

2021 Centennial - Cedar Bay Beach Operating Plan

Readers of this operating plan are cautioned that the plan may be adjusted dependent on the progression of COVID-19 and activity experienced at the beach.

Further readers will find each section in this operating plan builds on the next. To this point questions that may arise in one section may be answered in the next. Staff look forward to discussing with Council the following plan.

COVID- 19 response and service levels

Parking & Capacity Limits

Staff plan to restrict capacity at the beach by controlling the availability parking at the park. This is possible as the streets do not permit on-street parking, therefore the only parking access is the parking lot which will be controlled.

Beach access parking will be restricted to a maximum of 20 to 25 carloads for non-Port Colborne residents at any given time. All other parking space will be reserved for local residents interested in accessing the beach or using the park amenities. For a local resident to access the free parking, they will require a Seasonal Resident Pass (see below).

Beach Staffing Levels & Hours of Operation

From the Victoria Day long weekend to Labour Day, seasonal summer staff will be scheduled to operationalize the sale of daily parking passes, enforce capacity limits and COVID-19 related guidelines, monitor and enforce prohibited parking along Vimy Rd., cleaning & sanitation of washrooms, and support upkeep on the park & beach property. Staff will be stationed at the entrance of the parking lot in order to engage each vehicle that enters.

Intended hours of operation for beach staffing are 9 a.m. – 5 p.m. Staff will be scheduled on weekends from Victoria Day long weekend to the end of June, and seven days per week from the beginning of July to Labour Day.

Budget

There was no budget allocated for operations at Centennial – Cedar Bay Beach through the 2021 City budget. Staff anticipate an additional net cost of approximately \$10,000 to operationalize Centennial – Cedar Bay Beach. This additional cost can be covered through the COVID-19 contingency budget that was presented to Council.

Fees (Non – Port Colborne Residents)

Centennial – Cedar Bay Beach	2020 Fee	2021 Proposed Fee
<i>Daily Parking Pass Monday – Friday (Per vehicle)</i>	Nil	\$10
<i>Daily Parking Pass Weekends & Statutory Holidays (Per Vehicle)</i>	Nil	\$15

Seasonal Resident Passes

Residents of Port Colborne will have free access to parking at both Centennial – Cedar Bay, and Nickel Beach throughout 2021 by means of a seasonal resident's pass. Registration will be required in advance and will be available to residents online prior to the Victoria Day weekend. Due to limited parking spots available at Centennial – Cedar Bay beach, there will always be reserved space for residents of Port Colborne who are interested in accessing the beach or utilizing the park amenities.

Washrooms & hand wash stations

In addition to the public washroom facilities at the beachfront entrance, two additional portable washroom units and a hand washing station will be installed in the parking lot located in Centennial – Cedar Bay Park. All washroom facilities will be cleaned and sanitized every two hours and/or as required. Portable washrooms will be fully serviced two times per week as a minimum.

Security

With the implementation of scheduled summer students daily, there will not be security scheduled on site, however, security services scheduled daily at Nickel Beach will have the ability to respond if necessary, to support operations at Centennial – Cedar Bay beach.

Signage

To deter high volumes of traffic coming to the area when capacity has been reached, an electronic message board will be located on the routes to Centennial – Cedar Bay beach and will be updated to reflect capacity status.

Cash Handling/POS

With minimal infrastructure and no security services, staff will use only point of sale (POS) units to operate parking pass sales in a safe manner. Cash transactions will not be accepted.

Communications

Staff will provide appropriate and regular updates to the Communications Officer. Important information such as capacity, parking, inclement weather, and posted beach closures will be available to the public.

Enforcement and Public Health

Ongoing communication, support and consultation with By-law, Communications, Fire and Emergency, Niagara Regional Police, and Niagara Region's Public Health department.