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### Welland's 150th Anniversary Activities Continue with Cycling Races August 2 and 3

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**Welland** – The City of Welland's 150th Anniversary celebrations aren't over yet! Cycling events being held this weekend (August 2 and 3) are being held under Welland's 150th Anniversary "umbrella".

"There are still many activities happening through to the end of 2008 in honour of the City's sesquicentennial," states Julie Roy, the City's Tourism Assistant. "We encourage everyone to continue to come out and celebrate our City's 150th Anniversary by attending all the upcoming events!" A full listing of the events planned for the rest of the year can be found at [www.welland.ca/anniversary](http://www.welland.ca/anniversary).

This weekend there are two cycling races taking place on City of Welland streets. A portion of the route for the race on Sunday will require rolling stops at the East Main Street Tunnel for short periods of time on Sunday, August 3, starting at 9:30 a.m. until 11:30 a.m. at which time the Bike Race route will be shortened and the race will continue using only the portion of the route west of Wellington Street. Portions of city streets will be closed to traffic for the cycling events on Saturday, August 2, and Sunday August 3. A map showing the routes and information regarding street closures is available on the City's website under the Road Closures link that can be accessed by clicking on "Keep Current".

"We have worked with the City of Port Colborne extensively regarding the road closures for this exciting cycling event in Welland and its potential impact on Canal Days. In the spirit of working cooperatively, the City of Welland has posted on our webpage alternate routes to Port Colborne for this weekend," said Mayor Goulbourne. Look for 'The Welland Race' logo on the City of Welland website for more information.

So that minimal interruption to bus service is experienced as a result of street closures, Welland Transit buses will be re-located to Hellems Avenue and will be lined up between East Main and Division Streets on Saturday. More information about bus schedules for Saturday is available at [www.welland.ca](http://www.welland.ca) under Live, then click on Transit.

Other passenger bus service that typically operates out of the Welland Bus Terminal on Saturday will occupy the southwest corner of the intersection of Main Street and Hellems Avenue (just behind Welland Transit buses). On Sunday, passenger bus services will be able to access the terminal from Dorothy Street, so it will be 'business as usual'. For more information regarding passenger bus schedules please contact Road Treks at 905-732-2499.

For more information about the cycling races visit [www.thewellandrace.ca](http://www.thewellandrace.ca) or call the event organizer, Willie Coyle, at 905-732-9704.

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