

September 21, 2021

Re: Mayor's Remarks

On Wednesday, September 8<sup>th</sup>, I was honoured to present the City of Thorold Senior Citizen of the Year Awards on behalf of Council. The recipients were:  
2020 City of Thorold Senior of the Year: In memory of Rudy Walters – Overview provided by Bob Liddycoat.

2021 City of Thorold Senior of the Year: Barbara Berry – Overview provided by Lou Ann Wronski and Patsy Ingoldsby.

2021 City of Thorold Senior Citizens Association, Senior of the Year: Beverly Smith – Overview provided by Linda Brightman.

Awards were also presented by MPP Jeff Burch's Representative, Regional Councillor Tim Whalen and the Senior Citizens Association. Thank you Jean D'Amelio Swyer and Elaine D'Amico for organizing this special event that was held at the Seniors Centre ( following all Public Health Safety Protocols ).

On Wednesday, September 8<sup>th</sup>, CAO Manoj Dilwaria and I, had a meet and greet with Steven Vermeulen, the new Executive Vice President Environmental Division, Walker Industries, who has replaced the recently retired Mike Watt. Vice President of Transfer and Disposal, Mike Deprez and Vice President of Resource Recovery, Geoff Boyd were also in attendance.

On Thursday, September 9<sup>th</sup>, Councillor Sentance and I joined representatives from Brock University and our Bylaw Department delivering Good Neighbour Guides, as well as, engaging students and residents in the Winterberry - Juneberry Area. This is part of the annual Welcome Wagon Initiative, which was done virtually and with a small component in person, due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Our Town and Gown Committee and Sub-Committee have been working extremely hard to deal with off campus student issues in residential areas, particularly high-density residential areas like the Winterberry/Juneberry Area. Our Sub-Committee continues to meet weekly, we met September 15<sup>th</sup> and will be meeting again tomorrow to review and fine tune our strategy. We are seeing improvements and continue to work effectively with our Community partners ( Brock University, BUSU, Brock Security, NRPS, Regional Bylaw and Regional Waste

Management ) to monitor, patrol and enforce infractions. A joint media release was sent out on September 17<sup>th</sup>, and is posted on our Website and Facebook Page.

On Friday, September 10<sup>th</sup>, I attended the Celebration of Nations opening ceremony, awards and evening performance of Treaty, A Reconciliation Revelry, which was both educational and very well produced. It was a narrative and musical production.

Thursday, September 30<sup>th</sup> is the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation, a Federal Statutory Holiday that the City of Thorold will be recognizing and observing. It is also known as National Orange Shirt Day, is meant to honour Canada's residential school survivors, their families and communities. This holiday publicly commemorates the history and ongoing legacy of residential schools. It also demonstrates a commitment to reconciliation and affirms Every Child Matters. We will be hosting a flag raising ceremony at City Hall on Wednesday, September 29<sup>th</sup>, at 1:30pm to recognize this day, Michelle-Elise Burnett: Artistic Director of Celebration of Nations, she also holds many other positions, will be in attendance.

The First Nations Peace Monument at the DeCew House Heritage Park is an ideal place to visit not only on the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation, but anytime for a moment of quiet reflection.

The Toolbox Project Niagara ran a very successful pasta dinner fundraiser on Wednesday, September 15<sup>th</sup>, at Club Belvedere. 285 meals, 110 donated to the homeless,

Thank you James Symons, Boldt Realty, along with all the volunteers and sponsors who made this evening a success. Thank you Mike Venneri for hosting this event and Councillor Sentance for helping with the delivery of meals.

On Thursday, September 16<sup>th</sup>, I met virtually with Jayne Crawley, Advisor, Government Relations, Brock University for a Fall Update regarding on campus activities and in person classes this term.

On Sunday, September 19<sup>th</sup>, I attended the City of Thorold, Terry Fox Run, which met and left from the Thorold Community Credit Union Parking Lot this year. Thank you Cindy Dickson for taking over the torch from Mike Charron and

continuing this important annual tradition, as well as, presenting Mike with a framed Terry Fox Poster which included his picture in the background. This poster honoured Mike's 40 years, running the Terry Fox Run, here in Thorold. Thank you to all the volunteers who helped with this event, Councillor Neale, Councillor Sentance, Thorold Fire and Emergency Services, Thorold Pipe Band and Jim Dickson. Councillor DeRose and his children also participated in the event.

Dr. Hirji provided the latest Public Health COVID-19 Status Update on Friday, September 17<sup>th</sup>, with the next one scheduled for Friday, October 1<sup>st</sup>, at 2:00pm. Once again these sessions are live streamed on the Niagara Region Website.

As we continue in Step Three of the Provincial Roadmap to Reopen, please continue to follow the Public Health Safety Measures and get vaccinated if you are able to and haven't already done so. Clinics are available by appointment or walk-ins for first and second dose of the Moderna and Pfizer vaccines. Check out [niagararegion.ca/covid-vaccine](https://niagararegion.ca/covid-vaccine) for more information and answers to commonly asked questions.

Starting tomorrow, September 22<sup>nd</sup>, Ontarians will need to be fully vaccinated ( two doses plus 14 days ) and provide proof of vaccination along with photo ID to access certain public settings and facilities. Detailed information is available on the Provincial Website.

Congratulations goes out to Vance Badawey on being re-elected as MP for Niagara Centre, the riding that includes the City of Thorold. Also thank you to all the candidates across Canada who put their name forward and ran in this election.

Terry Ugolini  
Mayor