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Polson Park closed to vehicle traffic for maintenance

The City of Vernon would like to advise the public that Polson Park is closed to vehicle traffic until further notice.

Starting today (August 18), there will be construction happening around the playground, spray park and public washrooms. The park remains open to pedestrians and cyclists, however, they are asked to practice caution and pay close attention to the worksite, as equipment and operators will be moving throughout the park.

Public washrooms at the Pavilion remain open for use.

At the end of June, the playground and spray park were closed for public safety due to standing water from high groundwater levels. Water from Kalamalka Lake is still being released to Vernon Creek at a fast pace and the creek level remains high.

Over the last several weeks, park operators have attempted to lower the groundwater levels by emptying the duck pond and Japanese garden pond more frequently and for longer periods of time. Unfortunately, the water has not disappeared and the grassy areas remain saturated.

“We know our residents and visitors love using the playground and spray park, especially on our hot summer days, but public safety is our top priority,” said Kendra Kryszak, Manager, Parks and Public Spaces. “Before we can reopen the spaces, the area must be clear of standing water, and our mowers need to be able to cut the grass properly.”

The two large ponds and the Japanese garden pond will be lowered again as part of the maintenance work. The City will reopen the park to traffic when it is safe to do so and will provide updates as they become available. The City appreciates everyone’s patience while this work is completed.