



Public Service Announcement

Public Safety Notice Regarding Changes to Maintenance, Servicing and Installations Schedules and Work

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As reported by the Welland Tribune, Council of the City of Welland deferred an adopted motion by Welland Council's Budget Review Committee on Monday, March 30, 2015 which cut the Canal Lands 2015 Operations Budget from \$650,000 down to \$359,000.

The Canal Corporation Executive is reviewing all deliverables and making operational determinations that will mitigate risks to the public and provide base levels of services that the WRCC can provide, given the potential that the aforementioned financial restrictions will continue. Cuts have already been made at all levels and more will follow. These cuts and the operational plan going forward will be reviewed by the Canal Corporation Board of Directors and future announcements will be forthcoming to keep the public aware.

For public safety the Executive wishes to provide notice at this time of immediate impacts of the budget.

Ongoing work that the WRCC is allowed to perform on the Waterway and Canal Lands will continue but the full slate of seasonal maintenance, servicing and installations has been delayed, or will be delayed, pending final budgetary decisions of Council:

- Trail System Clearing – Asphalt and Natural
- Merritt Island Trail Washrooms Will Remain Closed
- Merritt Island Playground Area
- Public Fishing Dock Installations
- Community Centre Docks Installations
- Dock Facilities – Dain City – Installations
- Scuba Park – Lincoln St. Docks – Installations
- Tree Limb Removal – Canopy Maintenance

The WRCC is making this public service announcement and will be posting warnings as to foreseeable dangers to public safety regarding these and future items, as necessary.

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