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Time to move Port Stanley vision forward

Mayor says focus must be on what makes Port Stanley unique

Port Stanley holds a unique place in the history of Canada and that's the foundation for building our future, said Mayor Tom Marks.

With news that the Elgin Military Museum has selected Port Burwell as the new home for HMCS Ojibwa submarine, the community can now refine its focus on Port Stanley becoming a tourism draw that's in keeping with its history.

"Port Stanley has all the makings to become a premier tourism draw on the Great Lakes if we stay on course by drawing upon our past to build our future.

"How many communities have a background as storied with the Stork Club, Guy Lombardo, the commercial fishery, the beach, the port, boat traffic, and the railway?"

Marks said it is disappointing that the Elgin Military Museum did not view any of the proposed sites in Port Stanley as suitable for the submarine but there may be a silver lining.

Marks said he understands that people are impatient to see Port Stanley move ahead and that's why there was so much enthusiasm for the submarine. He said Council is impatient, too, but after five years of negotiations, the divestment of Port Stanley Harbour is imminent.

"Once the harbour is truly ours, we will have the ability to do things we never could before. I'm asking for a little more patience while we complete the transfer agreement with Transport Canada and then we'll have the ability to ask for ideas and proposals."

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