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**SERVICE LEVELS – GRASS CUTTING, AND PARKS, CEMETERIES,
AND SPORTS FIELD MAINTENANCE**

Welland, ON - The City of Welland is receiving increased calls regarding the length of grass on City property as well as related maintenance of City parks, cemeteries, and sports fields.

Currently, the City's Parks Division, as well as Public Works, is operating with reduced staffing levels as a result of the temporary lay off of full-time, part-time, and casual staff to help mitigate the financial impact of COVID-19 on the City's operating budget.

"We appreciate having residents' patience and understanding as we operate with fewer staff and we acknowledge this has impacted service levels," said Gary Long, Welland's Chief Administrative Officer. "The decisions we've made and the measures we've implemented over the past two months to contain costs will stabilize the City's financial position in 2020 and prepare us for the 2021 Budget. Rest assured, our Public Works/Parks team are committed to delivering essential public services with our current staff complement and they take pride in maintaining City property and our public spaces. The City's Corporate Leadership Team continue to focus on strong financial management and using taxpayer dollars wisely. We will be reviewing staffing levels as part of our recovery planning."

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