



# HUME NEWS

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**ALTA VISTA—CANTERBURY—RIVERVIEW**

## SPRING AND SUMMER OPERATIONS

The warm weather has arrived and spring operations are well underway. Read below for a brief description of some of the activities you may see across the City of Ottawa.



### Spring Road Conditions

Road Operation crews are working to improve spring road conditions by patching potholes in the roadway. City crews will be performing spring maintenance operations including grading of gravel roads and shoulders, and asphalt patching. Roadside maintenance activities commence in early spring with lawn reinstatement to repair reported and known winter damage areas. Residents aware of additional locations requiring repair should report them to the Contact Centre (3-1-1) as soon as possible.

### Spring Sweeping

The spring sweeping operations will be conducted 7-days a week until spring cleanup is completed. The spring sweeping operation takes place in two stages and may require repeated sweeping passes to achieve clean road and sidewalk surfaces.

### Spring Parks Activities

Park maintenance activities in support of seasonal start-up are anticipated to be completed by June 21<sup>st</sup>.

Seasonal preparation activities include:

- ✦ Spring cleanup in parks including litter cleanup and sweeping pathways, etc. (mid-April to end of May)
- ✦ Opening of ball diamonds (early May). Preparation activities include dragging of granular, repairs to back stops, dugouts, fence lines, etc. These activities continue on an as required basis throughout the season.
- ✦ Placing out all seasonal park furniture such as litter receptacles, picnic tables, bicycle racks, etc.
- ✦ Preparation of wading pools starts mid-May and is completed in time for opening of wading pools (mid to end of June).
- ✦ Opening of decorative fountains, outdoor drinking fountains and spray pads (early May to mid-June). Spray pads located near schools will not be opened until schools are closed for the summer.
- ✦ Once the spring park preparation is complete, ongoing park maintenance services will continue throughout the summer season. This will include weekly grass cutting of sports fields and biweekly grass cutting in passive parks (weather dependent).

### Spring Forestry Activities

Forestry Services' mandate is to maintain, preserve and enhance the City's network of over 250,000 street and park trees and 10,000 hectares of forested land.

Spring tree planting begins May 1<sup>st</sup> and runs for 4 to 5 weeks, weather permitting. Approximately 2,000 trees will be planted along city streets and in the city's parks and green spaces in partnership with local community associations and interest groups.

Ongoing tree maintenance activities include removal of dead or unsafe trees, stump removal, tree pruning, assessing storm damage, insect and disease control, woodlot and sugar bush maintenance and ravine and conservation land maintenance.

### Graffiti Management

The public is encouraged to report graffiti quickly. On-line reporting of graffiti will soon be available at [Ottawa.ca/graffiti](http://Ottawa.ca/graffiti). The public may also report graffiti on all property (public and private) by calling 3-1-1. Graffiti Management Strategy.



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