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## **City is ready to hail in the new season with spring-cleaning**

**Port Colborne, ON (April 2, 2019)** – With spring in the air the City is getting ready to implement its spring cleaning and maintenance routine to address the debris left over from this year's harsh winter.

Beginning April 2, 2019, weather dependent, residents can expect to see crews implementing a two-step road-grading program on all municipal gravel roads. The first step, referred to as "scarifying" the roads, involves clearing out potholes and cracks of any loose debris before the second step of relaying the damages with fresh gravel, ensuring there are no gaps missed for a smooth drive. This process will begin on Nugent Road and move across the city from west to east over the course of a week. Residents are encouraged to keep an eye out and plan their commutes accordingly.

From April 8 – 17, weather dependent, crews will be flushing and sweeping sidewalks overnight in the downtown core, from Sugarloaf Street to Park Street and from West Street to Steele Street. This will also include all municipal parking lots in the area, including Market Square.

"We would like to apologize in advance to residents for any irregular noise or inconvenience that may arise from our overnight schedule. We appreciate your cooperation and patience as we work to clean up your city so we're all ready to PORTicipate this spring and summer," said Richard Daniel, manager of operations.

Residents can also expect street sweeping to begin the week of April 15. Crews will begin by sweeping primary roads of debris before moving into residential neighbourhoods. Residents can expect to receive notification of which neighbourhoods crews will be sweeping before they move into the area on the City's website and social media feeds. Residents are being asked to avoid placing garbage and recycling containers directly on the roadways and to try to avoid leaving cars parked on the roadways during sweeping times in order to facilitate the cleaning process.

Over the course of spring-cleaning routine, crews will also be patrolling roadways to identify areas and properties that may have suffered damage from snowplows during winter control activities. Once this process is completed, a repair plan will be organized and put into effect over the course of the coming months. If residents notice snowplow damage to their property, they are encouraged to call 905-835-5079 to file a report with the Operations Centre.

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