



**CITY EXPANDS SERVICES FOR PROVINCE’S STAGE-TWO RE-OPENING STRATEGY**

**Welland, ON** – Niagara is now permitted to proceed to Stage-Two as part of the gradual and phased re-opening strategy under the Ontario government. On Friday, June 19, 2020, more Niagara businesses are permitted to re-open and begin to provide customers with the products and services they depend on, provided that protocols are followed to help prevent the spread of COVID-19.

The following areas are permitted to open services, or expand services this Friday, June 19, 2020:

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| Personal and personal care services              | Beaches, parks & camping                  |
| Outdoor dine-in services at restaurants & bars   | Outdoor recreational team sports          |
| Shopping malls & centres                         | Drive-in & drive-thru venues              |
| Photography studios & services                   | Weddings, funerals and similar gatherings |
| Film & TV production activities                  | Libraries                                 |
| Tour & guide services                            | Community centres                         |
| Water recreational facilities                    | Attractions & heritage institutions       |
| Outdoor recreational facilities with low contact | Small outdoor events                      |

The City of Welland is also preparing for Stage-Two and will be making changes to the following programs and service levels:

- Welland Transit will provide expanded services beginning June 22 with the East and West Community bus routes from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Commencing Sunday, June 28, all eight municipal routes will be covered every day with hourly frequency from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.
- Rosie Smith Pool has a target date to open on July 3, 2020
- Outdoor wedding ceremonies can be performed by city officials within provincial guidelines starting on July 6, 2020
- All city splash pads have a target date to open on July 11, 2020
- The Welland Library is expanding curbside service at the Main Branch effective June 22, 2020 (appointments can be made between 9:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday to Friday)
- The Library will offer contactless pickup and limited services, such as computer appointments at the Seaway Mall location starting on July 6, 2020 (anticipated hours of operation will be Monday to Thursday from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., and Saturdays 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.)

The City of Welland will continue to follow the Ontario Government’s three-phase Framework to Re-open the Province and expand city programs and services safely and efficiently. For more information on WellAnd Recovery – Moving Beyond COVID-19, visit [welland.ca](http://welland.ca). For more information on the Province’s Stage-Two re-opening, visit <https://www.ontario.ca/page/reopening-ontario-whats-each-stage#section-2>.

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