

The "TWENTY FOURTH MEETING" (REGULAR) of the Committee of the Whole was held at the Municipal Offices, 66 Charlotte Street, Port Colborne on Monday October 22, 2012 commencing at approximately 6:47 p.m.

ATTENDANCE:

Mayor Vance Badawey presided with the following members in attendance:

COUNCILLORS:

	W. Steele
A. Desmarais	Y. Doucet
F. Danch	
R. Bodner	B. Butters

Absent: D. Elliott (due to work commitment), B. Kenny (due to vacation)

REGIONAL COUNCILLOR

Absent: D. Barrick (due to prior commitment)

STAFF:

R. Heil, Chief Administrative Officer
A. Grigg, City Clerk
D. Aquilina, Director of Planning & Development
R. Hanson, Director of Engineering & Operations
K. Thomas, Manager of Accounting/Tax Collector/Acting City Treasurer
H. Hakim, Manager of Community Services
S. McIntyre, Recording Clerk

Also in attendance were interested citizens, members of the news media and Cogeco TV.

CALL MEETING TO ORDER – MAYOR VANCE BADAWEY

1. INTRODUCTION OF ADDENDUM ITEMS

Nil.

2. CONFIRMATION OF THE AGENDA

Moved by Councillor F. Danch
Seconded by Councillor R. Bodner

That the Agenda dated October 22, 2012 be confirmed as circulated.
CARRIED.

3. DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

Nil.

4. DETERMINATION OF COMMITTEE ITEMS REQUIRING SEPARATE DISCUSSION

The following item was identified for separate discussion:

Item 14.

5. APPROVAL OF COMMITTEE ITEMS NOT REQUIRING SEPARATE DISCUSSION

Moved by Councillor A. Desmarais
Seconded by Councillor W. Steele

That items 1 to 14 on the regular agenda be approved, with the exception of items that have been deferred, deleted or listed for separate discussion, and the recommendation contained therein adopted.

ITEMS:

- 1. Department of Planning & Development, Report No. 2012-74, Subject: Additional Policies to be included in the Adopted City of Port Colborne Official Plan**
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Committee of the Whole recommends:

1. That Council endorse the policies contained in the report with respect to property maintenance.
2. That Council direct staff to provide the property maintenance policies to the Region to be included in their modifications for Regional Council approval.

- 2. Department of Engineering & Operations, Engineering Division, Report No. 2012-30, Subject: Vale Health and Wellness Centre LEED Silver Certification Policies**
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Committee of the Whole recommends:

That the Council of the City of Port Colborne approve the Lamp Purchasing Policy, the Carpool Policy and the Open Space Requirement to meet the requirements of LEED Silver Certification for the Vale Health and Wellness Centre.

- 3. Department of Engineering & Operations, Engineering Division, Report No. 2012-31, Subject: Information Report – Skate & BMX Park Construction Progress**
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Committee of the Whole recommends:

That this report is presented for the information of Council and no further action is required as this time.

- 4. Department of Engineering & Operations, Engineering Division, Report No. 2012-32, Subject: Application for Bulk Water Haulage Agreement – Village Enterprises Water Haulage (New Owners)**
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Committee of the Whole recommends:

That the Council of the City of Port Colborne authorizes entering into a Bulk Water Sales Agreement with:

Village Enterprises Water Haulage, 554 Holloway Road,
Sherkston, Ontario, L0S 1R0; and further

That the Mayor and Clerk be authorized to sign the agreement.

5. **Department of Community & Corporate Services, Report No. 2012-32, Subject: Cancellation, reduction or refund of Realty Tax for 2010 and 2011 Taxation year for Port Colborne Community Association for Resource Extension**
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Committee of the Whole recommends:

That applications pursuant to Section 358, numbered 2010-02, 2010-03, 2011-02, 2011-03, 2011-04 and 2011-05 to write off taxes in the total amount of \$32,399.06 be approved.

6. **Department of Community & Corporate Services, Clerk's Division, Report No. 2012-35, Subject: Appointment to the Accessibility Advisory Committee**
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Committee of the Whole recommends:

That Alexander Kapellas be appointed to the Accessibility Advisory Committee for a term ending December 31, 2016.

That the Clerk be directed to bring forward the necessary by-law for approval.

Miscellaneous correspondence

7. **Carol Madden, Poppy Chairman, Royal Canadian Legion Branch 56 Re Request for Proclamation of Annual Poppy Campaign, October 26 – November 11, 2012**
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Committee of the Whole recommends:

That October 26th to November 11th, 2012 be proclaimed as "Poppy Week" in the City of Port Colborne in accordance with the request received from Carol Madden, Poppy Chairman, Royal Canadian Legion, Branch 56, Port Colborne.

8. **Ontario Coalition for Better Child Care (OCBCC) & Canadian Union of Public Employees (CUPE) Re Request for Proclamation of Child Care Worker & Early Childhood Educator Appreciation Day, October 24, 2012**
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Committee of the Whole recommends:

That Wednesday, October 24th, 2012 be proclaimed as "Child Care Worker & Early Childhood Educator Appreciation Day" in the City of Port Colborne in accordance with the request received from Fred Hahn, President, CUPE Ontario and Sheila Olan-MacLean, President OCBCC.

9. **Correctional Service Canada Re Request for Proclamation of Restorative Justice Week, November 18 – 25, 2012**
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Committee of the Whole recommends:

That the week of November 18th – 25th, 2012 be proclaimed as "Restorative Justice Week" in the City of Port Colborne in accordance with the request received from Don Head, Commissioner, Correctional Service Canada.

10. **Honourable Bob Chiarelli, Ontario Minister of Infrastructure and Minister of Transportation Re Federal Long-Term Infrastructure Plan**

Committee of the Whole recommends:

That the correspondence received from the Honourable Bob Chiarelli, Ontario Minister of Infrastructure and Minister of Transportation Re Federal Long-Term Infrastructure Plan, be received for information.

11. **Pam Swick Janjac, Development Officer, Port Cares Re Request for Proclamation of Port Cares Week, November 23 – 30, 2012**

Committee of the Whole recommends:

That the week of November 23rd – 30th, 2012 be proclaimed as “Port Cares Week” in accordance with the request received from Pam Swick Janjac, Development Officer, Port Cares.

12. **Association of Summer Theatres ‘Round Ontario Re Showboat Festival Theatre Closure**

Committee of the Whole recommends:

That the correspondence received from the Association of Summer Theatres ‘Round Ontario Re Showboat Festival Theatre Closure, be received and referred to the Manager of Community Services.

13. **Region of Niagara Re Smarter Niagara Incentives Program Grants to Local Municipalities (ICP Report 86-2012)**

Committee of the Whole recommends:

That the correspondence received from the Region of Niagara Re Smarter Niagara Incentives Program Grants to Local Municipalities (ICP Report 86-2012), be received for information.

CARRIED.

6. **PRESENTATIONS**

Nil.

7. **DELEGATIONS**

- (a) **Bob Saracino, Member, Representing the Royal Canadian Legion, Branch 56, Re the presentation made at the September 10, 2012 meeting concerning the Aviva Community Fund application for a Community Stage, King George Memorial Park**

Bob Saracino, Member, Royal Canadian Legion, Branch 56, was in attendance and referred to the Aviva Community Fund application for the construction of a community stage. Mr. Saracino expressed concern regarding the impact of said construction on the commemorative items donated by the Legion and located in the King George Memorial Park, specifically the refurbished 105mm howitzer gun, D-Day bench, and the Veteran’s Way footpath. A copy of the presentation is attached.

Gary Bozzato, President, Royal Canadian Legion, Branch 56, was in attendance and requested clarification concerning the application process for the Aviva Community Fund Competition.

Councillor Doucet advised the steering committee's intention was for the commemorative items to be left undisturbed and provided an overview the Aviva Community Fund application and approval process. The Mayor explained the Aviva Community Fund Competition is a multi-step process and that should the application be successful, community stakeholders, including the Royal Canadian Legion Branch 56, would be invited to participate in a review of the design proposal. The final proposal would require approval of City Council. The Director of Planning and Development was requested to include the Royal Canadian Legion, Branch 56, in community consultation regarding this matter as well as the Downtown Community Improvement Plan.

8. **MAYOR'S REPORT**

Mayor Badawey reported that the Niagara Region's Integrated Community Planning Committee considered Report ICP 96-2012 concerning a marketing plan for the promotion of the Gateway Economic Zone and Centre. The Mayor referenced the tax increment-based and development charges incentive programs proposed under the Gateway Economic Zone and Centre Community Improvement Plan and the need to market these incentives to potential investors. The Mayor noted the marketing strategy will be designed in a manner that promotes these and other available incentive programs in order to market the Niagara Region as a whole and encourage economic investment and development throughout the Region.

9. **REGIONAL COUNCILLOR'S REPORT**

Nil.

10. **COUNCILLOR'S ITEMS/NEW BUSINESS**

(a) **Relocation of Port Colborne Desjardins Caisse Populaire (Doucet)**

Councillor Doucet expressed disappointment that the Desjardins Caisse Populaire Credit Union is relocating from Killaly Street East to Clarence Street. Councillor Doucet stated the relocation will leave the City without a financial institution on the East side of the municipality and will have a negative impact on the surrounding community.

(b) **Farm Animals in Ward Two (Desmarais)**

Councillor Desmarais advised that she was informed of properties located within Ward Two which are keeping chickens and pot belly pigs and enquired whether these animals are permitted. The Director of Planning and Development replied that farm animals are only permitted in areas designated as agricultural and rural zones under the City's Zoning By-law and that compliance is enforced on a complaint basis. Mayor Badawey recommended the complaints be forwarded to the By-law Enforcement Division.

(c) **Main Street West Reconstruction (Danch)**

Councillor Danch requested an update regarding the completion of the Main Street reconstruction project. The Director of Engineering and Operations replied that a deficiency list was prepared and provided to the contractor for repair. Councillor Danch advised that a garbage can located on Main Street West was damaged in a car accident and requires replacement and that a light located in the parking lot is flickering and requires repair. The Director advised that the Department of Engineering and Operations would follow up.

(d) **Port Colborne Feline Initiative Moonlight Madness Yard and Bake Sale (Butters)**

Councillor Butters advised the Port Colborne Feline Initiative Moonlight Madness Yard and Bake Sale will be held October 26 and October 27, 2012 at St. Patrick Church Hall.

(e) **Maintenance of Humberstone School Grounds (Butters)**

Councillor Butters advised the grass at the old Humberstone School located on Killaly Street East requires cutting and enquired about who is responsible for ground maintenance. The Director of Operations reported the District School Board of Niagara owns the property. The Mayor requested the Director of Planning and Development send correspondence to the School Board advising of the need for ongoing maintenance.

(f) **Ward Two Meeting (Doucet)**

Councillor Doucet advised that a Ward Two meeting will be held at the Tim Horton's located at the corner of Highway 140 and Elizabeth Street, on November 7, 2012 at 7:00 p.m.

Staff Responses to Previous Councillors' Enquiries

(a) **Service Audit Review (Heil)**

The Chief Administrative Officer reported that his office is working on the Service Audit Review which began in April 2012. Council will soon be receiving the City Services Rating Survey for completion.

11. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

(a) **Minutes of the Twenty Third Meeting (Regular) of Committee of the Whole, October 9, 2012**

Moved by Councillor R. Bodner
Seconded by Councillor F. Danch

That the Minutes of the Twenty Third Meeting (Regular) of Committee of the Whole, October 9, 2012 be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED.

12. CONSIDERATION OF ITEMS REQUIRING SEPARATE DISCUSSION

14. **City of Welland Re Request for Endorsement of Petition to the Legislative Assembly regarding Dr. Kevin Smith's Niagara Health System Report to the Minister of Health and Long Term Care – Proposed Changes to the Hospital Services in South Niagara**

Moved by Councillor B. Butters
Seconded by Councillor R. Bodner

That the resolution received from the City of Welland Re Request for Endorsement of a Petition to the Legislative Assembly regarding Dr. Kevin Smith's Niagara Health System Report to the Minister of Health and Long Term Care – Proposed Changes to the Hospital Services in South Niagara, be received and referred to the South Niagara Health Care Corporation.

CARRIED.

13. NOTICES OF MOTION

Nil.

14. MOTION TO ADJOURN

Moved by Councillor W. Steele
Seconded by Councillor R. Bodner

That there being no further business, the Committee of the Whole meeting be adjourned at approximately 7:40 p.m.

CARRIED.

"LEST WE FORGET"

The Royal Canadian Legion

Port Colborne (Ont. No. 56) Branch
67 Clarence Street (Box 31)
Port Colborne, Ontario
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Presentation to City Council
Royal Canadian Legion Br #56
Re King George Memorial Park
Proposed Community Stage
Concerning the ^{Arrows} Community Fund
October 22, 2012

Mr. Mayor, Members of Council

I am Bob Saracino a member of Br #56 Royal Canadian Legion. I will be making this presentation on their behalf. My reason for being here, relates to a presentation made to this Council on September 10, 2012. regarding a proposal for a Community Stage project to be built at King George Memorial Park. As you are all aware that Br 56 has played a significant role in the development of King George Memorial Park over the years. That being the placing of a 105 mm. Howitzer Gun to commemorate The Royal Canadian Legions ^{75th} Anniversary in 2001. We made that presentation to Council on March 26, 2001. The placing of the O. Day Benches marking the 60th Anniversary of O. Day in 2004. We made that presentation to Council on March 22, 2004. The Veterans Way Footpaths in Celebrating the year of The Veteran in 2005. We made that presentation to Council on Feb 14, 2005. These memorable and historical events are very significant in Canada's and in our Cities history, as a tribute to our fallen soldiers and Veterans who fought and died for the Freedom and Democracy that we all enjoy today. -- May I say that in T.W.W.2 - Canada as a Country off
They served till death! Why not we?"



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11 Million people of which 1.1 million Men and Women served and that 45,000 were killed and 55,000 were wounded. What a price to pay for our freedom --- Therefore Mr. Mayor & Members, we are here asking this Council for information regarding King George Memorial Park, that should this Community Stage be built -- what impact will this have on these Memorable and Treasured articles of Remembrance, namely The Howitzes Gun, DD Bandes and The Veterans Way footpath. We are requesting this Council Mr Mayor & Members that these articles of ~~Remembrance~~ Remembrance remain where they are, as they are now. Mr Mayor & Members, I think it is very important to note of a few facts regarding these articles of Remembrance that are located in the Park. They have made a tremendous positive impact on our Cities rich Cultural and Historical heritage, as well as an enhancement to our Downtown and our Cities identity. and a tribute to our fallen soldiers and Veterans in grateful appreciation in preserving our freedom and democracy whose sacrifices will never be forgotten.

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(3)
Mr Mayor for the benefit of those members of Council who were not on Council at the time of the implementation of those Articles of Remembrance. I would like to give a very brief history of King George Memorial Park.

"Go to News Clipping & read some excerpts"

So Mr. Mayor and Members in closing I would ask each member, when making your decision on the proposed Community Stage Project... to Pause and Reflect and to Remember the sacrifice that our fallen soldiers and Veterans have made to our Country and that by Remembering them, we Honour them by those Articles of Remembrance placed in King George Memorial Park by The Royal Canadian Legion Br # 56.

Thank You.

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Bob Sarauw

Member Br 56

Royal Canadian Legion

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New sign for old park

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PORT COLBORNE

After 70 years, King George Memorial Park will finally have its name on display.

The occasion will be marked with an official ceremony on July 1 at 10 a.m., with the Royal Canadian Legion Branch 56 colour parade, words from dignitaries and then the new sign will be unveiled.

It comes at a time when the park is celebrating its 70th anniversary. The park's location was originally Port's Central School and then later the city's second city hall.

The school was built in 1865. In 1915, that school and property was sold to the municipality. Two years later it became the new town hall when Port's status changed from a village to town under Mayor Dewitt Carter. That same year, 1918, the Port Colborne-Humberstone branch of the Great War Veteran's Association was formed with 12 members. The association set up its clubhouse on the second floor of the town hall and shortly after changed its name to the Royal Canadian Legion. The Legion members remained tenants until 1944 when the group moved to its current location across the street.

It officially became the King George (Memorial) Park on July 1, 1936. There was a dedication of a flag pole from the Port Colborne Gyro Club and was part of a day-long Veteran's Day celebration sponsored by the Port Colborne branch of the Canadian Corps. Prime Minister William Lyon MacKenzie also sent greetings to the town that day to recognize the service of "these gallant men had rendered to the Dominion and the Empire during the trying years from 1914 to 1918."

"Thousands of veterans from across Canada and some from the United States came to Port Colborne for the official ceremony of King George Memorial Park," said regional Coun. Bob Saracino. "That park has a long and rich history in our community. Over the last several years, we added the gun, D-Day bench, and the Veteran's Way footpath. It still has the original flagpole and plaque. Now, after 70 years, the park will finally have a sign with its name."

"We must preserve the history of our city," Saracino said. "In order for us to look to the future, we have to first reflect on the past. During the second world war, many of our boys would meet at the park with their families to have pictures taken. There were also various rallies held there to get people to buy war bonds."

The park, said Saracino, is significant in that it serves as a reminder to the community of the war years, especially with the added artifacts. It comes at a time with the Royal Canadian Legion is celebrating 80 years and the Branch 56 Ladies Auxilliary is celebrating 70 years.

"I wish a lot more local history was taught in the schools," Saracino said. "I remember as a child going to King George Park. Our history can easily be forgotten, especially when our veterans are getting smaller in numbers. I would

