



## Port Colborne welcomes non-residents to beaches starting Wednesday

**Port Colborne, ON (May 31, 2021)** – Beach season is here, and the City looks forward to welcoming non-Port Colborne residents to Nickel Beach and Centennial-Cedar Bay Beach starting Wednesday, June 2.

As the City of Port Colborne begins to safely reopen outdoor recreational facilities, per provincial guidelines, both Nickel Beach and Centennial-Cedar Bay Beach will welcome visitors from outside Port Colborne starting this week. With the health and safety of residents and staff a top priority, City staff worked diligently to ensure safety policies and procedures were implemented prior to opening for the 2021 beach season.

“Warmer weather is here and it’s time to start thinking of summer plans,” said Mayor Bill Steele. “As we continue to navigate the COVID-19 pandemic, we are committed to providing an exceptional experience while ensuring the health and safety of our residents and guests. It was great to see so many Port Colborne citizens taking advantage of the local beaches the last two weekends. Now we look forward to welcoming additional visitors starting this Wednesday.”

New this year, non-residents, including those living in Niagara, will need to purchase a Nickel Beach day pass prior to accessing the beach. Visitors are encouraged to purchase their Nickel Beach pass in advance to ensure there are still beachfront parking spots available. Online payments can be made by VISA, MasterCard or Visa Debit, and visitors will be required to show proof of purchase prior to accessing the beach. Payments at Centennial-Cedar Bay Beach will be on-site, with debit or credit only; cash will not be accepted. Daily beach rates and more information on how to purchase a pass can be found on the City’s [website](#).

“City staff are ready and excited to welcome visitors to our beautiful beaches,” said Bryan Theal, Manager of Recreation. “Everyone has worked hard to ensure a safe reopening and I’m confident visitors, including Port Colborne residents and non-residents, will have an exceptional beach experience this season.”

With consideration for safety and quality of experience for both residents and visitors, the following will be implemented:

- Centennial-Cedar Bay Beach will be restricted to Niagara residents only
  - Centennial-Cedar Bay Beach will be open from 8 a.m. to 9 p.m. daily
  - Visitors will be required to show proof of Niagara residency upon entering the parking lot
  - Port Colborne residents can access parking for free by showing their #PORTicipate Pass or ID
  - Individuals renting properties near Centennial-Cedar Bay Beach will also have beach access
- Nickel Beach will be open to both residents and non-residents
  - A limit of 150 vehicles for non-Port Colborne residents will be permitted to access the beach daily
  - Beach passes for visitors will need to be purchased in advance

- Beachfront parking at Nickel Beach will be open from Monday to Thursday, 10 a.m. – 6 p.m., and 9 a.m. – 8 p.m. on Friday, Saturday and Sunday, and statutory holidays, weather permitting
- All non-beachfront parking and walk-on access to Nickel Beach is prohibited through the 2021 season

More information can be found on the City's [website](#).

### **About City of Port Colborne**

Located on the south coast of the scenic Niagara Region, Niagara's Port of Call has found the perfect balance – successful industrial and commercial sectors, comfortable and scenic residential areas, white sand beaches, unique culinary choices, the world class Sugarloaf Marina, fishing, golfing, trails, shopping districts along the historic Welland Canal and an energized festival and entertainment scene that includes live theatre – truly a community that adds to the overall Niagara Experience.

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