



**Subject: 2021 Beach Operations Update**

**To: Council**

**From: Corporate Services Department**

Report Number: 2021-183

Meeting Date: June 28, 2021

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**Recommendation:**

That Corporate Services Department Report 2021-183, 2021 Beach Operations Update be received as information.

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**Purpose:**

The purpose of this report is to provide Council with an update on Centennial-Cedar Bay Beach and Nickel Beach activity and usage during the period of May 22 to June 16.

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**Background:**

At the March 8, 2021 Council meeting, staff committed to providing Council with updates on beach usage and activity at the second Council meeting each month through the beach season. The next report will be provided at the second Council meeting of July.

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**Discussion:**

Following the lifting of outdoor based restrictions by the Province during the latest Stay-at-Home order, Nickel Beach and Centennial-Cedar Bay Beach locations were opened on May 22 with access restricted to Port Colborne residents only.

On June 2 the Provincial Stay-at-Home order was lifted and Nickel Beach was opened to non-Port Colborne residents. Centennial-Cedar Bay Beach was opened with access restricted to Niagara Residents only.

As a commitment to opening in a safe and gradual manner, the number of daily passes available to non-Port Colborne residents at Nickel Beach was restricted to 100 of the 150 approved daily spots during the first week of operation. Daily spots have since increased to 125. Staff are targeting an increase to all 150 spots daily after July 5, 2021 and once the City enters Stage 2 of the Provincial reopening plan.

As a reminder, Cottage rentals, B&B and short-term visitors interested in attending either Centennial-Cedar Bay Beach, or Nickel Beach through the 2021 season are able to access the beaches at the Niagara resident fee provided they provide proof of rental at the beach/parking entrance.

To remain consistent with parking and access closures at Centennial-Cedar Bay Beach, entrance gates to Nickel Beach are being locked by staff daily, restricting access to the beachfront during the overnight hours. As a result, there have been no reported incidents on the beach property including vandalism, illegal burning, noise complaints, etc.

Metrics representing usage to date for both beach locations are attached as Appendix A. Staff highlight that the metrics reported in Appendix A represent individual carloads, not individuals.

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## **Conclusion:**

That Corporate Services Department Report 2021-183, and the May 22 – June 16 Beach Usage Metrics attached as Appendix A be received.

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## **Appendices:**

- a. May 22 – June 16 Beach Usage Metrics

Respectfully submitted,

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## **Report Approval:**

All reports reviewed and approved by the Department Director and also the City Treasurer when relevant. Final approval is by the Chief Administrative Officer.