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**DEPARTMENT:** Council and All Departments

**TITLE:** Grass Maintenance Policy

Minutes reference date: 30 April 2007, 28 February 2022

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## **PURPOSE:**

The Town of Amherst takes pride in its parks, athletic fields and green spaces within the community. These areas must be mowed to maintain a positive community image, address public safety, and provide positive leisure time and athletic experiences for all users. In addition, a proactive mowing program will provide an attractive environment for the community. This policy outlines current and future directions for the mowing of parks, athletic fields and green spaces in the Town of Amherst.

## **POLICY STATEMENT:**

The Town of Amherst will mow parks, athletic fields and green spaces within the Town based on three levels of service.

1. **Level 1** - Highest priority with significant vehicular and pedestrian traffic flows. Level 1 areas include; Town entrances, downtown, and athletic fields. Grass should be maintained to a length of two inches to four inches, these areas require daily monitoring to maintain a high visual quality.
2. **Level 2** - These areas include most playgrounds and parks and other areas with moderate vehicular and pedestrian traffic. Grass should be maintained to a length of three to five inches, these areas require daily monitoring to maintain a neat and orderly appearance.
3. **Level 3** - These areas include isolated Town properties, ditches, cul-de-sac circles and other lower vehicular and pedestrian traffic areas. Grass should be maintained to a length of four to six inches or longer in ditches and isolated areas and requires bi-weekly monitoring to ensure service level expectations are being met.

The attached Appendix "A" provides a list of the locations and service level expectations of the properties maintained by Town of Amherst Staff.

## APPENDIX "A"

| Property  | Property Type  | Service Level |
|---|----------------|---------------|
| Church Street Soccer Fields                                   | Athletic Field | 1             |
| Dickey Park Sports Field                                      | Athletic Field | 1             |
| Robb's Complex Baseball Fields                                | Athletic Field | 1             |
| Winston Avenue Soccer Field                                   | Athletic Field | 1             |
| CUBBIC  | Facility       | 1             |
| Fire Station  | Facility       | 1             |
| Library   | Facility       | 1             |
| Police Station  | Facility       | 1             |
| Town Hall   | Facility       | 1             |
| 59 Church Street  | Green Space    | 1             |
| Church Street and Albion Street Intersection                  | Green Space    | 1             |
| CNR Side Hill - West Pleasant Street at Albion Street         | Green Space    | 1             |
| East Victoria Street entrance area                            | Green Space    | 1             |
| Electric Street   | Green Space    | 1             |
| King Street   | Green Space    | 1             |
| LaPlanche Street entrance area                                | Green Space    | 1             |
| Maple Avenue at Victoria Street                               | Green Space    | 1             |
| Princess Street   | Green Space    | 1             |
| Traffic Island Church Street at Albion Street                 | Green Space    | 1             |
| YMCA  | Green Space    | 1             |
| Veterans Park   | Park           | 1             |
| Victoria Street at Havelock Street                            | Park           | 1             |
| Amherst Stadium   | Facility       | 2             |
| Public Works Garage   | Facility       | 2             |
| Amherst Skate Park  | Green Space    | 2             |
| Boulevard Robert Angus Drive (former Connor's restaurant lot) | Green Space    | 2             |
| Corner of Willow & East Pleasant                              | Green Space    | 2             |
| Dayle's Grand Market  | Green Space    | 2             |
| Hickman Street at Cornwall Street                             | Green Space    | 2             |
| Industrial Park (entrances and grass boulevards)              | Green Space    | 2             |
| Little League outside fenced area                             | Green Space    | 2             |
| North of EB Chandler - Donald Avenue to Willow Street         | Green Space    | 2             |
| Ratchford Street Parking Lot                                  | Green Space    | 2             |
| Robb's Grounds  | Green Space    | 2             |
| Vacant lot Church Street at Dickey Street                     | Green Space    | 2             |
| Via Train Station   | Green Space    | 2             |
| Willow Street Boulevard                                       | Green Space    | 2             |
| Beacon Street Park  | Park           | 2             |
| Christie Park   | Park           | 2             |

| <b>Property</b>                                       | <b>Property Type</b> | <b>Service Level</b> |
|---|----------------------|----------------------|
| Curry Park  | Park                 | 2                    |
| Dickey Park   | Park                 | 2                    |
| Elmwood Park  | Park                 | 2                    |
| Ernie Mills Park                                      | Park                 | 2                    |
| Harding Park  | Park                 | 2                    |
| Lions Park  | Park                 | 2                    |
| Northern Telecom Park                                 | Park                 | 2                    |
| Rotary Park   | Park                 | 2                    |
| Strawberry Fields Park                                | Park                 | 2                    |
| Victoria Square                                       | Park                 | 2                    |
| Abbey Road to Marshview Drive                         | Trail                | 2                    |
| Dickey Street - Academy Street to Rupert Street       | Trail                | 2                    |
| Fire Station to Church Street                         | Trail                | 2                    |
| LaPlanche Street to Eddy Street                       | Trail                | 2                    |
| North of EB Chandler - Donald Avenue to Willow Street | Trail                | 2                    |
| Casper Court  | Cul-de-sac           | 3                    |
| Centennial Court                                      | Cul-de-sac           | 3                    |
| Forest Glen   | Cul-de-sac           | 3                    |
| Garden Court  | Cul-de-sac           | 3                    |
| Mallard Drive Cul De Sac                              | Cul-de-sac           | 3                    |
| Penny Lane  | Cul-de-sac           | 3                    |
| Ralston Place   | Cul-de-sac           | 3                    |
| Ridgewood Court                                       | Cul-de-sac           | 3                    |
| Townsend Court  | Cul-de-sac           | 3                    |
| Willow Court  | Cul-de-sac           | 3                    |
| McCully Booster Station                               | Facility             | 3                    |
| Race Track Road - Lift Station                        | Facility             | 3                    |
| Reservoirs on Willow Street                           | Facility             | 3                    |
| Terrace Street - Lift Station                         | Facility             | 3                    |
| Along Dickey Brook - Beacon Street and Dickey Street  | Green Space          | 3                    |
| Ditches within Street Right-of-Way                    | Other                | 3                    |
| Motor Avenue to Derby Street                          | Trail                | 3                    |
| Robert Angus Drive - Church Street to Willow Street   | Trail                | 3                    |
| Willow Street - Robert Angus Drive to East Pleasant   | Trail                | 3                    |