

City's outdoor skating rinks ready for community use

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Welland, ON – The City of Welland's outdoor rinks are frozen and ready to welcome members of the community.

January weather brings the necessary temperatures to flood and freeze surfaces around the city and given the current return to the province's modified Step Two of the Roadmap to Reopen, it comes at a perfect time.

"Because our indoor arena facilities are currently closed, opening the outdoor rinks and providing spaces for residents to enjoy activities in a safe manner could not be more important," said Rob Axiak, director of community services. "When you think of a community, it's hard not to picture the images of families skating on an outdoor rink in the winter. In Welland, we're fortunate to have so many locations and so many great volunteers to help make this happen."

Anyone using the rinks should maintain physical distance at all times and avoid gathering in groups. Though not required, wearing face-covering while skating increases safety for all. Signage with COVID-19 information will be posted at the site.

Outdoor skating areas maintained by staff:

- Chippawa Park Pond (First Avenue (Corner of Fitch St.))
- Woodlawn Bush (Woodlawn Road (between South Pelham and Rice Rds.))
- St. George Pond (391 St George St.)
- Memorial Park (404 Memorial Park Dr.)

Broadway Park*, Cooks Mills Park*, Elmwood Park, Glenwood Park*, John Deere Park, Gram Ave. Park, and Manchester Park* are volunteer-run (* indicates volunteers required).

Rinks without volunteers may not be maintained and most likely will not be suitable for skating. Anyone interested in becoming a volunteer for one of the below rinks, can contact: pw@welland.ca or call 905-735-1700 x3000.

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