I walked with the Terry Fox volunteers as I was this year's Honorary Captain. As usual, we assembled at the Pen Centre and walked the 3 Km route along Glendale Avenue and down Hartzel Road to the Merriton Community Centre. We collected donations for the Terry Fox Foundation and handed out flyers about this year's Terry Fox Walk/Run in Port Dalhousie. The high temperatures did not keep the crowds away.

### Port Dalhousie Business Association Board of Directors.

I was again appointed as Council's representative on the PDBA Board for 2018. I rely on my extensive business-planning experience to provide all possible assistance to strengthen the existing businesses and revitalize Port. It is always my pleasure to participate in, and show my support for, the opening of new businesses anywhere in the City, and particularly in Port Dalhousie

### Supporting Community Organizations.

Along with Councillor Williamson, I continue to work closely with the volunteers at the Port Dalhousie Beautification and Works Committee (BWC) and other community organizations in Port Dalhousie Ward. The BWC has spearheaded a number of great projects including flower planters, garbage enclosures and the restoration of Lock 1 of the Second Canal. In addition to the BWC, we support the volunteers at the Port Dalhousie Conservancy, the Grantham Optimist Club, the Port Dalhousie Lions, St. Catharines Kiwanis and the Henley Regatta, which held its 136<sup>th</sup> annual event this year. ■



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# To Vote or Not To Vote, and Thoughts on Port's Development

Vote Locally, Think Globally. It's Vitaly Important to Vote in Municipal and Regional elections.

With the onset of the Municipal and Regional elections, the focus of many Niagara citizens has turned to the quality of governance in their respective communities. It's no great secret that on the Regional level at least, there have been serious lapses of the the basic principles of good governance; honesty, integrity, transparency and accountability. The time is fast approaching when through our votes we will be able to pass judgment on the offending politicians. As a citizen, to not take part in this democratic process is almost a disregard for the future of your community. If you are not willing to shoulder the responsibility for the future of your local governments, voter apathy may well promote the growth of unbridled cronyism growing like a disease in our body politic. In fact, not voting could strengthen and reinforce this malignant condition. So take some time to educate yourself about the candidates and cast your vote for who you think are the most honest, responsible and capable candidates.

You owe it to yourself, your family and the future of your community to make your voice heard.

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The town of Port Dalhousie is about to undergo profound changes in the next few years. The rebuilding of the piers, the construction of condominium projects at the Legion and Lincoln Fabrics as well as a proposed 6-storey condo development on Lakeport Road at Avalon Place are on the forefront of this change. This does not include the Union Waterfront project which is presently in receivership or The Beaches now under construction. If all these projects are completed, it will add approximately 900-1200 more residents to the core and to the daily life of the town, as well as a measurable increase in traffic.

Any future developments will fall under the new Port Dalhousie Secondary Plan which limits the height of buildings

within the core of the Heritage District to 3 storeys, with a 6-storey setback. Even so, there will be pressure by tax-base hungry politicians, real estate developers and investors to amend the height restrictions, enabling high-rise buildings that could conceivably compromise the views and public access

*Creative and sensitively designed low-rise housing in the core and harbour areas would satisfy the need for an increase in population density.*

to the lake. One only has to look at Toronto's sorry and misguided waterfront planning to get a hint of what could be in store for Port Dalhousie. Let's not kid ourselves. If we the public and our Municipal and Regional representatives become complacent in our responsibility to defend and preserve this

beautiful and historically rich area for all citizens, we will face a very real and growing wave of over-development. This is not reactionary, fear-baiting commentary, but an observation of a hard reality, especially given the current political climate of deregulation

and the push for smaller government. This is not to mention the wave of GTA retirees headed our way looking to enjoy the bounties of Niagara or the planned expansion of the GO train service which will increase easy access to our region.

Those who see the need for a high-rise driven, massive increase in population intensification within Port's commercial core and waterfront are proponents of taking the easiest and most profitable (for the few) route forward in Port's development. Sadly, this position would ultimately strip the town of many of the very qualities that have attracted thousands of visitors and tourists over the last 100 years. No one I know of visits a mass of condominium towers for the views, shopping, cultural and historical enrichment, or family entertainment and relaxation.

A more inspired and effective development option is to establish Port Dalhousie as a vibrant visitor and tourist destination with an assortment

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- Attend all meetings of volunteer arts, culture and heritage Advisory Committees of Council including: Arts and Culture; Public Art; St. Catharines Heritage; and St. Catharines Heritage Permits.
- Support volunteer organizations and Service Clubs including: Port Dalhousie Lions; Beautification and Works Committee; Grantham Optimist; Port Dalhousie Conservancy; and St. Catharines Kiwanis.

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- Academic qualifications: B.Sc. (Mathematics), M.Sc. (Physics) and M.B.A. (International Business).

*"I am totally committed to Port Dalhousie and St. Catharines and will continue to work very hard to ensure Lakeside Park, the beach, the village and Port's businesses remain accessible to ALL of our City's residents -not just condo owners. Port Dalhousie is for everyone!"*

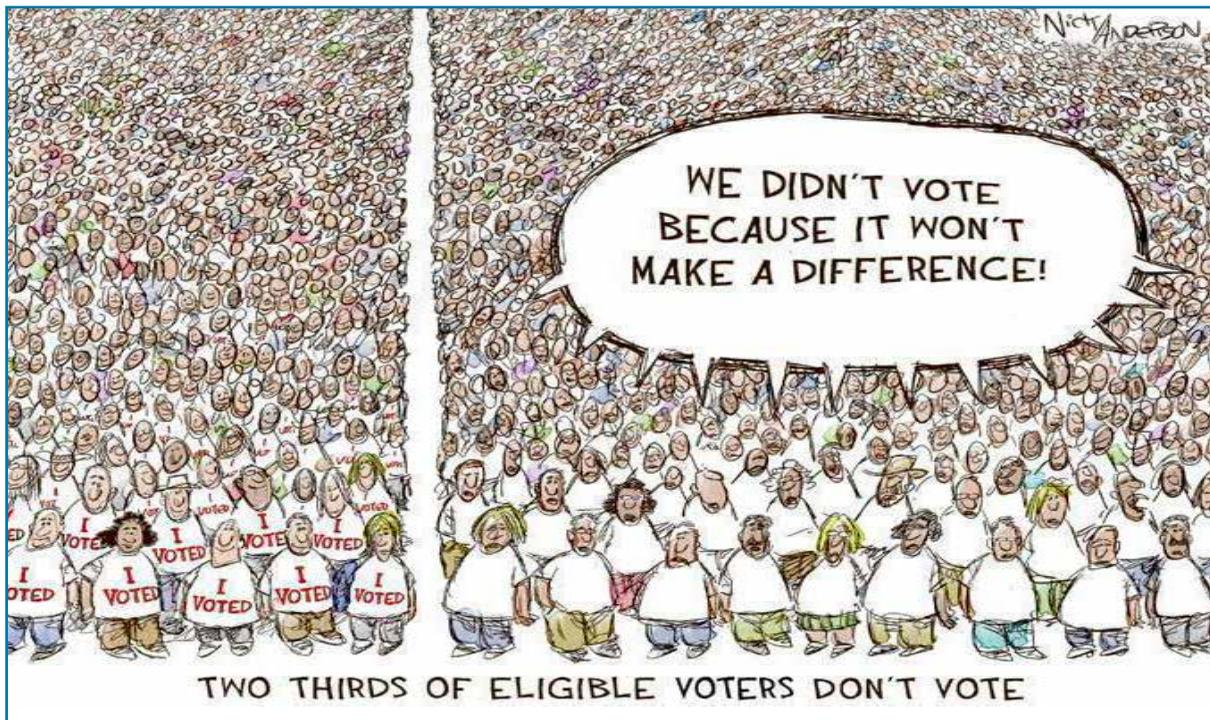
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of boutiques, shops, pubs, cafes, and services that will attract the crowds of shoppers that are the lifeblood of retail business. Creative and sensitively designed, low-rise housing in the core and harbour areas would satisfy the need for an increase in population density. One only has to look at the beneficial effect this approach has on any town or area that had the vision and imagination to capitalize on its unique, historical architecture or natural scenic beauty. Port Dalhousie is in the enviable position of possessing both these valuable

attributes.

Now is the time to seize the opportunity and create a community that recognizes conserving architectural heritage and natural resources for outdoor recreation and tourism can build a stronger, more diverse economy. Whether this development initiative is generated by private sector investment, direct government initiatives or a partnership between private sector/municipal/regional governments, the result would prove to be a successful strategy in the revival of a vigorous and dynamic Port Dalhousie. ■

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# Corlene Taylor Plaque Unveiling

*Celebrating the Accomplishments of a Remarkable Woman.*



On June 2, 2018 members of the St. Catharines Heritage Committee unveiled a commemorative plaque outside Corlene's Mayholme homestead. An amazing woman, Corlene was born at Mayholme on May 31, 1928 so her 90th birthday was also celebrated. She is the 5th generation to have lived in the house, which was built by her great-grandfather in 1857. Corlene is the direct descendant of William May, a United Empire Loyalist from New York State who served in Butler's Rangers during the Revolutionary War. The Mayholme Foundation was established by Corlene to serve as a multi-purpose organization and serve as a library/archives/museum/research facility devoted to local history and genealogical research. Councillors Bruce Williamson and Carlos Garcia brought greetings on behalf of St. Catharines City Council and Committee Chair Brian Narhi provided the historical perspective.



*Above:*  
L-R Brian Narhi, Councillors Williamson and Garcia and Corlene Taylor.

*Left:*  
The Mayholme Homestead

*Right:*  
Commemorative plaque

## Mayholme



Peter May SUE (1765-1827), the son of Loyalist William May (1739-1827) of the Indian Department and Butler's Rangers, received 100 acres (40.47 ha) as a Crown Grant in Grantham Township upon which he settled. His first wife was Eve, daughter of James Clendennan and his second wife was Magdalena, daughter of Christian Bradt. Both Clendennan and Bradt served in Butler's Rangers.

The original home was located across Ontario Street nearly opposite the present house where the lilacs indicate its foundation. They were planted by the settlers along with Honey Locusts, which were believed to draw lightning away from the dwelling.

George May (1815-1891), the youngest son of ten children, was the builder of the present house at 525 Ontario Street, which was constructed by Cole Brothers of the Ten (Hoiser) in 1857-1858.

Mayholme was inherited by George's youngest daughter Anna May (1858-1930) and by her son Leslie Road Dwyer (1884-1970). Corlene Beatrice (Dwyer) Taylor inherited the homestead farm from her father. Her ancestors William Bead, Robert Bessey, James and Solomon Secord, Jacob Bowman, Henry and Richard Hainer, Isaac Vollick and Christian Bradt were all members of Butler's Rangers.

In 2002 the Mayholme Foundation was created which now owns the remnants of the farm. The Mayholme Foundation still retains the original Crown Grant with the wax seal. Many features of the original home are still intact, including the stained glass side lights and transom surrounding the front door, and faux marbling in the front foyer which was painted by a skilled, itinerant artist.

Mayholme Foundation is a not for profit research centre focusing on family research and local history.

The preservation of records and documents of local and genealogical significance are collected and retained by the Foundation for the benefit of researchers.

In 2004, Mayholme received designation under the Ontario Heritage Act by the City of St. Catharines, which included the rare faux painted marble hall and the hand painted glass in the door surround.



Top left: Mayholme Homestead. Bottom left: Hand painted glass door surround. Bottom right: Cole Brothers of the Ten, operators located near the Mayholme farm.

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## *The Surprising History of Past Elections and Local Governance in Port Dalhousie.*

On October 22nd the residents of Ontario will cast their ballots in both the municipal and regional elections. Presently the municipal elections are held every four years, but the system did not always work in this way.

When this area was first settled during the 1780s, there was little provision made for any form of local government. In July 1788, magistrates for the Nassau (Niagara) District were selected from among the leading civilian men and military authorities, and it is important to note that they were appointed by the Governor in Quebec rather than being elected by the people. These men also served as sheriff, court clerk and coroner, as well as appointees to the Land Board. They had limited legal training (if any) but they nevertheless provided some semblance of rudimentary governance for the area through the authority which they held as members of the Court of General Quarter Sessions of the Peace. The Quarter Sessions was a court that was originally established in England during the 1300s, which regulated all aspects of local affairs and judged non-capital cases. As the name suggests it was held four times yearly. The Sessions for this region were held at the old Court House building in the Town of Niagara in 1817, which was an inconvenient location for residents from the more distant rural areas. The magistrates were appointed by the government, and so some residents perceived them as corrupt sycophants. In 1795, Hannah Jarvis (wife of William Jarvis, the Provincial Secretary and Registrar) wrote that many government officials were nothing more than “*a lot of Pimps, Sycophants and Lyars!*” The management of local affairs later became the responsibility of the Lincoln County Council, which was the forerunner of the Niagara Regional government. Scattered records for the Niagara District Quarter Sessions survive from 1788 to 1826, and a complete set of records is available for the years between 1826 and 1919. They make fascinating reading and they provide valuable insight into life in the area during that period.

More serious criminal cases (murder, treason, etc) were initially referred to the authorities in Quebec, since Niagara was included within the District of Montreal until 1791-92.

Upper Canada was established as a province in 1791, and it was divided into new districts, counties and electoral ridings by Lieutenant Governor John Graves Simcoe in the following year. The first provincial election was held in the summer of 1792 in order that the Legislative Assembly could meet for the first time at Newark in the early fall. The hustings during that early period were undoubtedly rowdy and noisy, and candidates often supplied their supporters with dinner and copious amounts of liquid refreshments. Voting was transparent as electors would openly declare their support for a specific candidate. In some instances, the election results were published in the newspapers or in pamphlet form, naming the candidate followed by his supporters and their occupations.

In July 1793, the Legislative Assembly passed an

act which provided for the election of parish and town [township] officers. Each township (containing thirty households) was required to hold a meeting for this purpose on the first Monday in March of each year. In 1817, the date was changed to January, possibly because travel was better on the frozen roads during winter. The township meetings were held at some central, convenient location at a school or, more likely, the local tavern. Candidates and electors needed to meet certain property

and the previous records (1793-1815) are presumed to be lost. Port Dalhousie council records date from 1863.

At these meetings, adult male inhabitants within the township were elected to serve during the ensuing year as the township clerk, assessors, tax collector, overseers of roads, fence viewers, pound keepers, and town warden. These appointments were unpopular because they were unpaid (except for out-of-pocket expenditures), and non-performance of duties by these men would result in a fine. These fines were spent by the district authorities on public projects. Appointments to the constabulary were made at the Quarter Sessions.

School trustees were not originally elected under the various Common or Public School Acts passed in 1807 and 1816; they were appointed. Regular elections for school trustees were not held until the time of Queen Victoria during the 1840s and '50s.

Provincial legislation provided that various communities could be incorporated as a village, town or city as the population increased. By 1862, the population of Port Dalhousie had grown to approximately 750 inhabitants and in October of that year a petition was presented to the Lincoln County Council requesting incorporation as a village. This was approved by the council on October 30th and the first election for the village council followed shortly thereafter. The poll was held in the Main Street Schoolhouse, and William G. Stewart was appointed to serve as the Returning Officer. The first elected councillors included John Lawrie, Alexander Muir, Owen McMahon, Nathan Pawling and Richard Wood. At the inaugural council meeting on January 10, 1863, these men “unanimously” elected John Lawrie to serve as Reeve and John Hindson was appointed to serve as the village

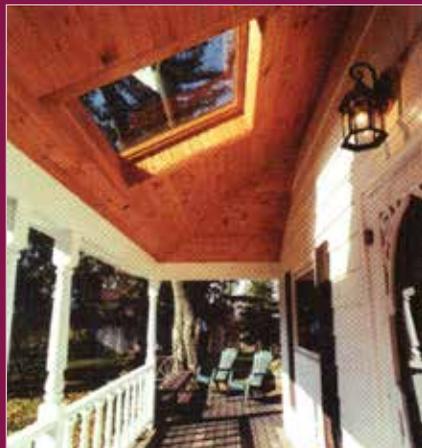
qualifications and had to be adult male citizens or naturalized subject and not guilty of any capital offence, such as murder, treason or felony. The earliest surviving Minutes for Grantham Township meetings begin in 1816,

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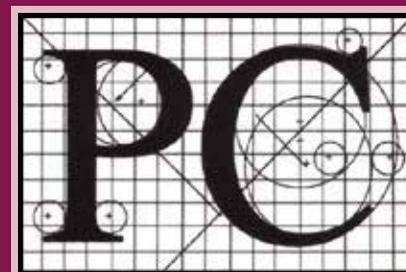
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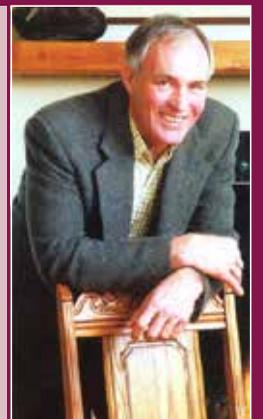
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clerk. The first piece of council business was to select a design for the corporate seal for the village. Councillors Wood and McMahon moved that the seal was to depict a ship in full sail. The motion was passed. The elections for council and for the school trustees continued to be held every year, unlike the present term of four years. Some of the council members ran for office several years in a row (e.g., John Lawrie served as Reeve from 1862-73, and again in 1875-76, and 1882.) Lawrie was returned to office by acclamation in at least one instance (1869-70), and Eugene F. Dwyer, William G. Sutton, Charles Ansell and Robert M. Johnston served as reeves on multiple occasions. In the election held in late December 1921, the council members and school board trustees were returned by acclamation, but no one had declared for the office of the reeve. Councillor George A. Cox was appointed to serve as reeve "pro tem." until the vacancy was filled. In 1922, James A. Wellington was duly elected as the village reeve (St. Catharines Standard, Dec. 29, 1921 and Jan. 9, 1922.)

The business of the Port Dalhousie council was reported on from time to time by the St. Catharines newspapers, and showed that a variety of concerns were addressed by the elected officials. In February 1866, for instance, local residents were alarmed to discover that

council had not renewed any tavern licences for the village. Any hosteller found selling ardent spirits without the said permit would be fined. In an effort to encourage temperance, a well was constructed around that same time in the village. However, the well was not covered or enclosed by any form of protective wall and during the winter the ice surrounding it was a slipping hazard. In March 1866, the tavern keepers and other residents petitioned council for a pump and cover to be installed over the well. Council "indignantly refused." At various times during the 1880s and '90s, council debated upon the various economic incentives that could be offered to the Maple Leaf Rubber Company in order to make continued business in Port more attractive to the firm. In April 1902, the village council appointed committees to oversee the business of lights, police, finance, property standards and streets. In May 1902, the council met to discuss a grant for the Maple Leaf Lacrosse team and how to raise money for the improvement and

repair of the granolithic sidewalks in the village. In 1914, council debated whether it was prudent to expend \$50,000 on the construction of a waterworks system. As well, in March 1919 an ad hoc committee was established to consider the erection of a suitable war memorial or cenotaph.

In August 1929, council became embroiled in a heated battle over tree trimming along the village streets. The celebrated case involved a catalpa tree on Welland [Christie] Street which constable Edwin Heckadon trimmed in accordance with council's instructions to "trim trees wherever necessary, particularly those which interfered with pedestrians." When carrying out his duties, Miss Myrtle Julian (his next-door neighbour) turned a hose on him and, in response, Heckadon took her to court. The case was sensational, and the Standard reported that the court room was packed with residents from Port. A verdict in the case was expected to be delivered by the presiding judge in early September (St. Catharines Standard, Aug. 29, 1929.)

During the late 1920s and into the 1930s, the Port Dalhousie village council was very much concerned with the quality of the water flowing into Martindale Pond from upstream. The amount of sewage and "decomposed industrial matter" made the water quality "objectionable." In March 1935, the village threatened legal action against the City of St. Catharines and the Province of Ontario unless assurances were given that the pollution of the old canal would stop. (St. Catharines Standard, Sept. 14, 1934 and Mar. 30, 1935.)

In July 1936, villagers were mortified to learn that council had not taken any steps towards passing a by-law which governed the wearing of swimming trunks by bathers. An investigation revealed that by-law 865 had been passed by the City of St. Catharines in 1892, which prohibited bathers from swimming in the old canal or creeks in the city limits "unless wearing a proper bathing costume." In Lakeside Park, men were permitted to wear "trunks alone if they wish," but "bathers are strongly requested not to leave the waters' edge unless they have the top of their bodies covered." O tempora! O mores! (St. Catharines Standard, July 5, 1936.)

In May 1948, Port Dalhousie was elevated from the status of a village

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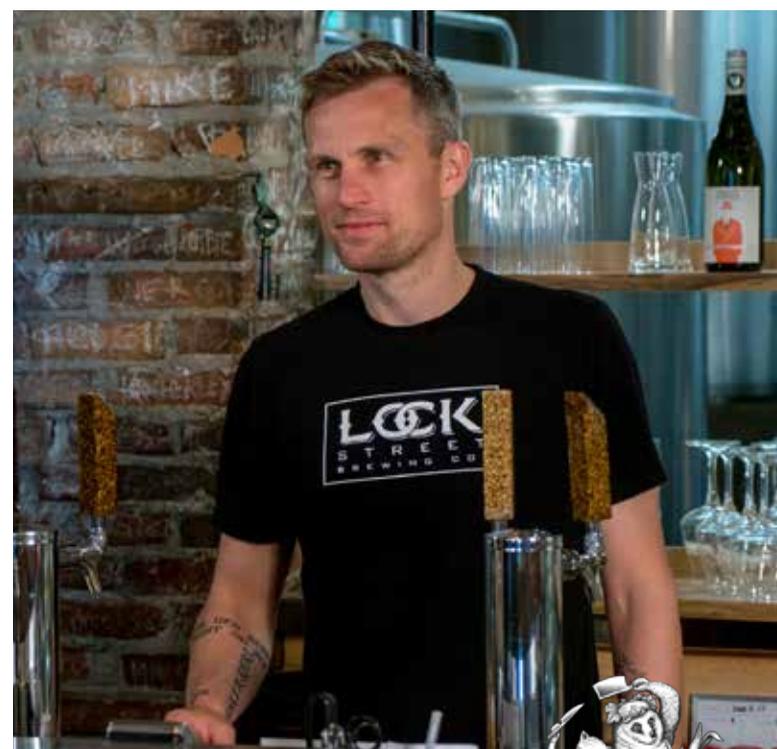


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to that of a town. At the next election, in January 1949, a mayor would be selected for the new council for the first time, in addition to a reeve, deputy reeve, and either four or six councillors. The new mayor was Romaine K. Ross. Some of the issues which faced the town council during the ensuing decade included: water quality in Martindale pond, the replacement of the aging bridge on Lakeport Road, “inner friction” which caused several members of the volunteer fire brigade to resign in 1953, and whether or not bingo was a permissible activity on the “Lord’s Day” (St. Catharines Standard, July 19, 1950.)

During the late 1950s, the divisive question over amalgamation with St. Catharines was raised on many occasions. Voters rejected the idea in a plebiscite which only witnessed a 51% turn out at the polls, and in November 1959 the town council approved the concept by a vote of 6-3. In February 1960, angry citizens formed an anti-amalgamation group known as the “Port Dalhousie Citizens’ Committee” which held some well attended public meetings. Public anger over amalgamation continued to seethe, especially following the final OMB approval. In October 1960, the town was targeted by persons unknown who caused “malicious damage” by way of protest. “Welcome” signs were painted over, and a can of yellow paint was poured over Mayor Robert Johnston’s car. Council agreed to post a \$100 reward for information leading to the conviction of these malefactors (St. Catharines Standard, Oct. 5, 1960.)

The last meeting of the elected Port Dalhousie town council was held on December 20, 1960. When Amalgamation took effect in January 1961, it brought to a close nearly a century of self-governance of the community. ■

**Brian Narhi**



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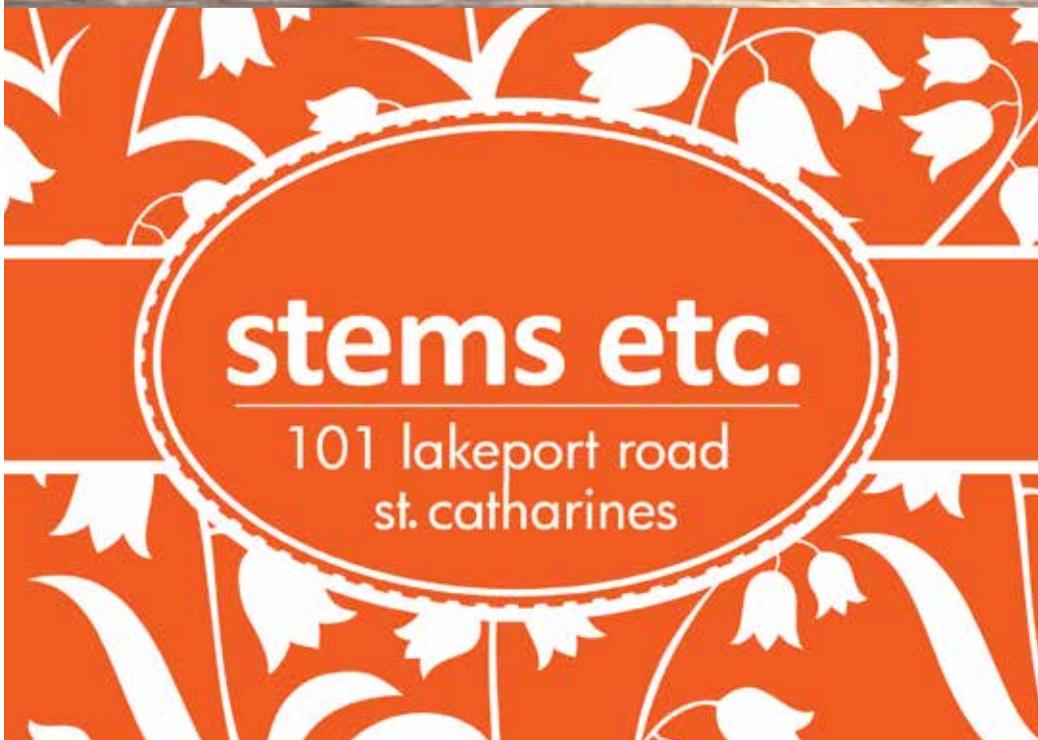
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## Signs, Signs, Everywhere are Signs...

### *A Voter's Guide to Election Signs.*

It's election time again and a forest of signs is going up everywhere. Signs are supposed to inform you of who is running but often tell you very little about the candidates. As any marketing guru will tell you it is name recognition that gets people elected. Sadly, it seems what one has done for the community is not as important as how much money your campaign has.

Here is a guide to interpreting the placement of election signs.

#### Homeowner Signs

These are the best indicator of solid support because the property owner is the one who gives permission to erect the sign. This means the owner personally knows the candidate or is aware of his/her political record and supports it.

#### Commercial Signs

Commercial properties often have multiple signs to suggest the chosen candidate has lots of support. In fact, this only means the owner/developer who owns the business or strip mall has given a candidate permission to install signage, but in reality the signs only represent one vote. The false impression is that all the businesses on the property support the candidate. It could also indicate that the candidate receives financial support from the owner.

#### Public Property Signs

These are illegal and usually appear near the end of a campaign. This could be a sign of desperation by the offending candidate, as municipal bylaws are sometimes poorly enforced and they choose to risk the consequences. These signs do not reflect the support and popularity of the candidate, and in fact they are likely the candidates you should not support because of their illegality. In the defence of fair play and sign pollution, citizens should report these signs to City Bylaw Enforcement.

#### Large Signs on Commercial Property

This type of signage is costly, and can only be done by candidates with deep pockets, or who have friends and supporters with deep pockets. Beware of this type of advertising as there is probably a very specific reason they are willing to invest a great deal in a local ward election.

Hopefully this will help you determine which candidates have true and broad support and probably have citizens' best interests in mind. Educate yourself about each candidate, their platforms and past records, then vote for your choice. But by all means exercise your civic duty and vote on October 22nd.

# Tell Us Your Story

*A family story which pays tribute to my hero, my grandfather, Cyril Williamson.*

In 1907 Cyril was born in a house at 23 Page Street, St. Catharines, Ontario. I am not sure if the home was equipped with plumbing, but I do know there was no indoor toilet. Therefore, going to the bathroom required a trip to an outhouse in the backyard. At the time, Page Street was considered to be on the eastern outskirts of town. In the days of wood and coal home heating, numerous foundries, forge shops

were many family members and friends close by and he availed himself from a young age of the services of the Niagara, St. Catharines & Toronto Railway (NS&T) interurban streetcar system to visit his maternal grandparents in Merritton and to go to Port Dalhousie in the summer time. He played some tennis at the Hiefield Tennis Club and won gold medals at the Royal Canadian Henley Regatta in 1922 and 1923 rowing “navy gigs”.

Cyril or “Popeye”, as my brothers and I called him, developed a keen interest in the emerging high technology of the day – radio. His tinkering became more than a hobby as he began making his own radio sets and operated a repair and parts store for a time. He was a founding member and past president of the Niagara Peninsula Amateur Radio Club and amateur radio continued to be a main interest throughout his life. He married my grandmother Ethel (Lawrenson) in 1927 and they stayed married for 61 years until his death in 1988. They had two sons: Uncle Doug (1930- ) and my dad Bruce “Booty” (1932-2009).

When Canada declared war on Nazi Germany and the Axis powers in 1939, Cyril, despite the fact he was in his earlier thirties, volunteered to serve his country in the struggle against fascism. In this risky venture, he followed in the path his grandfather James H. Williamson had taken in the 1860s serving in the 19<sup>th</sup> Lincoln, Canadian Militia. This was the

predecessor to the current Lincoln and Welland Regiment and its main task at the time was to repulse the Fenian invaders at the Battle of Ridgeway in 1866.

Because of Cyril’s knowledge of electricity and radio technology he was pegged to join a special operation of the RAF, after he trained at the Clinton Base of the Royal Canadian Air Force. He was commissioned as a Flight Lieutenant and Commanding Officer. Throughout his five years overseas, he moved around the eastern



**Cyril Williamson**

and factories, combined with a prevailing west wind, meant the east end of town was not the most desirable place to reside. This location, did however, make for a relatively easy walk across Queenston Street down into the valley of the busy third Welland Canal where my grandfather and his friends played, skated and swam. It would have been a longer walk to get to Central School on Church Street and later to the brand new St. Catharines Collegiate. While I do not know much about his early years, I do know there



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Mediterranean as part of AMES, which was short for Air Ministry Experimental Station, the name given to the British Air Ministry's secret radar development team at Bawdsey Manor in the pre-World War II era. The AMES acronym became the basis for naming Royal Air Force radar systems through the war. His duties centred on setting up and operating radar stations in strategic locations to detect enemy aircraft. Cyril was in the thick of things in places such as Cyprus, El Alamein, Cairo and Syria. He was at Tobruk in North Africa when Erwin Rommel, the Desert Fox, and his legion of Panzer tanks surrounded the old port and, following orders, he destroyed the radar equipment so the Allies' superior technology would not fall into enemy hands.

My dad was eight years old when his dad went overseas and thirteen when he returned, thus missing his father for five formative years in his life.

Once home, my grandfather

got the job of lighthouse keeper at the Port Weller light station. It was located about midway up the 2 km long west pier and is now the coast guard station. The Port Weller lighthouse was a non-traditional structure made of steel girders and open to the elements except for the light shed at its top. It was taken down in the earlier 1970s.

My grandfather's responsibilities included radio communication with ships at sea, managing a small meteorological station, turning the foghorn on when needed and ensuring the range lights at the end of each pier and the light at the top of the main lighthouse were on when required. According to instructions from

Prescott, the Seaway headquarters, he was to maintain security of the west pier. This, in part, meant keeping the fence gate closed.

However, I rarely remember him closing the gate. In fact, I remember him welcoming all types of people who came for picnics and visits all the way to the tip of this great, man-made waterfront spit. He could have more easily chosen to barricade the pier and prevent public access. Nonetheless, he chose, contrary to official protocol, to keep it open.

In retrospect, I wonder whether, after five years of turmoil in World War II and separation from his family and home town, my grandfather felt people deserved

the simple freedom of enjoying the lake firsthand.

Last November we opened the Welland Canals Fallen Workers Memorial in honour of the 137 individuals who died during the construction of the fourth (present) Welland Canal. A large number of the victims were killed at Port Weller. No doubt, my grandpa would have heard stories and likely personally knew men who died during the construction of the piers. Perhaps another reason he welcomed people to enjoy the spit was because he felt it would not be fair to restrict people from a publicly owned place where so many sacrificed their lives.

One reason I've shared my grandpa's story is because I firmly believe, as he did, that experiencing the waterfront is a simple, pleasurable and reinvigorating experience every Canadian should be able to enjoy.

Enjoy a safe and colourful autumn! ■

**Bruce Williamson**

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## Piers Rehabilitation Progress Report

On September 21<sup>st</sup> MP Chris Bittle called a press conference to update the public on the piers' planned re-construction. Also in attendance were Mayor Walter Sendzik, MPP Jennie Stevens and Port Dalhousie Councillor Carlos Garcia. MP Bittle said the Federal Government has opened the tendering process and is accepting bids for the piers' project until October 23<sup>rd</sup>.

The work to be undertaken is the installation of steel pilings, rock berms and a new concrete deck.

Bittle said he was excited the work has finally begun with a required environmental assessment.

Councillor Garcia said while acknowledging it was "a long time coming" and that "When we're finished, we will get what the public asked for and what Councillor Bruce Williamson and I pushed and fought for, which is full pedestrian and boating access." He also mentioned that the work would begin with the rehabilitation of the West Pier so that citizens will be able to enjoy it sooner than later.

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# Who Was Charles Looff, and What's His Connection to Port?

In his Riverside Rhode Island carousel shop of the late 1800s, Danish immigrant Charles Looff meticulously carved his wildly panting horses, tall smiling giraffes and rugged, muscular lions out of solid wood. One particular carousel boasted four animals abreast (most had three). It was equipped with a mechanism built by Kremer's Carousel Works in Long Island City, NY with music provided by an Artisan 121 key band organ. You guessed it, it was the Lakeside Park Carousel, or Merry-Go-Round as its known to many, that found its way to Port Dalhousie.

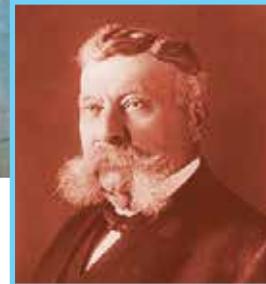
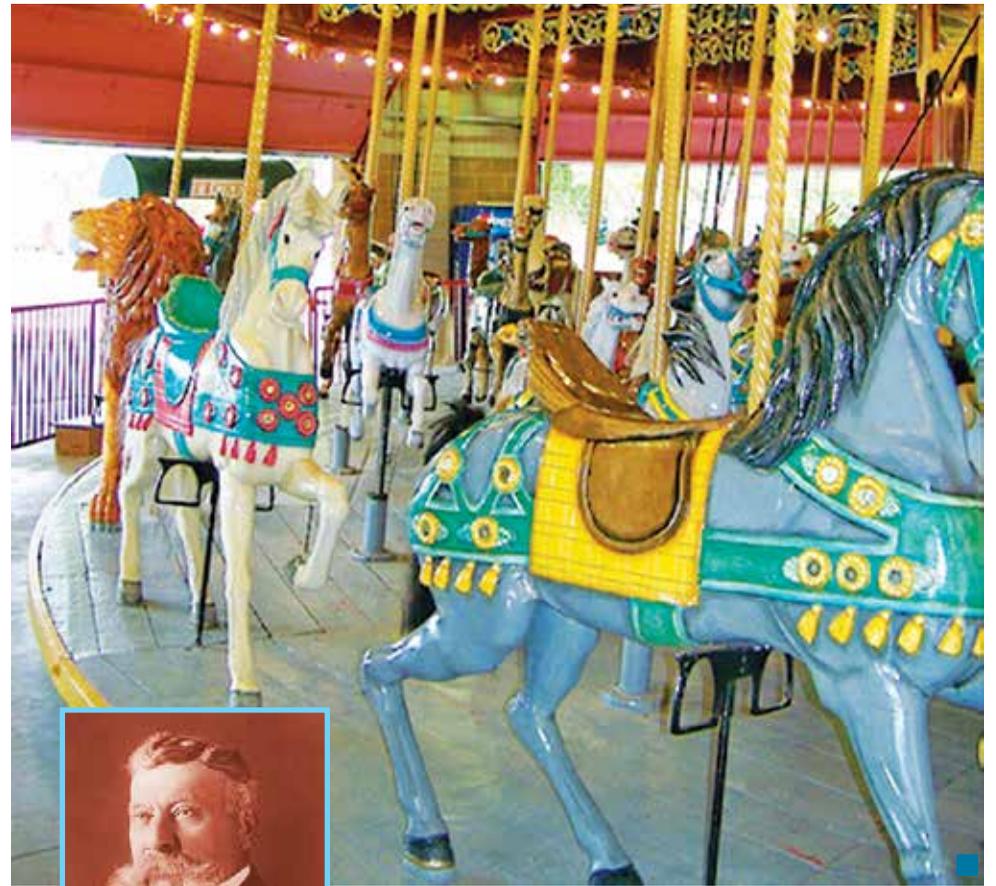
Originally owned by Canadian Railway News and the N.S. & T. Railway, this grand exile of woodcarving spent time at Hanlan's Point at Scarborough Beach, Toronto. In 1921 it was moved to Lakeside Park in St. Catharines. Today the only other carousel with a similar frame is at Knoebel's Groves Amusement Resort in Elysburg, Pennsylvania.

In 1950 the Carousel was sold to Mr. Sid Brookson of Port Dalhousie and became one of 57 attractions that lined

the midway of Lakeside Amusement Park in Port Dalhousie. Here it stayed, precariously close to the threatening shore of Lake Ontario until the amusement park closed in 1970.

Dorothy Crabtree, a local antique dealer, formed a committee and raised \$20,000 needed to buy the carousel. It was turned over to the City of St. Catharines Parks and Recreation Department with the stipulation that the cost of the ride would always remain at 5 Cents. Spearheaded by Bob Banbury, a longtime "Port Boy", a volunteer organization, Friends of the Carousel was formed and its members lovingly and painstakingly restored the carved animals to their former glory.

Today, local residents and tourists from all over the world spending a summer's day at Lakeside Park are drawn to the spectacular carousel. For only a nickel, mothers and fathers can stand alongside a regal stallion while smiling toddlers grasp the steel knurled pole with both hands. Old and young can enjoy the musical ride which harkens back to nostalgic times past. ■



After working in a furniture factory all day, he took scraps of wood home to his apartment and began carving them into animals. Young Looff assembled his wooden horses and animals onto a circular platform and created his first merry-go-round.

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# Putting the Planning Cart Before the Heritage Horse

It is clear from the existing Heritage Act, that every building/development activity within a heritage district requires a heritage permit, normally applied for *before* a building permit can be submitted. In St. Catharines, these permit applications go to the St. Catharines Heritage Permit Advisory Committee (SCHPAC), comprising volunteer members, typically before the Planning Department makes its recommendation. City Council approval is normally required for all demolition permit applications and for major development applications.

The safeguarding and adherence to these guidelines are routinely adjudicated and enforced by the SCHPAC (a citizens' volunteer committee) and becomes part of the City's approval process.

The Heritage Guidelines for Port Dalhousie's heritage district state that any additions to a designated

heritage building should be "slightly lower... so as "not to overpower or dominate the existing heritage building and the view from the street." Even the new and recently approved Heritage Guidelines for the Commercial Core and Harbour Area state that additions to heritage buildings should be subordinate to heritage structures.

In a recently Council-approved condo development proposal, this guideline seems to have been completely dismissed in the approval process. Two or more storeys were added to an addition even though the majority of citizens seemed to be against it during the lengthy consultation process for the Secondary Plan and Heritage Guidelines.

Over a period of approximately one year the city planners and the developer consulted on the project with the result being a report handed to City Council recommending approval of the development. Two or more additional storeys had been added to the Planning recommendation, and a building application from the developer was presented shortly thereafter. The plan includes not only the additional storeys, but an addition that is higher and substantially larger than the designated Heritage building.

The City then retained a sympathetic outside Heritage peer reviewer before presenting the proposal to the

Heritage Advisory Committee (not the committee charged with approving the required Heritage Permit). Even though the City requested the peer review, the practice is that the developer is the one paying the bill, a practice that opens itself up to seriously compromising the independence and integrity of the report.

Armed with this third-party approval they approached the St. Catharines Heritage Advisory Committee with their army of planners, consultants and developer's representatives and according to the August 27, 2018 article in the Standard, "*The development was supported by the St. Catharines Heritage Advisory Committee after a revised proposal*". This included some cosmetic changes and a reduction in the height of the addition of a mere 8 feet. This will mean the addition will be two and a half storeys higher than the existing heritage building even after

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With summer coming to a close, I am sure you will agree it was a great time in Port Dalhousie. Lakeside Park was bustling with people enjoying our beautiful waterfront. It was wonderful to see so many families and friends enjoying the new pavilion as well as the music at the Rotary Bandshell and the new, fully accessible playground.

With fall approaching, progress on the rehabilitation of the Port Piers will begin in earnest. The Department of Fisheries and Oceans (DFO) is developing the request for proposals for the reconstruction of the piers. This will be a major undertaking and it will likely take place over a couple of construction seasons. I will continue to work with MP Bittle and the DFO to keep you informed.

Council has approved two new projects: the redevelopment of the Legion by Rankin Construction and Lincoln Fabrics. Both of these plans were overwhelmingly supported by Council and each offers some benefits. The Rankin building will create a new home for the Legion for meetings, suppers and public events. The redevelopment of Lincoln Fabrics will convert an iconic heritage building into condominiums with ground floor commercial space and enhance the public waterfront. It will preserve the existing building and public parking. City staff worked long and hard to review both of these proposals and the developers came to the table. The St. Catharines Heritage Advisory Committee made recommendations for the Lincoln Fabrics project that were also accepted. It was a collaborative effort and we are looking forward to progress.

The revitalization of Port's commercial core continues with new restaurants and shops. I encourage you to support the business owners who are leading the revitalization. Through all of this, there is momentum growing and more to look forward to.

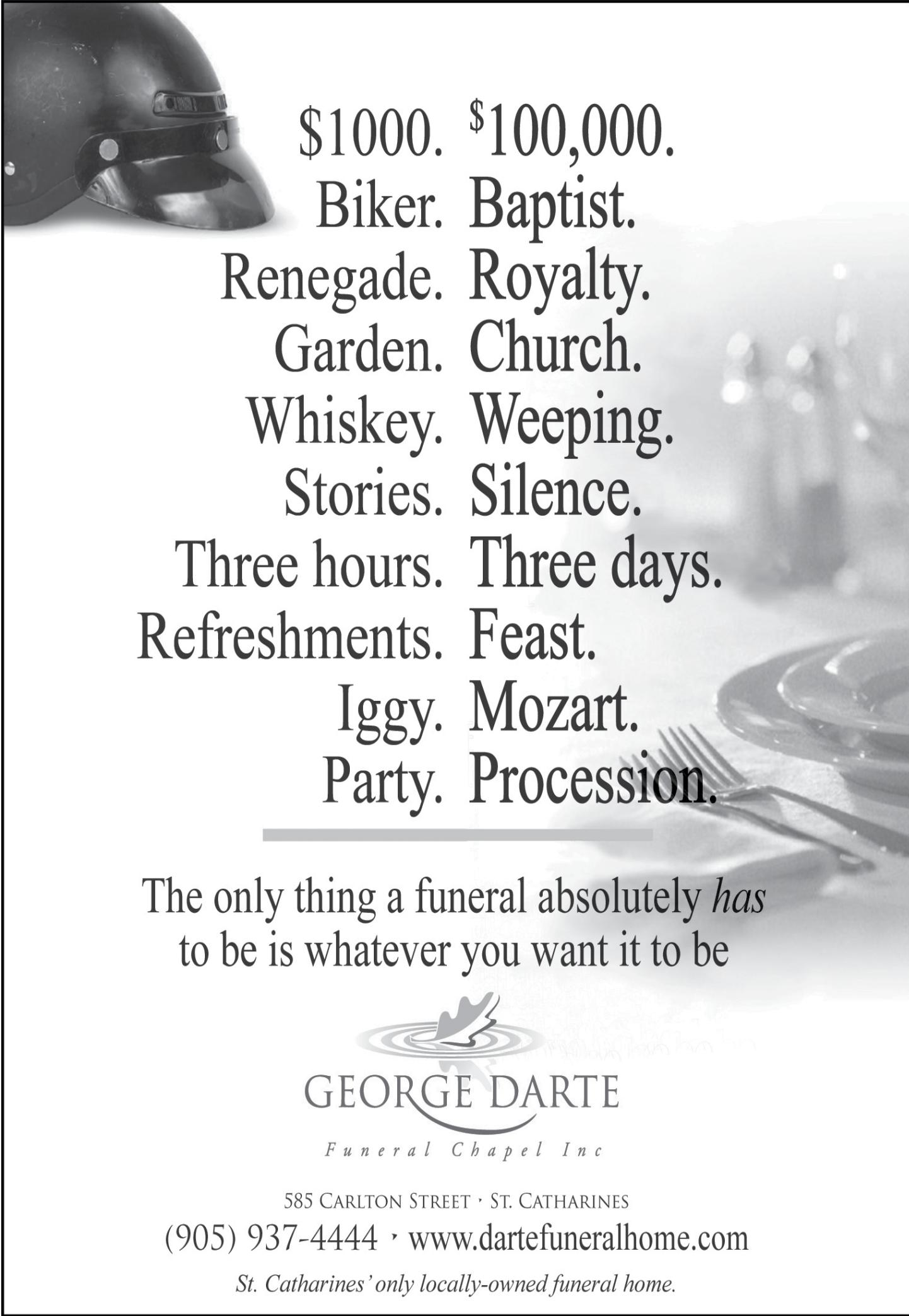
Thank you to the Port Reporter for the opportunity to connect with readers and share these updates. I look forward to seeing you soon.

Cheers,



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*Warm Remembrances of Life in The Town.*

## Debbie Chambers

....the simple life of growing up in Port.

## Joan Anderson

The vinegar and chips smell at Lakeside park, The music from the merry go round. The sound of the waves at night in the winter hitting the ice. The fire siren and all the kids piling in my dad's car to chase the fire. Probably why my brother Jim Lawrenson was a volunteer fireman for so many years. The sound of music coming from the dance pavilion and hoping some day I would dance there but was closed before I could.

## Mary Anne Kormos

The sound of the wind and the waves through open windows on summer nights. The call of the cox-wains urging their crews down the twelve. The clerk of the course calling crews to the dock at henley when they launched from the dry docks dock on lakeport road The smell of orange oil and gasoline as you walked into the old rowing club boat house. Popping tar bubbles on the midway with a twig. The smell of the chip stand.

## Estelle Bristow Schrupf

Those big old elm trees in the front school yard facing Main and in the autumn going with the class to collect leaves for our project. The tulip tree on the property of the old Anglican manse on the corner of Main across from the bowling alley. Every street and yard had fabulous trees, we had black walnut trees in our back yard on Dalhousie and the beautiful chestnut tree at the corner of Diane Brown's house on Dalhousie, and the English walnuts tree on Johnson's behind the back. Everyone collected those nuts for baking later.

## Tony and Bev St Louis

The freedom we had to play outside, "till the lights came on"!! Remember going out on the lake, in winter to climb the ice mountains & of course "the park" and everything about it! All these memories make me feel very nostalgic & blessed, for growing up in Port!! Thanks for sharing everybody!!

## Elaine Manocha

The smell of the frying onions and hamburgers and french fries as you walk along the midway between the rides and the games along the beach front.

## Lisa Marie Manuel

Ice skating on Martindale pond, playing in the orchards, staying out till the streetlights came on, hanging out at little woods, parties on the beach and walking on the pier so many memories to list!!

## Barbara Jill Perry

Going to Buckys Variety and getting black licorice with my Grampa Bunny Bunston. Swimming in Lake Ontaio at the end of Brock St. McArthur School and having Gym at the Lions Bowl. Best Lacrosse in the world.

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## Pete Higgins

The short walk from Canal st. to all our favourites pubs.  
Winter skating on Martindale pond.  
Hopping the fence at Port pool.

## Jenny Simpson

Getting penny candy at Mrs T's store ...

## Duane Rennie

Putting a penny on the streetcar tracks near lions bowl. wait for it to pass and see how flat it went.

## Robert Charles Downer

Floor hockey or ringette at St.Andrews Church on Tuesday evenings, Dart league at the Lions and skating on the Howards ice rink.

## Dean Butticci

Riding my mini bikes and motorcycle around the pool and McMahon field, The Bowl, summer lacrosse and Donny Baker flooding in the winter. Getting in trouble turning on the lights to play in bowl after dark. Last not least hearing the siren on top of Lion's Centre. So many memories.

## Ed Smith

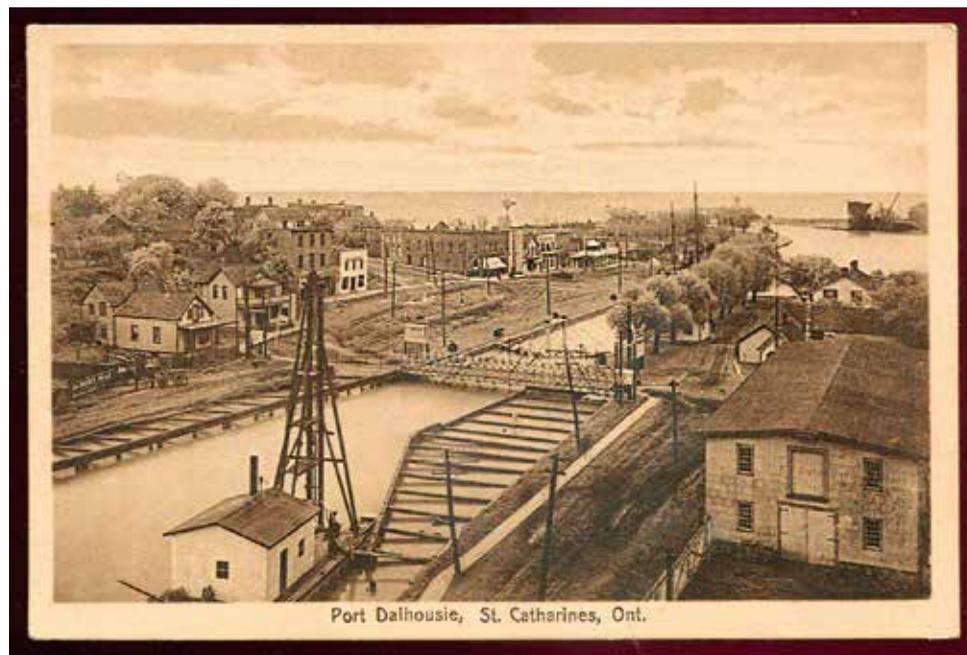
Siren calling the volunteer firefighters, pin setting at Pla-mor Lanes , I think it was 5 cents a game.

## Cathy Penner

Walking home from Brownies at St. Anns to Mary Street alone in the dark, admiring every home's Christmas lights, with no fear. Dragging home a Christmas tree from Mr. Stevens on the toboggan... \$10. After school, dropping books at home, grabbing skates and heading to Port Bowl Rink with brothers, sisters and friends. Lots more but that's 3.

## Linda Sztanko

Dawson Fish & Chips, The Simplicity of Kids having Fun, Halloween, Frog hunting in Coles Farm, Dancing at Port Mansion, Going to Mackies after Church, Youth Dances and Port Dalhousie House, Swimming at the Wendels, Skating at the Port Bowl, WOW! Great question - brings back a lot of memories. Thanks Paul! Its been a long long time.. I hope you are doing well.



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## Yvonne McShane

Tobogganing down the hill behind our house at 18 Lakeport, watching the boys race their go-karts down that same hill in the summer and eating Dorothy's spareribs that she gave to the kids on Emancipation Day!

## Gerry Dunphy

Peddling my bike from Western Hill packed with rod, lunch and shorts . We'd spend the day there sun up to sun down. So many memories to list. ■

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COMMUNITY MORTGAGE PLAN



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## Courtney McLoughlin

Niagara Health Foundation, Development Officer  
Events & Community Giving

Cause-related partners, like Cameron, help us support extraordinary healthcare at Niagara Health. Each time a mortgage is closed through the Niagara Regional - Community Mortgage Plan, 5% of the commission generated, is re-directed to Niagara Health Foundation to help purchase urgently needed patient equipment across our local hospitals. That means when you work with Cameron, you are helping build a healthier Niagara!



## Marty Mako

Active Community Volunteer

I strongly support the Niagara Regional - Community Mortgage Plan! I always thought a mortgage was simply an interest rate but there are policies I was unaware of that could cost me thousands of dollars. It is very important to get a second opinion from the Bank - in fact, your first option should be working with the Niagara Regional - Community Mortgage Plan!



## Barb Reid, RPN

Niagara Health

Working with Cameron was an eye-opener! I had no idea that the Banks, Credit Unions and Monoline lenders had such differing policy. We had to break our mortgage early to refinance high-interest debt because my husband was laid-off. The lender Cameron put us with saved us over \$10,000 on the penalty from what we would have had to pay with our own Bank! No one ever taught us about what an "Interest Rate Differential penalty" was or the fact that lenders are all different - we never even heard of it before, even though we were subject to it with our Bank!

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# Community Events

## October

Saturday, October 13

### The Rockets in Port Dalhousie

Sat 7 PM

Check with the Port Dalhousie Legion Branch on their FB page or at their location for more info.

Saturday, October 13th

### Cicada Music & Arts Festival 2018

12 PM – 11 PM

Inspired by the work of the late Thom Lepp, Cicada Music & Arts aims to bring some of Canada's premier artists to Henley Island in St. Catharines for a day of music, art and community.

Tickets on sale Friday, June 15th:

<https://www.showclix.com/event/cicada2018>

Check out their FB event page for more details on the line up!

October 13 & 14

### 1st Annual Port Dalhousie Artisan Studio Tour 10 AM

The 1st Annual Port Dalhousie Artists Walk and Studio Tour will take place October 13 - 14 from 10:00 - 4:00 pm daily. Join us for this free community event, meet local Artists, view their original works and visit some unique studios spaces in Port Dalhousie. Pick up your free Port Pass and have it stamped at tour stops to win prizes Contact Carol (905)802-4684 or email PDSstudioTour@gmail.com Follow us on social media @ODStudioTour

Sat, October 20th

### The Lisa Klassen Band in Port Dalhousie! Sat 7 PM

Check with the Port Dalhousie Legion Branch on their FB page or at their location for more info.

Sat Oct 27th

### Port Dalhousie Annual Pub Crawl

The Port Dalhousie Annual Haunted Pub Crawl is a GO! Tickets for the October 27th event go on sale next Friday! This event has sold out every single year and is capped at 150 participants. \$60 will get you 5 - 12 oz Brews and some alcoholic extra treats on the way. Food samples will be provided at all five stops. This is not a night to be missed. Costumes are mandatory and prizes will be given for best dressed. Kilt & Clover, The Alley Beach Bar & Grog House, Royal Canadian Legion Branch 350, Lock Street Brewing Company.

Sunday, October 28th 3:00pm

### Gathering of the Witches Port Mansion Lot

A dramatic theatrical dance performance with parade to follow. Costumes are encouraged! Refreshments and goodies to purchase. Donations to the Port Dalhousie Beautification Works Committee will be gratefully accepted. For more information please contact Mackie's store in Port Dalhousie at 905 3979530

October 26 to November 11th

### Port Dalhousie Legion Poppy Campaign

Legion Members, Air Cadets, and other Volunteers will be distributing Poppies during this time. Poppy Donation Boxes will be distributed to local businesses that support our Campaign. ALL money collected goes towards supporting our Veterans, their families, Cadets, and youth programs.

## November

Saturday November 17, 2018

### St George's Anglican Church Annual Christmas Bazaar

83 Church St, St Catharines

Doors open 10am (10am to 2pm) ( use side door)

Featuring crafts, knitting and sewing, vintage items, attic treasures, gourmet foods and preserves and baked items

Also a Café Lunch will be available

Contact: Sharon Crane at 905 933-3678

## December

December 7, 8, 9

### 3rd Annual Port Dalhousie Christmas Market

Hogan's Alley HOURS OF OPERATION Friday 4pm - 9pm

Saturday: 10am - 9pm Sunday: 10am - 5pm

Admission is free but we kindly ask that you bring a non-perishable food item for Community Care. Bins will be located at the Christmas Market entrance.

## Every Friday

The Port Dalhousie Legion Holds a Fish Fry every Friday from 4 to 7 pm. Everyone is welcome. All the Fish Fry workers are Legion Volunteers. One or two piece of 7 ounce haddock dinners are available for purchase which include french fries, coleslaw, and bread. Onion rings and mushy peas are also available.

*We provide free listings for any Port Dalhousie (or vicinity) area events that benefit local charities or community organizations and would be of interest to Port residents, vendors and visitors. It is at the discretion of the editorial team to include or exclude submitted events. Submissions are due by the 1st of the month prior to publication and can be sent to editor.portreporter@gmail.com.*



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- Invested in Lakeside Park
- Secured Federal Funds to Restore Port Piers
- Support Smart Development
- Focus on Affordable Tax Rates
- Secured Go Train Service



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## Alex Bradnam

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### ELECT

Dr. Sumeth Tanyaovakalna Ph.D. (Edu)

School Trustee

DSBN- St. Catharines

Issues of Concern

Transparency	Mental Health
Standardized testing (EQAO)	Special Education
ADHD	Safety



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two new storeys are added on top of it.

That Standard article also noted that "Members of the St. Catharines Heritage Permit Advisory Committee were not consulted."

With these pre-approvals in hand they presented the proposal to City Council who approved it during a busy summer, in a lame duck council session, with municipal elections looming on the horizon. A session where Council is not allowed to approve anything over 50,000 dollars.

But what about the Heritage Permit Committee approval?

Throughout this whole process, the St. Catharines Heritage Permit Advisory Committee has not yet received an application for the project. As stated earlier, the permit is normally applied for before a Planning recommendation or Council approval, but not in the case

of major development projects. Why is it that they are handled differently?

Interesting to note: the Port Dalhousie Heritage District Advisory Committee, predecessor of the St. Catharines Heritage Permit District Advisory Committee, was consulted with regard to the Port Place proposal prior to the Council decision (in 2006) approving the project.

Once the Planning recommendation has been approved by Council, all it takes is another decision by Council to overturn the St. Catharines Heritage Permit Advisory Committee's recommendation - should it be negative - and they are in the clear. Once again overruling the consideration and recommendations of their volunteer committees.

As of the time of writing, we are unaware of any pending appeals. ■



For Sale signs have gone up on Union Waterfront properties. The company, which proposed a massive 220-unit condo tower development in the Port Dalhousie core is controlled by Fortress Real Developments which has been in the news as part of an RCMP investigation into mortgage fraud. Union's properties include the Lakeside Hotel (my Cottage), the Jail, the Port Mansion site and everything over to Main St. The Receiver is aware that the new Secondary Plan approved by Council allows 3-storeys at Lock St. and up to a 6 storey set back. Hopefully, a buyer(s) can acquire the properties and build a successful project consistent with the existing architectural heritage and the new Secondary Plan. ■

# Chris Bittle

Member of Parliament - St. Catharines



Hope everyone had a great summer!

It's Back to School Time!

Please be Safe and Cautious  
In School Zones!

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## Niagara's Regional/Local councils and agencies have been mired in controversy and conflict

- Ongoing scandals around the Regional CAO hiring process
- Wasting taxpayer money on a \$1 million dollar police chief payout
- A councillor emailing pornographic photos to citizens
- Wasting \$277,000 on a lawsuit against a citizen critical of the Conservation Authority
- The \$40 million cost overrun on the Burgoyne Bridge
- The attempt by the Regional Chair and some councillors to subvert the free press
- Continuous infighting and bullying at Regional Council

## A Better Niagara is a non-partisan group, formed by citizens like you, who are fed up with poor local governance.

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