

Grass Cutting / Landscape Maintenance

Parks Maintenance & Forestry Division





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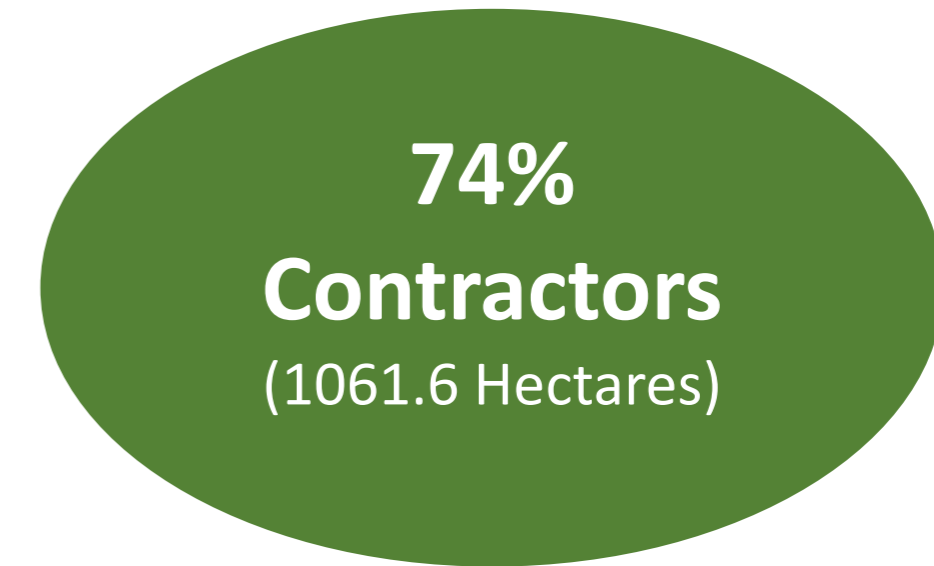
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Current Service Levels

Grass Maintenance Types & Service Levels (2023)

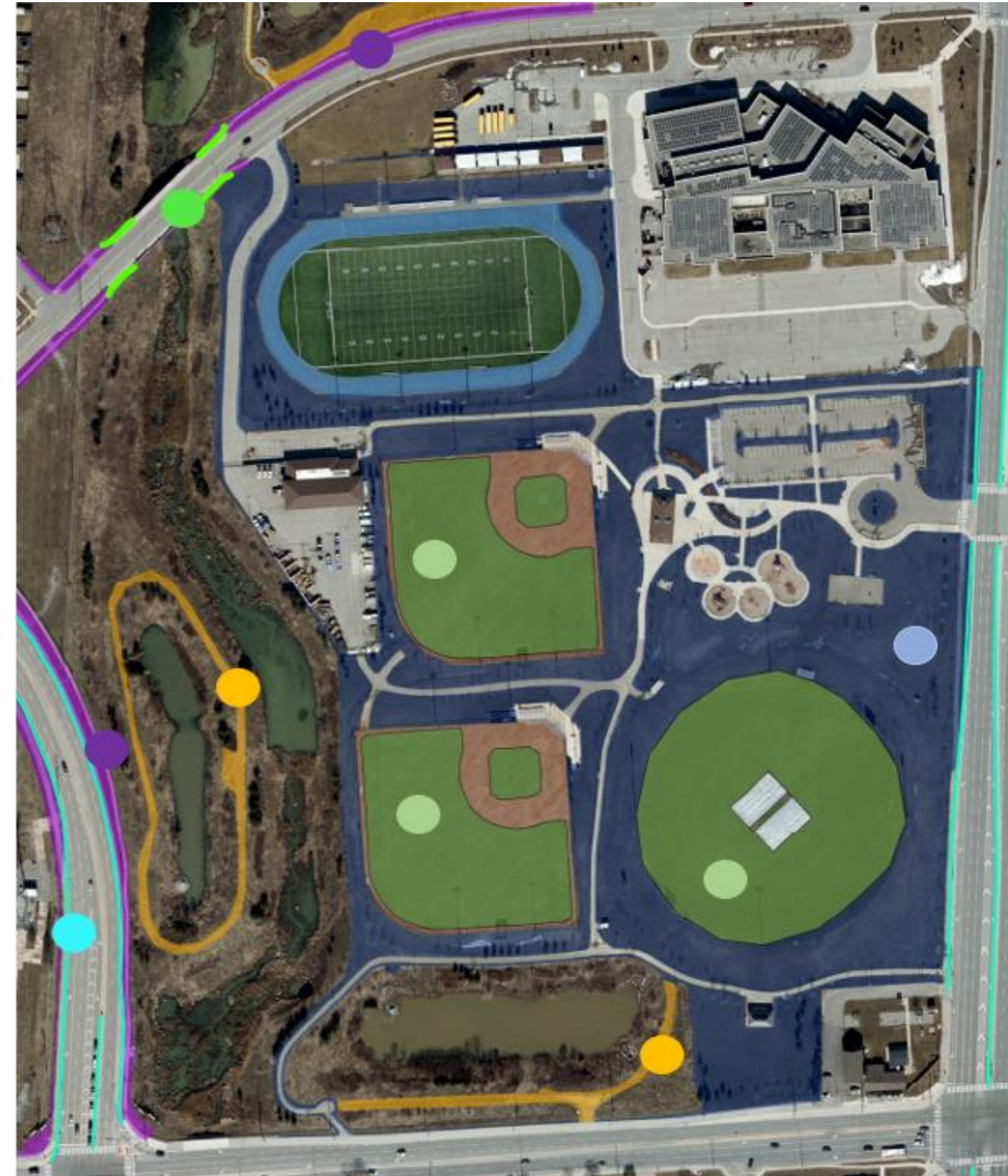
Maintenance Type	Service Level
High Maintenance	24 CUTS per season <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>High profile parks</i>
Medium Maintenance	12 CUTS per season <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Parklands and Boulevards</i>
Low Maintenance	4 CUTS per season <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Boulevard ditches</i> • <i>Stormwater retention ponds</i>
Other Maintenance	
 Shrub and Bed Trimming	3 CUTS per season <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Boulevard shrub beds</i>
 Guiderail Trimming	2 CUTS per season
 Fence Line Cuts	3 CUTS per season <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Behind residential homes</i>
 Median & Curbs	2 CUTS per season <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Roadways</i>



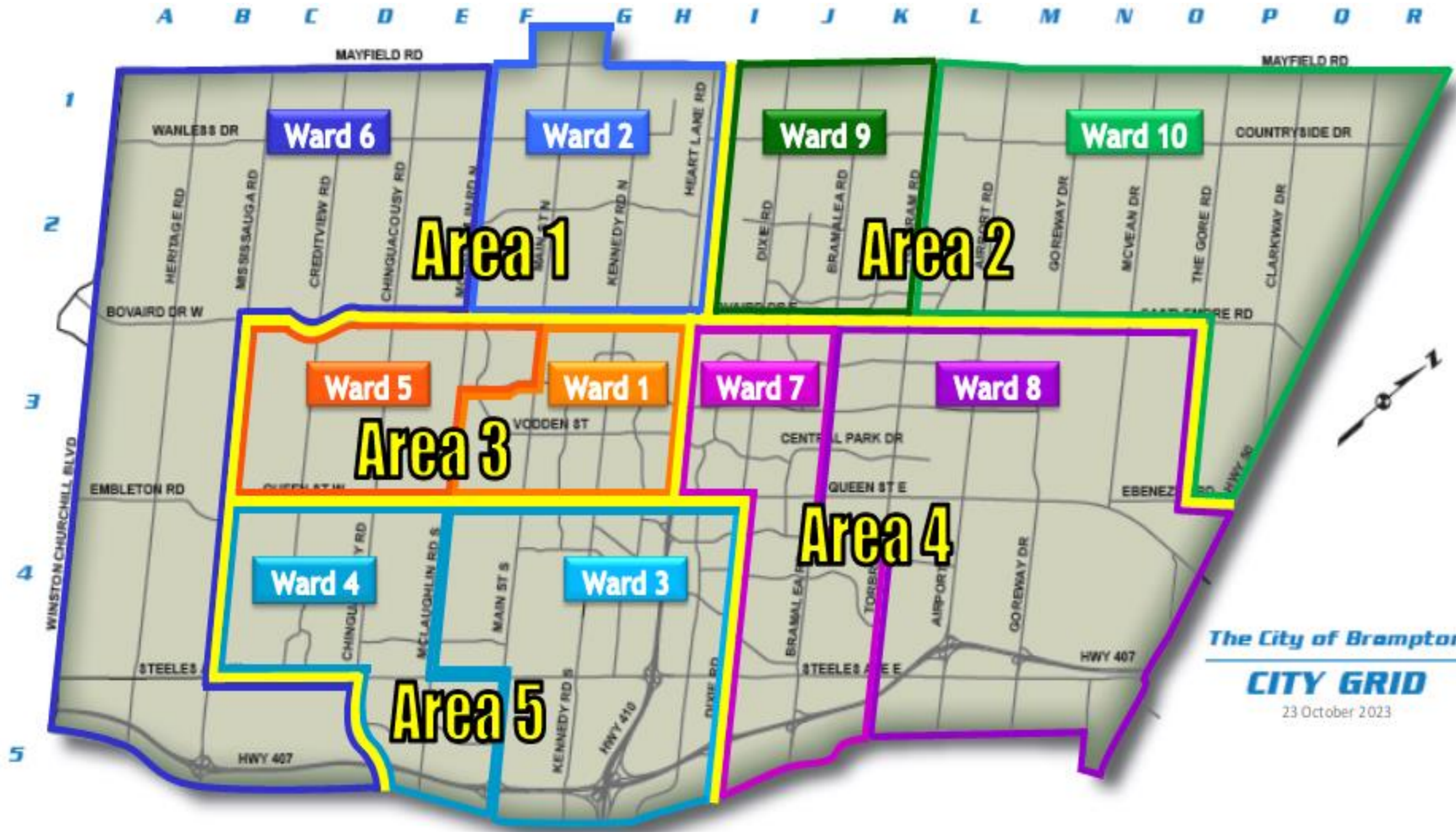
TERAMOTO PARK

2023 Service Levels

- Boulevards – **12 CUTS**
- Parkland – **12 CUTS**
- Sportsfields – **24 CUTS**
- Guiderails – **2 CUTS**
- Medians & Curbs – **2 CUTS**
- Storm Water Management Pond – **4 CUTS**



Ward Map for Grass Cutting / Maintenance

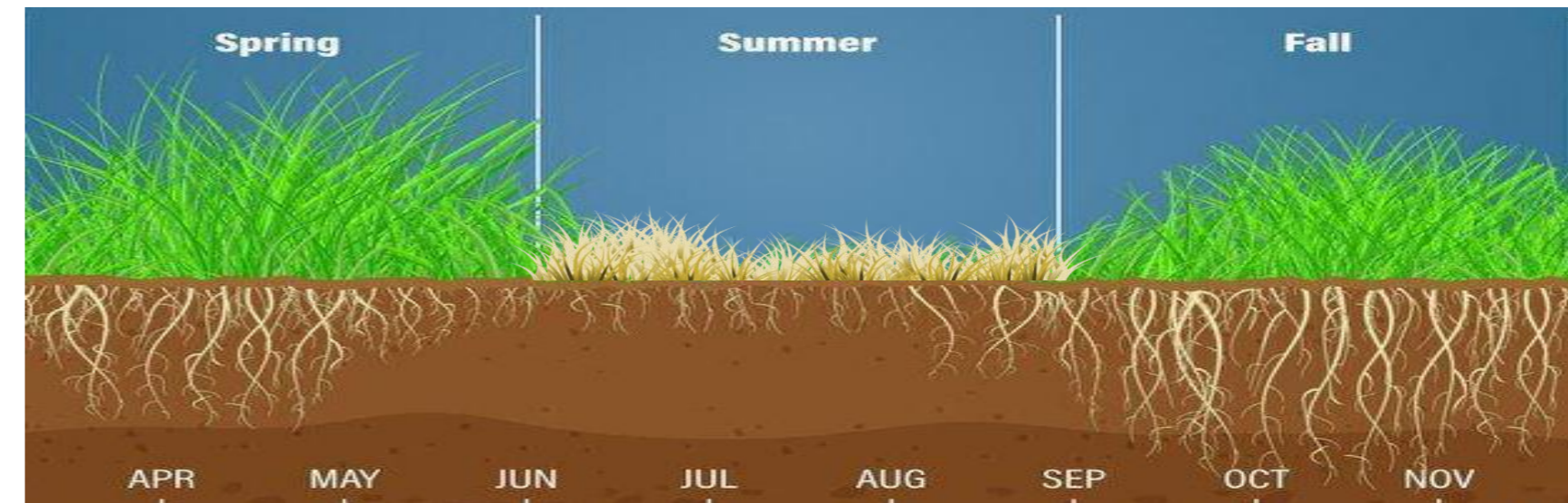


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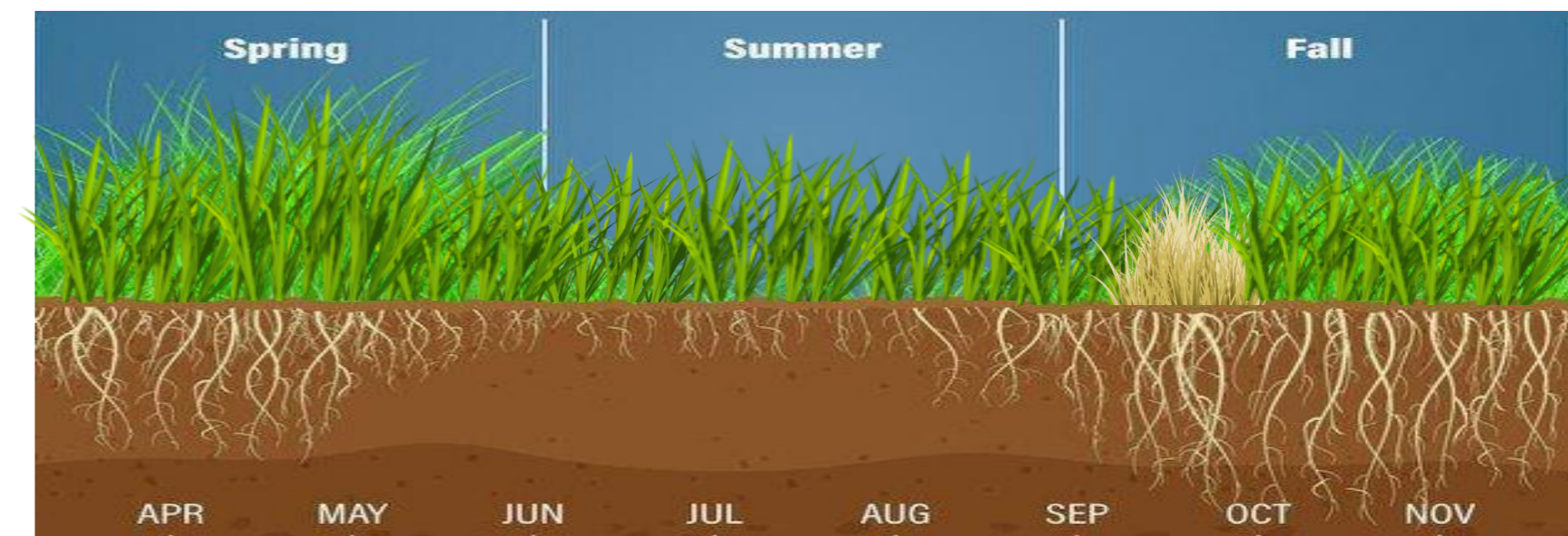
Grass Cut Cycle Factors

- Legislative Changes (*Cosmetic Pesticide Ban*)
- Lush spring growth
- Dormant summer
- Increased fall growth
- Environmental trends

Typical Grass Growth Cycle



2023 Grass Growth Cycle



Increased Service Levels



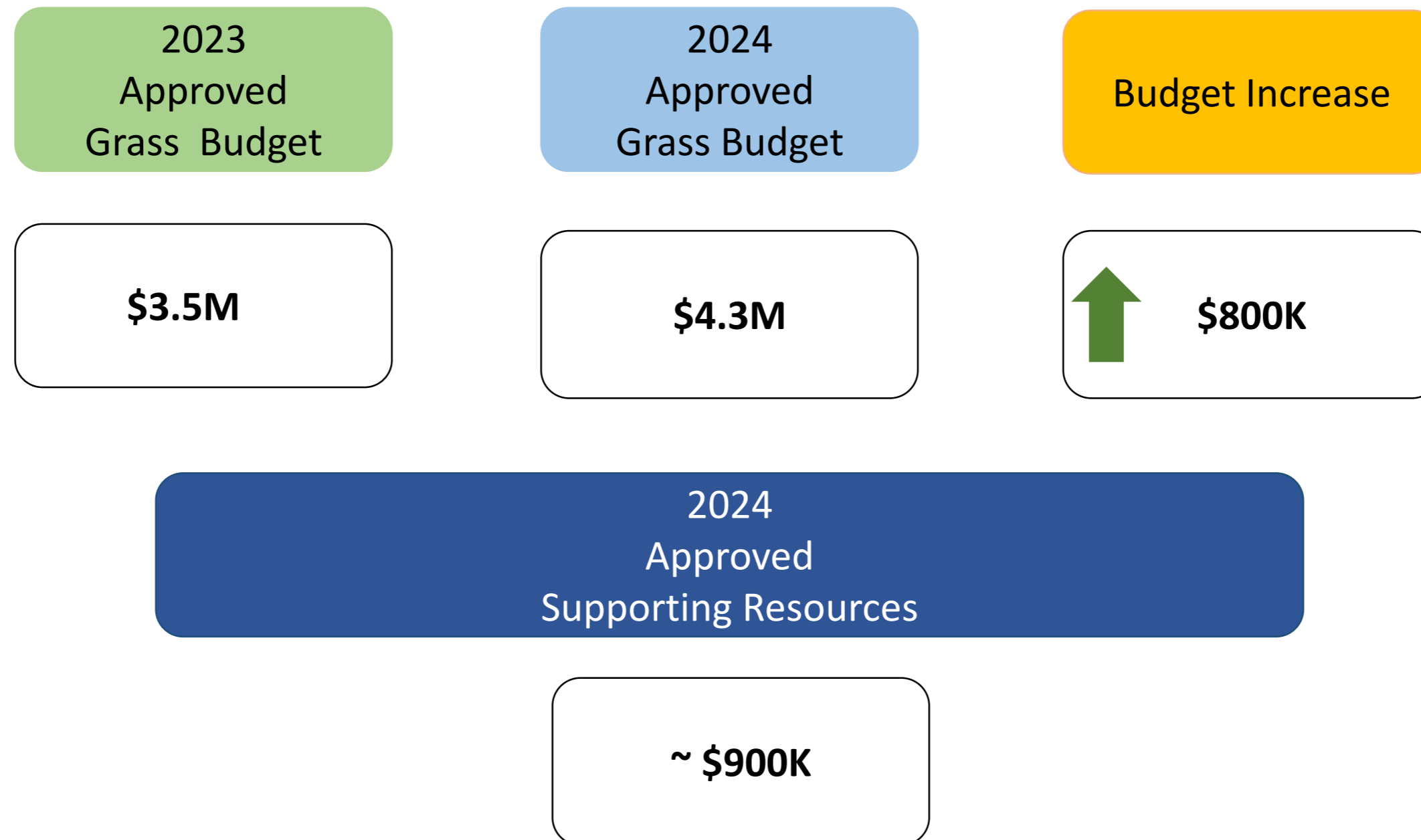
2024 Enhancements



- 7 Additional Inspectors
- 3 Forepersons
- Contract Administration Clerk

- Increased grass cuts
- Increased landscape maintenance
- Increased litter picking
- Implementation of City of Brampton grass tracker

Budget Summary



Existing Service Levels vs. Proposed Service Levels

<u>Maintenance Type</u>	<u>2023 Service Level</u>	<u>2024 Service Level</u>	<u>Service Level Increase</u>
High Maintenance	24 X	24 X	
Medium Maintenance	12 X	14 X	2 X
Low Maintenance	4 X	6 X	2 X
Fence Lines	3 X	5 X	2 X
Shrub Bed Weed Control (ONLY Boulevards)	3 X	4 X	1 X
Medians and Curbs	2 X	3 X	1 X
Guiderails	2 X	3 X	1 X

Litter Campaign



Litter Campaign (April – November)



Community Services and Public Works Citywide litter clean up



Community Development Programs in collaboration with internal and external partners



Contract Management

Current Status

Current Contract : 2020 – 2024 (Last Year of Existing Contract)

NEW GRASS CONTRACT MILESTONES	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
Complete/Sign-Off "Request to Begin Procurement" Report	X										
Council Approval "Request to Begin Procurement" Report		X									
Complete Pre-Qualification Scope Document				X							
Complete Specifications for RFP					X						
Pre-Qualification Process									X		
Release RFP										X	
Contract Award											X

2023 Schedule

CITY OF BRAMPTON SERVICE LEVELS FOR 2023 GRASS CUTTING SCHEDULE May – October 2023 12 Cuts Per Year				
CUT #	START DATE	COMPLETION DATE	CUT HEIGHT	# OF CALENDAR DAYS
1	Monday May 1	Sunday May 7	3"	7
2	Monday May 8	Sunday May 14	3"	7
3	Monday May 15	Monday May 22 Victoria Day	3"	8
4*	Tuesday May 23 (+Shrub Bed Trimming) (+Fenceline)	Sunday June 4	3"	13
5	Monday June 5 (+Guiderails)	Sunday June 18	3"	14
6*	Monday June 19 (+Medians & Curbs)	Sunday July 9	3"	21
7	Monday July 10 (+Fenceline)	Sunday July 30	3"	21
8*	Monday July 31 (+Shrub Bed Trimming)	Sunday August 20	3"	21
9	Monday August 21 (+Medians & Curbs)	Monday September 4 Labour Day	3"	15
10*	Tuesday September 5 (+Fenceline)	Sunday September 17	3"	13
11	Monday September 18 (+Shrub Bed Trimming)	Monday October 2 Day of Truth & Rec.	3"	15
12	Tuesday October 3 (+Guiderails)	Sunday October 15	3"	13

2024 Schedule (Proposed)

CITY OF BRAMPTON SERVICE LEVELS FOR 2024 GRASS CUTTING SCHEDULE May – October 2024 14 Cuts Per Year				
CUT #	START DATE	COMPLETION DATE	CUT HEIGHT	# OF CALENDAR DAYS
1	Monday May 6	Sunday May 12	3"	7
2	Monday May 13	Monday May 20 Victoria Day	3"	8
3*	Tuesday May 21 (+Fenceline)	Sunday May 26	3"	7
4	Monday May 27 (+Guiderails)	Sunday June 2	3"	7
5*	Monday June 3 (+Shrub Bed Trimming) (+Fenceline)	Sunday June 16	3"	14
6	Monday June 17 (+Medians & Curbs) (+Guiderails)	Monday July 1 Canada Day	3"	14
7*	Tuesday July 2 (+Shrub Bed Trimming) (+Fenceline)	Sunday July 14	3"	14
8	Monday July 15 (+Medians & Curbs)	Sunday July 28	3"	14
9	Monday July 29 (+Shrub Bed Trimming)	Sunday August 11	3"	14
10*	Monday August 12 (+Fenceline)	Sunday August 25	3"	14
11	Monday August 26 (+Medians & Curbs) (+Guiderails)	Sunday September 8	3"	14
12*	Monday September 9 (+Shrub Bed Trimming) (+Fenceline)	Sunday September 22	3"	14
13	Monday September 23	Sunday October 6	3"	14
14*	Monday October 7	Sunday October 20	3"	14

Grass Management Phases



- Annual contract evaluations
- Pre-season orientations
- Identify grass cut locations for the season

- Vendor collaboration site
- Distribution of grass cut schedule

- Grass cut cycles and landscape maintenances duties are performed
- Grass assignment completion dates are updated

- Grass inspections are conducted after scheduled “cut dates” by internal staff
- Deficiencies are documented and communicated to the vendor to be rectified

- Payment is processed based on inspection verification

A scenic landscape featuring a winding paved path that curves through a lush green area. In the foreground, a calm stream flows, reflecting the surrounding greenery and trees. The trees are in various stages of autumn, with some showing vibrant orange and red foliage. The overall atmosphere is peaceful and natural.

Municipal Comparisons

Comparisons to Other Municipalities

	BRAMPTON (2024)	MISSISSAUGA	VAUGHAN	GUELPH
Boulevards	14 CUTS annually	12 CUTS annually	13 CUTS annually	10 CUTS annually
Parkland	14 CUTS annually	13 CUTS annually	13 CUTS annually	12 CUTS annually
Sports Field	1 to 3 CUTS weekly	1 to 3 CUTS weekly	1 to 2 CUTS weekly	1 to 2 CUTS weekly
Fencelines	3 CUTS annually (where accessible)	1 CUT annually (where accessible)	As Requested	2 CUTS annually (where accessible)

Service Brampton

Benefits of 3-1-1 Service Request



NEXT STEPS



Internal Collaborations

(I.T., Purchasing, Corporate Services)



Continue to work with internal and external partners

To help maintain the beautification of outdoor spaces

Thank you!

