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BELLEVILLE Magazine Welcome



On behalf of City Council, Executive Management and the staff of the City of Belleville, it is my pleasure to welcome you to the 2022 fall edition of the BELLEVILLE Magazine.

What a wonderful summer we have had! We've come together to proudly celebrate Canada Day, the Waterfront and Multicultural Festival, the Pride parade and picnic, the beautiful Garden Party at Glanmore National Historic Site and our first ever Caribbean Festival. These opportunities to once again bond as a community have helped to energize us and strengthen our positive morale.

As you read through this magazine, you will see that Belleville continues to grow, prosper and improve in so very many ways. We have led the region in residential and commercial growth yet our annual tax increases were the lowest. We have improved our outdoor recreation and natural spaces, while also supporting our strong and vibrant arts, culture and heritage community. We've set a record for capital budgets and spending while also investing the most ever in our vulnerable and social services sectors. During the worst pandemic of our lifetime we did all of this and much more.

City Council and I deeply appreciate the support Belleville residents have given us as we made decisions to strengthen our city through safe, responsible growth. There have been challenges to be sure, but never once did we look away, but rather, met them face on and did everything possible to find ways to make them right.

Thank you for your hard work, co-operation and support as we build a better Belleville together.

Sincerely,

Mayor Mitch Panciuk

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residents proudly celebrate CANADA DAY 2022

IT WAS WONDERFUL to celebrate Canada Day together as a community in Zwick's Park. Two years of being unable to do so was two years too many. The young and young-at-heart made their way to the waterfront to be a part of the day's festivities. An amazing day that brought us together as proud Canadians.



Mayor Panciuk and Councillor Sandison caught up with the Bulyshev/Kyryliuk family who attended their first Canada Day event since moving here in March from Ukraine.



Belleville City Councillors, left to right:
Bill Sandison, Chris Malette, Carol Feeny, Garnet Thompson, Kelly McCaw, Tyler Allsopp, Paul Carr and Sean Kelly



The Canada Day celebration went out with a bang - 22 minutes for 2022 of spectacular fireworks. A great day that ended in a great way!

MAYOR'S WEEK OF THE ARTS

celebrating creativity and culture

BY PARTICIPATING IN culture and being exposed to different forms of art, we broaden the ways in which we can express ourselves. Even if we are not actively creating art, our ability to convey information and communicate with others is enriched. By taking in culture (in any form, whether it be music, art or writing, to name just a few) we gain a better understanding of humanity as a whole.

Belleville is rich in creativity and the annual Mayor's Week of the Arts is designed to recognize those who add this depth to our vibrant community. This year's schedule for the arts and culture week in May was full of exciting new and returning events that celebrated the visual arts, music, film, writing and more. Some of the highlights included were:

- Week of the Arts Opening Reception
- Quinte Arts en Plein Air Festival
- "In-Discussion with Best-Selling Author Linwood Barclay" Event
- Outdoor Concert with Quinte Symphony and The Impish Grins
- Chamber of Commerce Spring Family Funfest
- "Grey Roads" Documentary Screening and Q&A with Director Jesse McCracken



Payton Denyes
receives Youth Art Award



All You Need Is Love
receives retirement recognition



Pinnacle Music
receives retirement recognition



Grey Roads documentary
Director Jesse McCracken



Arts en Plein Air Festival
Mayor's Choice Award goes to Yuriy Omelyanenko



Mayor Panciuk makes cameo
appearance in 'Scenes from a Park'
at Theatre in the Wings



Chamber of Commerce Spring Family Funfest



Mayor Mitch Panciuk and best-selling author Linwood Barclay

“ We were thrilled to be able to re-energize this wonderful celebration of the arts after being unable to do so for the past two years. Belleville is a city full of history, culture and art. This week was created to bring attention to some of the talented artists and organizations we have here in Belleville, and recognize their contributions to our city and quality of life.”

Mayor Mitch Panciuk



Mayor's Concert for the Arts with Quinte Symphony and The Impish Grins at the Lions Pavilion in West Zwick's Park.



EXTENDING OUR

WE WERE EXCITED to share the following news in the previous BELLEVILLE magazine and crews have continued working on the Shirley Langer Trail, preparing it for use by our residents and visitors. Lights are being installed and now that the City has purchased developable lands at the former Bakelite property we will be able to expand the trail even further into this rich natural environment for all to enjoy.

IN CASE YOU MISSED THIS SHARED IN SPRING 2022 EDITION:

The Shirley Langer Trail (dedicated to former Belleville Mayor Shirley Langer) will extend from Herchimer Avenue, along the bay to the former Bakelite property. Through consultation with Quinte Conservation and the Ministry of Northern Development, Mines, Natural Resources and Forestry, a plan for a very special trail has been created. To date some trees have been removed, culverts replaced, and the trail and parking lot have been surfaced with gravel. The next phase will include trail lighting, specifically designed to minimize light pollution to ecosystem diversity and wildlife. Three to four metres of the eight metre wide trail will be paved and the gravel will be groomed to provide off-road bicycle use during the spring and fall seasons. A trail groomer has been purchased to create ski and snowshoeing trails during the winter season. Unlike the carefully manicured lawns encasing the other city trails, the Shirley Langer Trail will be surrounded by wildflower meadows, helping to rejuvenate this area back to an ecosystem of its own.

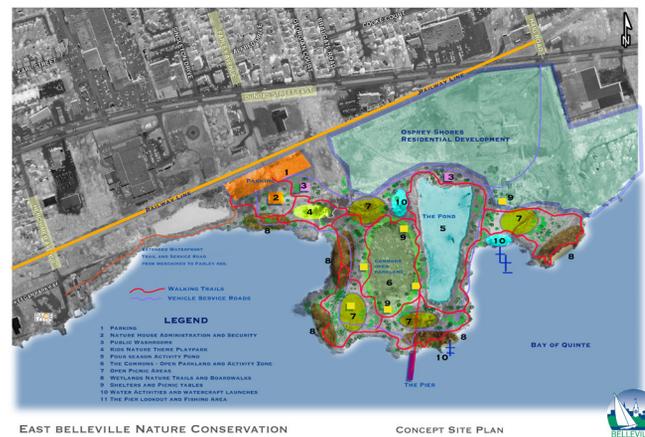


ON JULY 25 BELLEVILLE CITY COUNCIL TOOK ANOTHER HISTORIC STEP TOWARD THE FUTURE DEVELOPMENT AND IMPROVEMENT OF OUR COMMUNITY.

Council approved the purchase of 8.8 acres of land at the former Bakelite property to preserve them for recreational parklands. In addition, the City was given provincially significant wetlands to comprise 42 acres of waterfront property on the Bay of Quinte. These lands will be protected from development and will allow the City to provide an incredible park setting of trails, interpretive centres to study wildlife and fauna, as well as to protect these important wetlands.

“With the support of Quinte Conservation and Quinte Field Naturalists, we have shown how we can balance residential and commercial development with the protection of environment and green spaces. This will be a model that we will follow with other projects in other parts of the city.”

Mayor Mitch Panciuk



This is an exciting work in progress and these renderings are subject to change but being provided to give residents some context of the scope and impact of this plan and to let them know they can anticipate the extension of the Shirley Langer Trail through even more natural wonders.

WATERFRONT TRAIL

to the east we go



PACE

PICNICING AND SHELTERS AT THE POND

THE POSSIBILITIES ARE ENDLESS AND
THESE RENDERINGS ARE JUST SOME OF THE CONSIDERATIONS.



PACE

CANTILEVERED LOOK OUT PLATFORM

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THERE'S A DISC GOLF COURSE

and soon

THE RIVERSIDE PARK PUMP TRACK

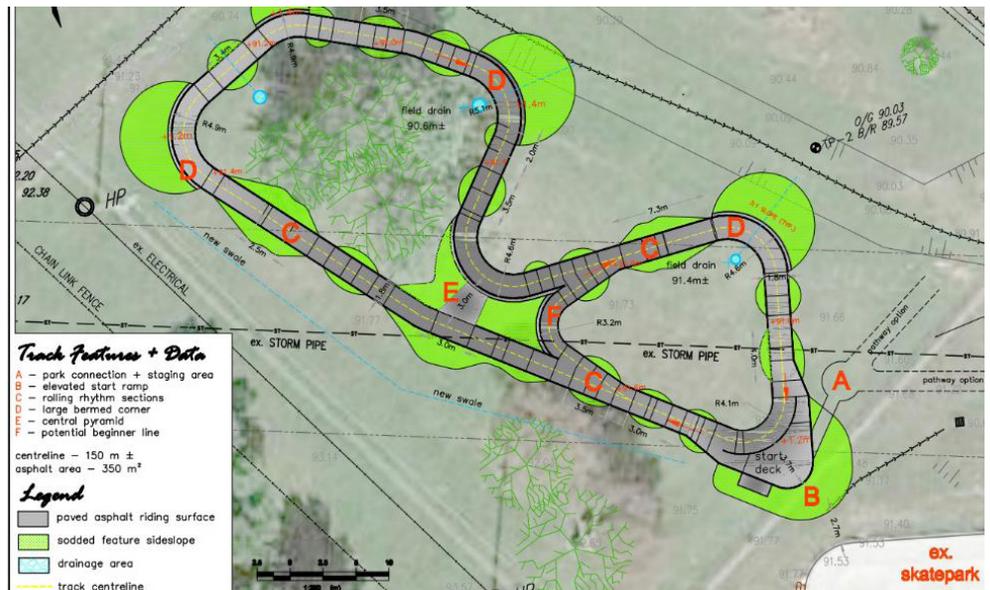
The construction of the West Riverside Park BMX Pump Track is underway and the first phase should be complete by the end of November.

The design of the track was created in a way which complements the existing skate park, sports fields, landscaped areas and trails. Safety and sustainability were key factors in the track design to ensure the completed track rides smoothly, flows well and is enjoyable for all users.

The facility will cater to a wide range of users with varying skill levels, suitable for all ages with an emphasis on beginner and intermediate level users. It will be a linear circuit that best utilizes the unique site shape and maintains access to the surrounding park amenities.

In the summer of 2012, the City of Belleville hosted the Ontario Disc Golf Championships at East Zwick's Park on a temporary course. Since then, the disc golf community has been lobbying for a course in Belleville to grow the sport both locally, and for sports tourism opportunities. During the Parkland and Recreation Master Plan process, disc golf was identified as an emerging outdoor recreational activity gaining in popularity in municipalities across Ontario. West Riverside Park, north of Bell Boulevard was selected for the course due to its proximity to Highway 401, supporting food and accommodations vendors, existing park uses, safety for other park users and requirements for hosting championship tournaments.

The 18-hole course is located at the Highway 401 hill at West Riverside Park (293 North Park St.) and is open to the public. Any group over 25 participants is required to book through Recreation, Culture and Community Services which can be done online at: <https://www.belleville.ca/en/learn-and-play/facilities-and-rentals.aspx>



Transitions Bike Parks Inc. is the contractor for this project. They have completed multiple, similar asphalt pump tracks in Ontario, developing tracks of comparable size and scale. Riders themselves, their understanding of asphalt pump tracks is unrivalled in Canada.

This project aligns with the City's Parkland and Recreation Master Plan and helps to fill activity gaps within the community. The facility will also provide opportunities to enhance sports tourism in Belleville.

exercise, play and enjoy NEW CITY PLAYGROUNDS

THE CITY'S PARKLAND AND RECREATION MASTER PLAN identified specific Belleville playgrounds which needed to be replaced. An important part of the planning for these new spaces was to gain public input from residents, ensuring the playgrounds would serve each of the neighbourhoods in the best way possible. In January 2021, City staff conducted an online survey to gauge what elements residents would like to see in Haig Park, Stanley Parkette and Cascade Park. Using data collected and feedback from the survey, contractors developed designs for each park that they felt best suited each location. An online public meeting was then held in April 2021 in which residents had the opportunity to vote for their preferred designs for each park.



Haig Park is located at 213 Haig Rd., east of Haig Road and south of Bridge Street East. Based on feedback from the public survey and demographic information for the area, the contractor ABC Recreation constructed a play space designed to be challenging for youth ages 12 and up. The guiding inspiration for this space was a “Belleville Ninja Warrior” challenge/course and includes fitness playground equipment, shared picnic tables and additional swings.



Stanley Parkette is located at 32 Stanley Park Dr., east of Farley Avenue and north of Bridge Street East. Based on feedback from the public survey and demographic information for the area, the contractor S.F. Scott Manufacture Ltd. (Blue Imp) constructed a play space designed to be fun for all ages, incorporating adult exercise equipment in addition to playground equipment for children and youth.



Cascade Park is located at 33 Tracey Park Dr., south of Tracey Park Drive and north of Cascade Boulevard. Based on feedback from the public survey and demographic information for the area, the contractor Openspace Solutions constructed a play space designed to be inclusive and represent the diverse population in the area. The space includes an “explorer dome”, climbers, slides and swings, in addition to seating.



Jackson Woods Park - The area of the city between Lemoine Street and Finch Drive from Tracey Street to May Avenue was identified as one of the major urban residential areas lacking a municipal playground in the Master Plan. It was determined that a new playground would be developed at the existing Jackson Woods Park and ABC Recreation was awarded the contract based on their submission at a public meeting in January. Construction was completed and the playground opened in July 2022.

“We are very grateful to our federal and provincial partners for their support with these projects. Throughout the COVID-19 pandemic, it became apparent how crucial spaces like these are for residents and families in Belleville. Parks and playgrounds provide us with space to exercise, play and enjoy the outdoors. The COVID-19 Resilience Infrastructure Funding has allowed us to improve on these spaces and develop parks that can be enjoyed by all for years to come.”

Mayor Mitch Paciuk

residents return for second **DOWNTOWN@DUSK**

BELLEVILLE'S FIRST Downtown@Dusk: Summer Solstice was held in 2019 and when Downtown Belleville announced they would be able to bring this event back to the city core in June 2022, residents responded with a unanimous 'yes'!

Those attending enjoyed an evening of entertainment, shopping, food and socializing. It was a wonderful way to transition into the festive summer season that was about to begin.



summer concerts and so much more

THANKS TO BELLEVILLE LIONS CLUB

THE BELLEVILLE LIONS CLUB was invited to participate in the Music in the Park program in 1993 and the Club adopted the concert series as one of its community service projects. Initiated in 1967 by the ANAF Veteran's Association and a small group of citizens, the concerts had become a very popular summer attraction, featuring local musicians and providing hours of pleasure, free of charge, to families throughout the region. After 43 years the band shell was replaced in 2011 with the Lions Pavilion where the concerts are held today. Each Wednesday and Sunday evening from June until the end of August, residents make their way to the pavilion to enjoy the shows. Although there is no charge for the concerts, donations are accepted and the Lions are proud to share that 100% of all proceeds go back into Belleville and the surrounding communities.

The Belleville Lions Club was formed in 1952 and is one of 46,000 clubs in over 200 countries. Since that time, they have had a diverse and significant impact on our community. The Lions Park on Station Street, vision and hearing screening at

Belleville schools, the Children's Safety Village, Operation Red Nose, Canada Dog Guides and Habitat for Humanity are just a few initiatives that the group has supported over the years.

The Belleville Lions Bingo on Dundas Street East has been active for over 40 years. Operated by the Lions Club, it provides a venue for the club and 23 other groups to do fundraising for their various organizations.

"One of our recent exciting projects is the Field of Ability for which we provided funding for the scoreboard and a batting machine," said Larry Brown, Club President. "Our motto is 'To Serve' and as such, we make every effort to help our community whenever possible, and if we are unable to do so, we are committed to connecting those asking with someone who can. This is a great group and we always welcome new members wanting to be a part of our positive initiatives."



WATERFRONT & MULTICULTURAL FESTIVAL

draws thousands to the waterfront

THE FESTIVAL WAS FOUR DAYS of celebrating Belleville's beautiful diversity by bringing people together to share traditions, music, culture and food. Between July 7 to 10 it is estimated that well over 30,000 people attended the festival. Those who chose to drive and pay the five dollar parking fee will be pleased to know that thousands of dollars were raised and have been donated to local youth initiatives. Gaining a broader understanding and respect for the numerous cultures within our area strengthens us as individuals and our community as a whole. The Belleville Waterfront and Multicultural Festival is the ideal place to start the conversations and broaden our perspectives.





FIELD OF ABILITY GRAND OPENING

community hits home run with amazing facility

THE AIR WAS CHARGED with excitement on Sept. 10 as a crowd gathered to celebrate the official grand opening of the Field of Ability. Located at Parkdale Veterans Park in Belleville, the Field of Ability is an amazing barrier-free recreational facility that provides an opportunity for children, youth and adults with cognitive and/or physical disabilities to enjoy the full benefits of participating in organized baseball at a level structured to their abilities.

The official Field of Ability campaign was launched in June 2018, and led by the Field of Ability Committee, our community raised over \$1.2 million. Along with the City of Belleville's financial support of more than \$400,000, the fundraising goal for the facility was exceeded. Without question, this project touched the hearts of many, even moving the youth of our city to host lemonade stands, make and sell bracelets and request cash gifts for their birthdays which in turn they donated to the campaign. In addition to the wonderful community support of individuals,

businesses and organizations, the project received \$250,000 through the Kraft Heinz Project Play and a \$200,000 grant from Jays Care Field of Dreams.

This field is so much more than just a place to play ball. It is a place to give children, youth, and adults with disabilities equal opportunity to:

- Find a sense of belonging to a team
- Build self-confidence
- Encourage social and communication skills
- Increase physical activity
- Increase gross motor strength and endurance
- Build friendships and support systems for both parents and players
- Make lasting memories

The Field of Ability joins a small handful of these types of facilities not only in Ontario, but across Canada. It is the only one of its kind anywhere between Toronto and Ottawa.



"As I stand here today looking around at this amazing facility, I want you to know something about this park. These kids and adults are not just athletes, when they step on this field they are teachers. They are why I stand here today and why my heart is full. They have taught me to be kind, to be compassionate, to be soulful and to be inspired like no other. There is no seclusion, no one is left out. It is safe, loving, and joyful here. We meet people every day and some will leave a mark on your heart but not like these kids. They don't leave a mark - they colour your heart!"

Lisa Newman-Chesher, Field of Ability Committee Chair

QUINTE SPORTS & WELLNESS CENTRE

celebrates ten years of serving our community

THIS AUGUST MARKED ten years since the Quinte Sports & Wellness Centre opened the newly expanded facility to the public. In recognition of the 10th Anniversary, they hosted a Celebration Week from August 15-20, with free activities for clients. The week was a chance to thank clients and staff for all they do to make the Quinte Sports & Wellness Centre a place where everyone is welcome.



"The Quinte Sports & Wellness Centre has come to be an important facility for our community and region as a whole. It provides individuals and families with daily opportunities to enhance their fitness and wellness experiences. The expanded facilities have provided us with the privilege to host a variety of events over the years, including the World Floorball Championships, Quinte Sportsman Boat & RV Show, Belleville Senators games, Belleville Beast Swim Team competitions, OMHA Championships, figure skating competitions and so much more."

Mayor Mitch Panciuk



SO MANY FUN MEMORIES HAVE BEEN CREATED at the Quinte Exhibition on Sidney Street.

Although this was the last year for this event at this location, great times will continue as the exhibition moves to the new Belleville Agricultural Society site on Black Diamond Road in 2023.



NEW SITE ON BLACK DIAMOND ROAD UNDER DEVELOPMENT NOW



CARIBBEAN FESTIVAL

celebrating and embracing diversity

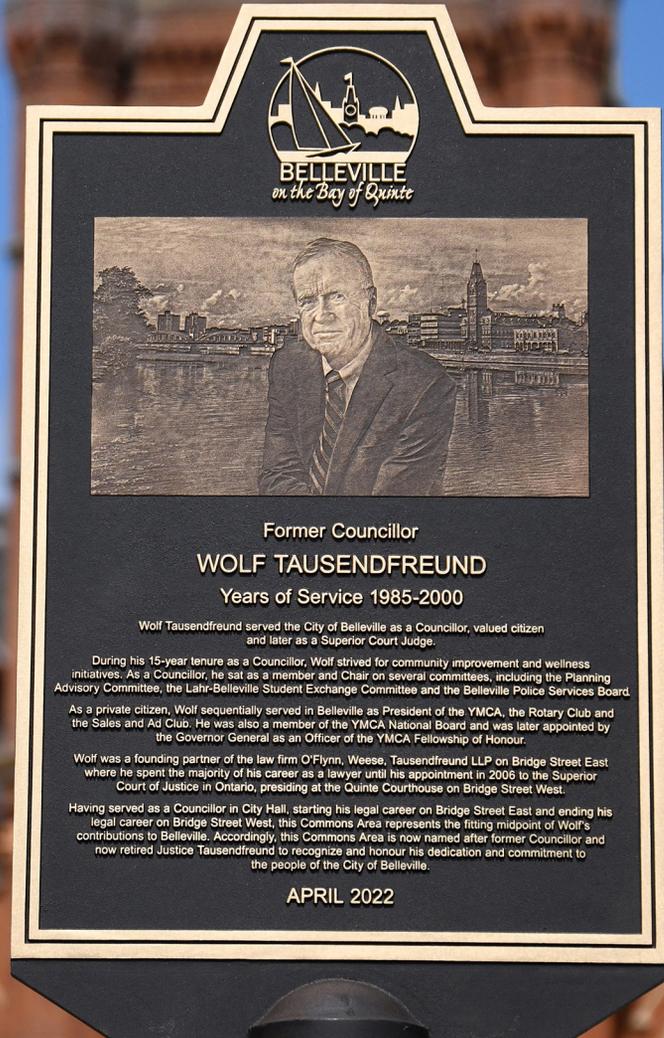
THE CITY OF BELLEVILLE was proud to host its very first Caribbean Festival downtown on June 25. The Caribbean culture was celebrated through carnival arts, music, costume, dance and cuisine. An exciting lineup of local performers including singers, dancers and steel pan players were featured and festival-goers were delighted to wrap-up the cultural celebration with a performance by Sean Jones and band The Righteous Echo. Sean Jones is a Juno award winning R&B singer and songwriter. A special thanks to our generous sponsors who helped us bring this amazing event to life.

“ We understand our community’s hunger for festivities and gatherings and we were so pleased to resume the celebrations which we have deeply missed. By adding the Caribbean Festival to our summer events we were able to enjoy another layer of fun and excitement, while embracing the diversity which makes Belleville such a great city.”

Mayor Mitch Panciuk



in dedication to
WOLF TAUSENDFREUND



MAYOR MITCH PANCIUK, members of Belleville City Council, staff and invited guests were pleased to join former City Councillor Wolf Tausendfreund, friends and family for a special plaque dedication in the Commons Area on Front Street this June.

Wolf Tausendfreund served as a member of Belleville City Council from 1985 to 2000. During his 15-year tenure, he served on many committees as a member and Chair including the Planning Advisory Committee, Lahr-Belleville Student Exchange Committee and Belleville Police Services Board.

As a private citizen, Wolf also served as President of the YMCA, Rotary Club of Belleville and the Sales and Ad Club. He was a member of the YMCA National Board and was later appointed by the Governor General as an Officer of the YMCA Fellowship of Honour.

Wolf was a founding partner of the law firm O’Flynn, Weese, Tausendfreund LLP on Bridge Street East where he spent the majority of his career as a lawyer. In 2006, he was appointed to the Superior Court of Justice in Ontario and presided at the Quinte Courthouse on Bridge Street West.

Having served as a Councillor at City Hall, starting his legal career on Bridge Street East and ending his legal career on Bridge Street West, the Commons Area on Front Street represents the fitting midpoint of Wolf’s contributions to Belleville.

This community space has been dedicated to former Councillor and now retired Justice Tausendfreund in honour of his service and commitment to our city.

L to R: Councillors Malette, Thompson, Feeney, Kelly, Elaine and Wolf Tausendfreund, Mayor Panciuk, Councillors Allsopp, Carr and Sandison.



PRIDE PARADE AND PICNIC

continue to grow



THE OBSERVATION OF PRIDE in the Quinte area began more than ten years ago, with a summer event called Pride in the Park. What began as a small, quiet community picnic rapidly grew into an afternoon of games and crafts, entertainment and a real sense of celebration.

In the summer of 2012, the youth group decided to host a Pride Walk to the picnic site. On that day, approximately 40 people participated.

Given the response from the 2012 walk, a Pride Planning Committee was formed and arranged for both a parade and

Pride In The Park to begin in the summer of 2013. The parade has continued to grow with the addition of local businesses and community groups. The popularity of the events has led to the development of Pride Week – the week leading up to the Parade and Pride in the Park – which includes activities for participants of all ages.

In 2019, what began as Belleville Pride officially became Bay of Quinte Pride, encompassing Quinte West and Prince Edward County. This is a symbol of how far the community has come in terms of visibility and acceptance. It is a celebration of the diversity here in our Quinte region.

GREAT STRIDES BEING MADE

in increasing number of local housing units

IN MARCH 2019, the City of Belleville hosted a Housing Summit in which City Council, staff and community organizations gathered to discuss and create a plan to address the housing shortage in the city. During the two-day summit, seven action items were developed that the group felt would make an immediate impact on the situation. Since then, staff has worked diligently to implement these action items and have made great strides in increasing the number of housing units locally. Below is an update on each action item:

1. Develop an Affordable Rental Housing Community Improvement Plan (CIP) and update the existing Brownfields CIP and Downtown CIP. COMPLETE – The City contracted Dillon Consulting Limited and Sierra Planning and Management to develop an all-encompassing Community Improvement Plan which was finalized in October 2021. The plan contains a number of incentive programs that developers and individuals may apply for. Council recently approved funding for five affordable housing applications under the CIP, supporting the creation of 81 affordable residential units and 183 units in total.

2. Provide recommendation on 'next steps' for a housing strategy for affordable and attainable housing. ONGOING - City staff continually work on the following items to keep affordable rental housing as a community priority:

- Meet with Hastings County regarding the five-year update of their Ten-Year Plan to Address Housing and Homelessness Issues to identify areas where more information is required.
- During pre-consultation meetings with developers, City staff continues to explain Council's prioritization of creating more apartment rental units and having a mix of housing types in larger developments. Developers have been receptive to Council's prioritization and have been updating their development applications to include apartment blocks.
- The Land Supply Report contains an appendix to identify approved and proposed rental units, which is updated semi-annually to provide ongoing tracking.
- Staff continues to fast-track and prioritize approvals of affordable housing projects.



3. Update the City's Development Charges Bylaw. COMPLETE – In December 2021, the City approved the new Development Charges Bylaw which included a reduction of development charges by 50% for all apartment units being built that enter into an agreement with the City to charge rent at market rate (as established by Hastings County) or less for a defined period of time, and for properties with a minimum of a six-unit apartment building (to a maximum of 1,000 units by 2025).



4. Update the Official Plan to include modernizing housing policies, intensification policies and mixed-use policies.
COMPLETE – The City adopted the new Official Plan in November 2021. The plan is now with Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing for review and will take effect once approved.

5. Recommendations be referred to the 2019 budget process.
COMPLETE - City Council approved the budget for the development of the Affordable Rental Housing CIP.

Furthermore, City Council provides funding through the budget process for the ongoing implementation of the Affordable Rental Housing Programs.

6. Management prepare a policy for Council consideration regarding an annual property allotment for organizations such as Habitat for Humanity.
ONGOING – Council continues to donate property to Habitat for Humanity.

7. Update the Second Units Policy.
COMPLETE - Staff from Planning, Building and Fire & Emergency Services have established a process for how an individual property owner can apply to legalize an illegal second unit. Secondary units may be eligible for loans and grants under the CIP program. Newly-developed units are also exempt from development charges under the new bylaw.

Since March 2019, building permits have been issued to create 1,444 new residential units in the city of Belleville. Staff continues to develop additional ways to encourage creation of housing including reducing parking requirements for affordable rental housing and providing residents with information on other incentives.

More information on the 2019 Housing Summit and updates regarding action items can be found online at: belleville.ca/housing

GREAT THINGS HAPPEN

when our community comes together

IT IS CLEAR that great things happen when our community comes together – 111 Great St. James St. is proof of that.

The 32-unit complex is the third and latest venture of Bob Cottrell of All-Together Housing and Phil Spry of Springale Development, and is the result of a wonderful collaboration with organizations such as the Enrichment Centre for Mental Health, Community Visions and Networking Quinte (CVNQuinte) and other housing and support-oriented organizations under the Quinte Community and Housing First Partnership model.

The Quinte Community and Housing First Partnership is led by All-Together Housing and leverages the strengths of different companies and agencies to offer a new, innovative way of building affordable housing. The goal of the housing model is to create safe, accessible and affordable units, and to provide ongoing support to the vulnerable populations that call these units home. The organization accesses funds from a number of sources including United Way Hastings & Prince Edward, Ontario Trillium Foundation and the City of Belleville under the Social Infrastructure Fund.

The Great St. James Street project contains a mix of affordable and market-rate rental apartments which not only ensures long-term sustainability of the project, but creates a diverse and inclusive living environment for tenants.

There are 16 affordable units total in the building. The units are primarily studio/one-bedroom and two-bedroom apartments, with three additional three-bedroom units that are used by the Enrichment Centre for Mental Health as part of their transitional housing program.

“We are so grateful to have been included in this project from the outset,” said Enrichment Centre for Mental Health Executive Director Sandie Sidsworth. “Our goal with these units is to provide individuals who may be moving from a situation where they were dealing with homelessness, addictions or mental health challenges, with a more permanent residence where they can re-learn how to cohabitate and live independently again. Being able to provide them with a safe, accessible place to transition back into society is so important. With these fully-accessible units, we are able to focus our funds on things other than upgrading and retrofitting our spaces to meet tenants’ needs – this model has allowed us to put more money directly to supporting our clients and that makes all the difference.”

Four of the affordable units are used by Community Visions and Networking Quinte to support individuals who are developmentally challenged, Deaf, hard of hearing or may have a communication difficulty who require assistance to live interdependently. These units will have a staff person on-hand for additional support.

“Our goal at CVNQuinte is to empower people with developmental disabilities,” said CVNQuinte Executive Director Terri Korkush. “All-Together Housing and Springale Development have truly gone above and beyond when it comes to the accessibility of this project. Not only does this give the people we support a safe and affordable space to live, it contributes to a wonderful and inclusive community. We are very pleased to be a part of this project and look forward to what the future holds for the individuals living here.”

The remaining affordable units have been filled by partner agencies to support tenants who may need additional assistance with wholly independent living. The 16 market-rent units were then filled on a first-come, first-served basis. In addition to the housing units, the building also contains an office space for use by partner agencies, a shared community hub with kitchen for cooking classes or tenant-run café, and an outdoor patio area.

Funding for the project has come principally from the federal and provincial governments with a sizeable donation from the local Parrott Foundation. For more information on the Great St. James Street project and other Quinte Community and Housing First Partnership initiatives, visit: <https://www.alltogetherhousing.ca/>



PLANNING REPORT BEING DEVELOPED *for transition to zero emissions bus fleet*

DURING 2022 operating budget considerations, Belleville City Council approved a budget request for Belleville Transit staff to work with partner agency Metrolinx through their Transit Procurement Initiative (TPI) to develop a planning report for the transition to a zero emissions bus fleet in Belleville.

Transit has been a member of the Metrolinx TPI since 2015. This is an agreement between Metrolinx and participating municipalities which facilitates joint procurements and sourcing of numerous transit-related capital items – a partnership that has saved Ontario taxpayers an estimated \$11.9 million in purchasing and administrative costs.

Staff worked with Metrolinx TPI to select a planner to complete a Battery Electric Bus Feasibility Study and Fleet Transition Plan. HDR Inc. was selected as the successful bidder and was awarded the contract from Metrolinx TPI in April this year.

HDR Inc. project teams have completed battery electric bus feasibility studies for BC Transit and Durham Region Transit, and over 20 similar projects in the United States.

With the contract awarded, participating municipalities including the City of Belleville were then able to complete the second stage of the Infrastructure Canada Zero Emissions Transit Planning funding application which would cover 80% of the municipalities' planning costs for the implementation of zero emissions transit.

Staff applied for and was granted funding for the planning study. City Council awarded the contract for the Electric Bus Feasibility Study to HDR Inc. during their August 8 meeting.

The planning project will be completed in the following three phases over the next several months:

1. Route Modelling and Schedule Optimization

This phase will include a project initiation meeting, data collection and review, model set-up and baseline energy requirements, optimization meeting to review findings and additional power requirements, phasing plan development and modelling report.

2. Facility

This phase will include data collection and review (facility drawings, plans, data), identifying facility space/structural constraints and opportunities, meeting with the City's electrical distribution company, identifying cost/benefit of battery storage systems, conceptual layouts, single line drawings, major/mechanical equipment requirements, recommendations meeting, phased implementation plan and cost estimates.

3. Fleet Transition Plan

This phase will include identifying bus and charger specifications, requirements, software and staffing, fleet electrification and procurement timeline (bus, charger, construction), implementation plan meeting, detailed budget/financial plan, outline of greenhouse gas emission savings each year, operational implementation plan (resourcing, change management and risk assessment) and draft final report.

A City of Belleville working group has been assembled for this study including members of Transit, Facilities, and Finance. When the report is complete, the HDR Inc. consulting team will provide a presentation to City Council and the public. Residents are encouraged to stay tuned for future public input opportunities.

"This is a very exciting step for our transit service here in Belleville. Electrification is something we have been exploring for years now. It is great to finally be able to take some concrete steps towards this transition with the support of the federal government. We look forward to providing this report to Council and the public and moving towards a zero-emission fleet."
Transit Manager Paul Buck



CARL COX RV SALES AND SERVICE

41 years and three generations

CARL COX RV SALES AND SERVICE can still be found at its original location on Old Highway 2 heading east out of Belleville. Initially started as a used car dealership by Carl Cox and his son Jeff, it quickly evolved and for the past 38 years they have been in the RV business, not just selling them, but providing full service - fuel, insurance, repairs, winterizing and propane. Now owned and operated by Carl's two sons, Jeff and Glen, the business has been joined by other family members, including Jeff's daughter Catharine as Business Manager.

Always looking for new ideas and initiatives, 22 years ago, Jeff held the first Quinte Sportsman, Boat and RV Show. What began in one building with 15 vendors has grown to 240 vendors which occupy the entire Quinte Sports & Wellness Centre (QSWC) - inside and out.

"I love the challenge of bringing people from away to attend our show," Jeff explained. "I run advertising, including billboards, from Montreal to Toronto and get excited to know that all these people are coming to our city, helping such a broad spectrum of businesses - our hotels, our restaurants and our retailers. We are so fortunate to have the QSWC here - there is no facility like it between Toronto and Ottawa. We use every aspect of it, even the pool, which is ideal for fishing, paddleboat and kayak demos. No matter what we dream up, the Centre's staff is great and works with us to make it happen."

Jeff and his family are big on 'local'. For years they have supported numerous community initiatives by supplying RVs free of charge to be used at events. Jeff drops them off, connects everything and then returns to pick them up when the event is over. Organizers of Relay for Life, Sleep Out So Others Can Sleep In, the Waterfront and Multicultural Festival, Canada Day and Rib Fest are just a few of the groups that have appreciated the difference this thoughtfulness makes.



JEFF COX, SALES MANAGER

Wanting to show their appreciation for our local hospital, this year Carl Cox RV Sales and Services donated an RV to the Belleville General Hospital Foundation (BGHF) for a fundraising raffle. Not only did they donate the RV, but they drove it to numerous locations prior to the raffle as a promotion to help sell tickets. This initiative raised just over \$140,000 for the foundation. The importance of our local healthcare is deeply valued by the Cox family and it is their intention to form more partnerships with the BGHF in the future.



AS THE USE OF RIDESHARING or Transportation Network Companies (TNCs) has gained in popularity over the past number of years, Belleville City Council felt it was necessary to review the City’s original Taxi Licensing Bylaw (Bylaw 2010-17).

Bylaw 2010-17 came into effect in 2010. Since then, there have been many changes to the vehicle-for-hire industry including the emergence of TNCs such as Uride. As a result, the 2010 bylaw needed to be modernized.

In November 2020, staff was directed by Council to conduct a thorough review and consultation process to update the bylaw. A consultant was hired and in summer 2021, surveys were conducted with members of the public and industry for input. Other groups and individuals consulted included the City’s Accessibility Advisory Committee, Belleville Police Service, the City’s insurer and other municipalities.

Using the data collected and best practices from other municipalities, staff developed Bylaw 2022-79 (A Bylaw to Regulate and License Vehicles for Hire).

The new bylaw continues to focus on health, safety and consumer protection while also recognizing the different business models and changes that have occurred in the industry over the years. Highlights of the update include:

- Ensuring the bylaw applies to the operations of all vehicle-for-hire services including taxi, limousine and TNC operations as opposed to taxis only
- Removing tariffs for all vehicle for hire services, allowing operators to establish their own rates for the services they provide (subject to submitting a copy of the fares to be charged and ensuring passengers are aware of the fares)

- Adding new accessibility requirements which state that brokers with six taxicabs must prove that one is wheelchair accessible, brokers with seven or more taxicabs must prove that a minimum of four per cent are wheelchair accessible and that TNCs unable to provide such service must direct riders to a person who can provide the service

Council completed the first reading of the bylaw during their May 24 Council meeting at which point local vehicle-for-hire operators were asked to review the bylaw and provide any feedback. The bylaw then came to Council for second and third reading during the July 11 meeting and an amendment was made to the Fees and Charges Bylaw to add the new approved fees during the August 8 meeting.

The purpose of this bylaw is to provide a set of standards for licensing vehicle-for-hire operations in Belleville. The City of Belleville does not oversee day-to-day operations of taxi, limousine and TNC companies. Riders should direct any operational issues they may have, to the companies directly. For additional information about the City’s Vehicle-for-Hire Bylaw, please contact the Licensing Officer at 613-968-6481.

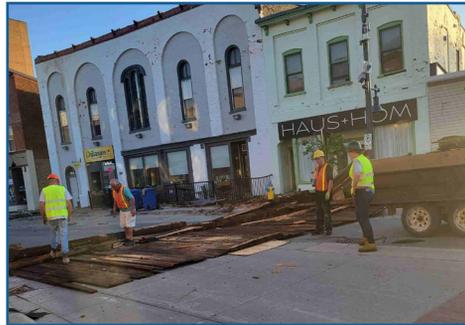
CITY STAFF TEAMWORK

deeply appreciated

OUR BELLEVILLE COMMUNITY was greatly impacted by the storm that hit our city on Thursday, June 16. Residents wrestled with power outages, fallen trees and property damage. City staff immediately set to work, not only addressing the issues on public roads and in our city parks, but supporting residents by collecting truckloads of broken branches and trees from private homes. From July 16 to 22 alone there were 3,775 hours clocked for this process with storm labour costs up to \$127,500 and these numbers continue to grow. This was all done in addition to the regular city upkeep the team takes such pride in doing.

“The City team has gone above and beyond with their efforts to support our residents following the June storm. It is unanticipated events such as this which really test our resilience and City staff definitely stepped up, shouldering a huge amount of extra responsibility to help set things right. It was a challenging time for many and I am so very proud of our staff for the role they have played in this situation.”

Mayor Mitch Panciuk



SUMMER GARDEN PARTY

highlights city historical site



“After hosting this event for members of our tourism industry in 2019, we were so pleased to finally be able to open it to the public after a three-year delay due to the COVID-19 pandemic. It is great to be able to host events like this in-person again and to promote this incredible landmark in our community. The Summer Garden Party was an opportunity for residents to take a step back in time and experience period entertainment, music and food, all while taking in the beauty of the Glanmore National Historic Site.”

Mayor Mitch Panciuk



with special thanks to **SUSAN WALSH**



BELLEVILLE IS SUCH A GREAT CITY and the special events that are held throughout the year bring us together to celebrate the things we hold dear in our community. We line the streets for our Santa Claus Parades, gather at Zwick's Park to join the Waterfront and Multicultural Festivals and proudly celebrate our Canada Days. They are wonderful occasions and these festivities have continued to grow and become more amazing each year. There are many people working hard behind the scenes to make this happen but there is one name that stands out – Susan Walsh.

Susan's mom was a Belleville girl and although Susan was born in Montreal, she moved to Belleville when her parents retired here in 1974. Susan worked at the Royal Bank for 20 years and then was hired as Office Administrator at the DBIA where she spent 13 years answering to the needs of merchants and the Board, which included everything from bookkeeping to climbing trees to install lights, to planning sidewalk sales and other special events. When the Santa Claus Parade moved to a nighttime version she was involved with the planning and execution.

"In February 2008 the Chamber of Commerce entered into a long-term Special Events Contract with the City and I was hired to fill that position," Susan explained. "It took a long time to get here, but this was my dream job. I am a consummate planner and a very organized person which are key assets in a detail oriented profession. My performing background was also valuable when hiring musicians and attractions with a wide audience appeal and we have a reputation of treating performers 'like gold'. That comes from me knowing what performers need while onsite and being able to read and assess legal performer contracts, etc. I travelled for almost nine years with the Harmonie vocal group and 10 years with the Cadillacs Showband and always paid close attention to the Event Coordinators."

Susan's contributions to our community have been recognized in many ways.

OF SPECIAL NOTE:

2015 **Arts Recognition Award** (Quinte Arts Council) recognizing 20+ years of producing musical presentations, raising thousands of dollars for local charities, including "For The Love of a Song".
2018 nominee for **Belleville's Remarkable Women In Business Award** sponsored by Belleville Intelligencer.
2019 **Belleville Chamber of Commerce President's Award** recognizing outstanding support of Chamber and Community Initiatives.

"For many years Susan Walsh has been the face of Belleville events. Her attention to detail, her community connections and her passion for putting smiles on the faces of people from near and far, has made Susan an invaluable asset for Belleville. She is the reason our events are so much fun to attend and participate in. It is her connections with the business community and her track record of success that brings sponsors out of the woodwork to support our community. She intuitively knows what people will like – the young and young at heart. Her special dedication has truly made Belleville a better place and we are all better because we have had a chance to work by her side."

Karen Poste
Manager, Economic and Strategic Initiatives
City of Belleville

"Susan's touch on events and entertainment within the City of Belleville is at the root of so much that still happens, it's hard to imagine what she hasn't been a part of in her 25+ year career with event planning and management. As a talented performer first (and always at heart), she has built long-term relationships with so many of the artists and entertainers and agencies across the province, they can't wait to be asked to join an event line-up. She takes this same care in building relationships with both the community partners who sponsor the events and the staff and volunteers that do all that behind-the-scenes work. She is a class act that deserves top billing for all she's contributed to the community and it's a privilege to be a part of the work she does."

Jill Raycroft
CEO, Belleville Chamber of Commerce

Susan has gained accolades for the Chamber and City every year since 2015 for the Waterfront & Multicultural Festival being recognized as one of Ontario's Top 100 Festivals. This includes Special Recognition in 2020 and 2021 for the ability to pivot with this festival which was prohibited due to COVID-19 and host the Curbside Culture Food Festival and Buskers On The Bay entertainment series in a safe and efficient manner.

CAMP MOLLY QUINTE

empowered and challenged



This summer a group of young women between the ages of 15 to 18 applied to be a part of the first Camp Molly Quinte. Initiated by Monique Belair, Belleville's Director of Emergency Services and Fire Chief, the camp was designed to introduce these young women to a career in the fire services - beyond fire suppression. Chief Belair had launched the program several years ago in the Halton region when she realized many didn't believe women could become competent firefighters. It was an intense and rewarding week from which these young women graduated feeling empowered, challenged and seeing themselves in a totally different way.

Thank you to all of the generous sponsors and wonderful volunteers who made this amazing week a life-changing experience for these young women. Chief Belair hopes to offer Camp Molly again in 2023.

The camp's name is a tribute to the very first female firefighter, Molly Williams. Molly was a slave in New York where she became a member of Oceanus Engine Company #11 in 1815.



NEW WATERFRONT DEVELOPMENT

a seamless connection



THE CITY OF BELLEVILLE is so very fortunate to be located on such a beautiful waterfront and the City continues to find ways to make it more accessible for everyone to enjoy. The creation of the new Shirley Langer Trail is extending our connection to the east and now, with the proposed Porta community, our trails to the west will be enhanced. This condo development is situated at a key site between Zwick's Park and Downtown Belleville and will act as a link between these two locations allowing visitors and residents alike to travel seamlessly along the waterfront.

The Porta development is comprised of three architecturally striking condominium towers sitting atop ground floor retail space. Each tower will have access to various amenities such as pools, gyms, lounge areas and party rooms. Each Porta suite will have a parking spot located within an above ground garage. The ground floor commercial space is envisioned to be both a local and regional draw further enhancing waterfront use in Belleville. Pedestrians can grab

a coffee, do some light shopping, amble over to Zwick's Park or Downtown Belleville for the day, and return for dinner on a patio taking in all the waterfront activity. The development incorporates and extends the existing Zwick's multi-use pathway system, creating a pedestrian and bicycle friendly connection between Belleville's waterfront and Downtown. This development will transform this site, turning it from piles of rubble and parking lots into a unique, vibrant and welcoming space.

Sales for the first phase will open this fall and construction of the first phase is slated for the summer of 2023 with the first occupancy anticipated for 2025.

"This will be a stunning development set back far enough from the shoreline to protect public access to our waterfront and to allow for the extension of our magnificent trail system."

Mayor Mitch Panciuk



DONINI CHOCOLATE

savouring exquisite tradition

There are few in this region who have not had the pleasure of tasting Donini chocolate in some shape or flavour. Valentine's Day presents, Easter eggs and bunnies, Christmas stocking stuffers or personalized wedding bars, mouth-watering reminders of how truly wonderful their chocolate is.

The Donini family has been making chocolate for over 80 years, spanning three generations. It began in the beautiful city of Vigevano, Italy with Nello, patriarch of the Donini family, and now Vigilio, their third generation Master Chocolatier, oversees the creation of these premium chocolates in Belleville.

Donini values much more than the skill of making exceptional chocolate. They are committed to doing so in ways which are socially and environmentally responsible. They are a part of a large scale initiative which supports farmer education and prosperity, eradication of child labour, sustainable cocoa and environmental respect.

With a staff of approximately 45 to 50 people, Donini uses local contractors whenever possible. Throughout the months of struggling with COVID-19, they were quick to donate vinyl gloves, facemasks they commissioned a local woman to make and to deliver morale-boosting treats to our hospital staff. In 2018 they were honoured at the Quinte Business Achievement Awards as the winner of the Business Excellence Award in addition to being a nominee in the Manufacturing/Industrial category. Donini believes in supporting the community they call home.

"It has been so exciting to watch our huge growth curve - from 1.2 million kilograms of chocolate annually to close to four million. We're always looking for new ideas and are currently gaining recognition for our honey-chocolate formulation using honey, not sugar, as sweetener. Our online sales are climbing and in addition to our artisanal products, we supply industries across Canada with chocolate to use in their production."

Kimberly Bushell, Director of Operations



KIMBERLY BUSHELL
DIRECTOR OF OPERATIONS
DONINI CHOCOLATE

CHOOSE BELLEVILLE

Belleville is a unique mix of small-town charm with big-city amenities. Our city has something for everyone with a thriving local-first culture. Explore arts and crafts, global cuisines perfected with local ingredients, unique retail experiences with our small businesses, adventure recreation to keep you active, locally-brewed beer, health and wellness and so much more. Supporting local does not mean shutting out the outside world. It means nurturing businesses in our community which use local resources sustainably, employ local workers and serve primarily local consumers.

Choose local. Choose Belleville.



Belleville

FARMERS' MARKET



**OPEN TUESDAYS, THURSDAYS
& SATURDAYS YEAR-ROUND
8AM TO 5PM
(PEAK TIME 9AM TO 2PM)
BELLEVILLEFARMERSMARKETON.CA
MARKET SQUARE
(BEHIND CITY HALL)**

2022 MUNICIPAL ELECTION

it's time to cast your 

On Oct. 24, a municipal election will be held in the City of Belleville. For voting locations, candidates and updates visit BELLEVILLE.CA.

HOW DO I VOTE?

The City of Belleville is offering an alternative voting method for 2022 being the INTERNET AND TELEPHONE METHOD ONLY. These options allow you to vote from anywhere (home, cottage, public library) that has internet access or by using your touch tone phone or cell phone. Voter Assistance Centres will be available with locations to be listed on the voter notification letter that you will receive in early October, or you can go to: www.belleville.ca/en/city-hall/municipal-election.aspx. If you do not receive a voter notification letter by Oct. 12 please contact the City Clerk's office at 613-968-6481.

WHERE AND WHEN DO I VOTE?

Advance voting commences on Oct. 11 at 10 a.m. and continues through to voting day on Oct. 24 at 8 p.m. Voter Assistance Centres will offer an electronic option to those electors seeking internet access to cast their ballots or in need of being added to the voters' list. Voters can visit one of the Voter Assistance Centres at the Quinte Sports & Wellness Centre (Ward 1) or Thurlow Community Centre (Ward 2) on Oct. 18, 19, 21 and 22 between the hours of noon and 6 p.m. to be added to the voters' list if required and to cast their ballot electronically on equipment supplied by the City of Belleville.

OFFICES TO BE ELECTED

In this election, you will be selecting the following municipal representatives for a four-year term that commences Nov. 15, 2022 and ends Nov. 14, 2026.

MAYOR

- One to be elected by general vote of the electors of the City of Belleville

COUNCILLOR, WARD 1

- Six to be elected by the electors of Ward 1 (Belleville Ward)

COUNCILLOR, WARD 2

- Two to be elected by the electors of Ward 2 (Thurlow Ward)

ARE YOU ON THE VOTERS' LIST?

Please visit our website to ensure you are on the voters' list. If you are on the list you will receive a voter notification letter in early October that outlines the voting date, time and locations where you will be able to vote.

If you are not on the voters' list you can go to City Hall, 169 Front St., 1st Floor, Monday to Friday (except holidays) between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. to be added.

PLEASE NOTE – government issued photo identification is required to be added to the voters' list.

WHO MAY VOTE?

Any person who on voting day meets the following qualifications may be eligible to vote:

- Is a Canadian citizen;
- Is at least 18 years of age on voting day;
- Resides in the municipality or is the owner or tenant of land there, or is the spouse of such owner or tenant

The Municipal Elections Act prohibits the following individuals from voting:

- Any person who is not a qualified voter;
- A person who is serving a sentence of imprisonment in a penal or correctional institution;
- A corporation;
- A person acting as an executor or trustee;
- A person who has been convicted of corrupt practices under the Municipal Elections Act, 1996 in the last four years;
- Anyone who is prohibited by law from voting.

If you are unsure of your eligibility to vote in the municipal election, please contact the City Clerk's Office at 613-968-6481.

WHERE DO COLLEGE STUDENTS VOTE?

A student who is at least 18 years of age on voting day and is a Canadian Citizen may vote in the municipality where they are temporarily residing while attending school. In addition, a student may also vote in the municipality where their family home is situated if the family home is in a different municipality and provided that the student has not abandoned the family home.

WHAT SCHOOL BOARD DO I VOTE FOR?

As an elector you may be eligible to vote for school board representation. It is important that electors check their status on the voters' list to determine whether they have been listed as an elector for the correct school board, and if not correctly listed, that they apply to amend the list prior to voting. If according to the list of electors you are not eligible to vote for school board representation please contact the Municipal Clerk for detailed information.

UPCOMING EVENTS

you won't want to miss

DIWALI CELEBRATION

Oct. 16, West Zwick's Park

FESTIVAL OF LIGHTS LAUNCH

Nov. 18, West Zwick's Park

ENCHANTED

Nov. 17, Downtown Belleville

SANTA CLAUS PARADE

Nov. 20, Bridge Street West to East



The CAA Arena was host to a pre-season NHL game on Saturday, Sept. 30. It was a full-house as the Ottawa Senators took on the Toronto Maple Leafs in a Battle of Ontario match-up. This game was originally arranged as a token of appreciation from Belleville and Ottawa Senators owner Eugene Melnyk for the City's support throughout the COVID-19 pandemic. Unfortunately, Mr. Melnyk passed away in March of this year. However, his promise was honoured and we had an exciting night of hockey here in our city, kicking off another Ottawa and Belleville Senators season!

