

**Appendix A**  
**CM-14-20**  
**Service Re-design Interim Program**  
**Changes and Modifications**

Updated Park Operations – Roads, Parks & Forestry  
Organized Sport Support – Recreation Services



# Park Operations

**Executive Summary** - updated as previously reported in CM-13-20

**Stage 1** – Stage 1 provides for limited use of parklands with reduced park maintenance service in all areas of the operation. Permanent staff have been stationed onsite at 15 parks throughout the city to perform a variety of tasks that will allow us to maintain the safety of parks, as well as protect the integrity of our assets. At this stage, all park amenities will remain closed to public use until the Provincial Emergency Orders (Regulation 104/20) are lifted or revised and in consultation with Halton Region Medical Officer of Health. For example, the orders were amended to allow for community gardens to open. Currently visitors are encouraged to walk, run or cycle through the city parks and trails without stopping to linger. Parking lots for many of the city and community parks remain closed to encourage residents to utilize parks within their own neighbourhoods.

Amenities that remain closed include all park washroom facilities, playgrounds, outdoor exercise equipment, splash pads, beaches and bocce courts.

In order to service the increased use of parks, 13 temporary staff have been recalled resulting in budgeted expenditure of approximately \$350,000. This expenditure is included in the 2020 approved operating budget for Parks and Open Space Maintenance and Organized Sport Support services. This budgeted amount will reduce the amount reported for part-time wages mitigation measures as reported in financial implications of COVID-19.

Bylaw officers are responding to complaints regarding violation of the Emergency Orders and Parks Ambassadors will be dispatched to city and community parks to assist with visitor education.

The city currently operates approximately 150 park and trail areas. This includes 10 parks classified as city parks (i.e. Spencer Smith Park, Sherwood Forest, Lowville), 11 community parks (i.e. Nelson, Millcroft, Orchard) and 57 neighbourhood parks (i.e. Aldershot, Doug Wright, Iroquois).

# Organized Sport Support

## Executive Summary

**Stage 1** - provides for limited use of sports fields – baseball diamonds, multipurpose sports fields (soccer, football.) On May 19 the province amended the Emergency Order allowing for the gradual opening of sports fields as part of their Phase 1 plans. This includes the opening of casual use of soccer and baseball fields adhering to the public health requirements such as: 2m physical distancing and limiting group gathering to 5 people.

In addition, the Order specified which sports organizations can train:

34.4 Facilities, other than pools, that are in compliance with section 8 of Schedule 3 and that are being used by one or more of the following organizations, leagues or clubs to train amateur or professional athletes or to run amateur or professional athletic competitions:

- i. A national sport organization funded by Sport Canada or a member club of such an organization.
- ii. A provincial sport or multi-sport organization recognized by the Ministry of Heritage, Sport, Tourism and Culture Industries or a member club of such an organization.
- iii. A professional sport league or a member club of such a league.

It is clear in the order that athletes are not to come within 2m of each other thereby limiting participation to skills and drills that allow for the physical distancing within the group size restrictions, currently 5 people.

To support the anticipated use of sports fields by sport organizations, we will resume the Park Ambassador Program which focuses on supporting the sport organizations use of sports fields. The staff will also monitor for compliance with the provincial order and education as required.

# Organized Sport Support (continued)

## Executive Summary (continued)

This program consist of one staff person travelling around the city: Monday- Friday 3:00-11:00 PM and Saturday and Sunday 9AM-9PM

This service resumption will result in a budgeted expenditure of approximately \$25,000. This expenditure is included in the 2020 approved operating budget for Organized Sport Support services. This budgeted amount will reduce the amount reported for part-time wages mitigation measures as reported in financial implications of COVID-19.

Note: Similar to playground structure and other synthetic materials, artificial turfs will remain closed as virus transmission and disinfecting procedures are unknown.