



## City of Hamilton

### CITY COUNCIL WEEKLY CORRESPONDENCE LISTING

Friday, May 9, 2025, 12:00 P.M.

Council Chambers

Hamilton City Hall

71 Main Street West

Council's Weekly Correspondence Listing is circulated pursuant to section 5.14 of the City's Procedural By-law 21-021, as Amended.

If a Member of Council would like a correspondence item listed in the Council's Weekly Correspondence Listing placed on a Committee agenda, the Member must advise the Clerk's Office no later than 12:00 p.m. (Noon) on the day prior to the meeting.

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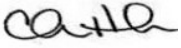
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Members of the public can contact the Clerk's Office to acquire the documents contained within this correspondence listing, in an alternate format.

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## COMMUNICATION UPDATE

<b>TO:</b>	Mayor and Members City Council
<b>DATE:</b>	May 5, 2025
<b>SUBJECT:</b>	Update #4 – Order to Comply – Fire Damage for Woodlands Park Washroom Located at 501 Barton St E (CFEM2503) (Ward 3)
<b>WARD(S) AFFECTED:</b>	Ward 3
<b>SUBMITTED BY:</b>	Chris Herstek Acting Director, Corporate Facilities & Energy Management Public Works Department
<b>SIGNATURE:</b>	

### Background:

A fire damaged the washroom structure at Woodlands Park, 501 Barton Street East, Ward 3, on January 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2024. The fire was extinguished, and security was provided to prevent public access to the facility. An associated order to comply was issued by the City of Hamilton's Building Division on the same day for a structural assessment to be completed and either a demolition or building permit to be issued to repair the building and make it safe for use.

The washroom building at Woodlands Park is approximately 50 years old and a one-storey building structure without a basement. Before the fire event, the building superstructure consisted of roof wood sheathing on pre-engineered roof wood trusses and joists supported by steel beams, columns, and concrete block masonry walls.

Other existing park amenities include pathways, soccer field, multi-use court and playground. A new spray pad amenity was constructed northwest of the washroom facility in the summer of 2024.

A security team was on site 24/7 to maintain the safety, security and integrity of the facility while the roof was demolished, and the site was assessed. Current security measures include a mobile security team conducting 2 inspections of the property every 24 hours to ensure that the fencing remains intact and that access to the building

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remains secure. Signage has been applied to the existing fencing providing the 24-hour security dispatch number should any resident wish to report suspicious activity related to the property.

A community placemaking project had installed artwork called, “Woodlands Park: Ghost Landscape”, at two locations of Woodlands Park, one of which was affixed to the side of the washroom facility. In order to avoid damage to the artwork, it has been removed from the washroom facility and is being stored at a City site while the washroom is being worked on. Coordination with the artist is underway.

**Completed Milestones (January 2024 to date):**

- Preliminary structural assessment completed by a structural engineer.
- Demolition and removal of debris.
- Fulsome structural assessment completed by a structural engineer.
- Public consultation.
- Coordination with the City facility insurance adjustor.

**Operational Update:**

A general contractor was hired through the insurance adjustor. The building permit was received on April 4<sup>th</sup>, 2025, to proceed with the restoration of the Woodlands Park washroom. Contractors began mobilizing on site on Monday April 28<sup>th</sup> to set up fencing for a laydown area and prepare the site for future works. The roof trusses will be delivered the week of May 5, 2025 and construction is expected to be completed in approximately two and a half months.

During construction there will be no impact to the utilization of the rest of the park amenities include pathways, soccer field, multi-use court, playground and splash pad. Corporate Facilities and Parks will continue to coordinate any portable washroom needs during the construction.


If you have any questions respecting this communication update, please contact Amanda Pavao, Acting Manager of Strategic Planning & Capital Compliance at [Amanda.Pavao@hamilton.ca](mailto:Amanda.Pavao@hamilton.ca) or Extension 7325.

**APPENDICES AND SCHEDULES ATTACHED**

N/A



## COMMUNICATION UPDATE

<b>TO:</b>	Mayor and Members City Council
<b>DATE:</b>	May 5, 2025
<b>SUBJECT:</b>	Potential Spill Incident at Stormwater Management Facility #53 (HW2501) (Ward 11)
<b>WARD(S) AFFECTED:</b>	Ward 11
<b>SUBMITTED BY:</b>	Shane McCauley Director, Water and Wastewater Operations, Hamilton Water Public Works Department
<b>SIGNATURE:</b>	

On April 11, 2025, during a routine inspection of Stormwater Management Facility #53, a dry pond located on Upper James Street, south of Dickenson Road East in Ward 11 (see Figure 1), Hamilton Water staff identified evidence of a potential spill. The spill is not from City infrastructure, and staff are working to identify the source. The incident was reported in accordance with standard procedures, and Hamilton Water has since taken steps to contain the material on site and lead the cleanup efforts.

Hamilton Water has been in ongoing communication with the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP). The MECP has requested the City to assess the area, delineate impacted soils, and prepare a cleanup plan. Work is underway to meet these requirements and to inspect the source of the contaminants.

This work is being carried out under Procurement Policy 10 - Emergency Procurements, as authorized by the Acting General Manager of Public Works. While the full extent of the impact is not yet known, Hamilton Water is securing the necessary expertise and contractor support to assess the site, implement remediation, and restore City infrastructure to pre-incident condition.

All reasonable efforts will be made to control costs while ensuring the protection of infrastructure and the environment.

Hamilton Water will continue efforts to identify the source of the spill and will pursue cost recovery if a responsible party is confirmed.

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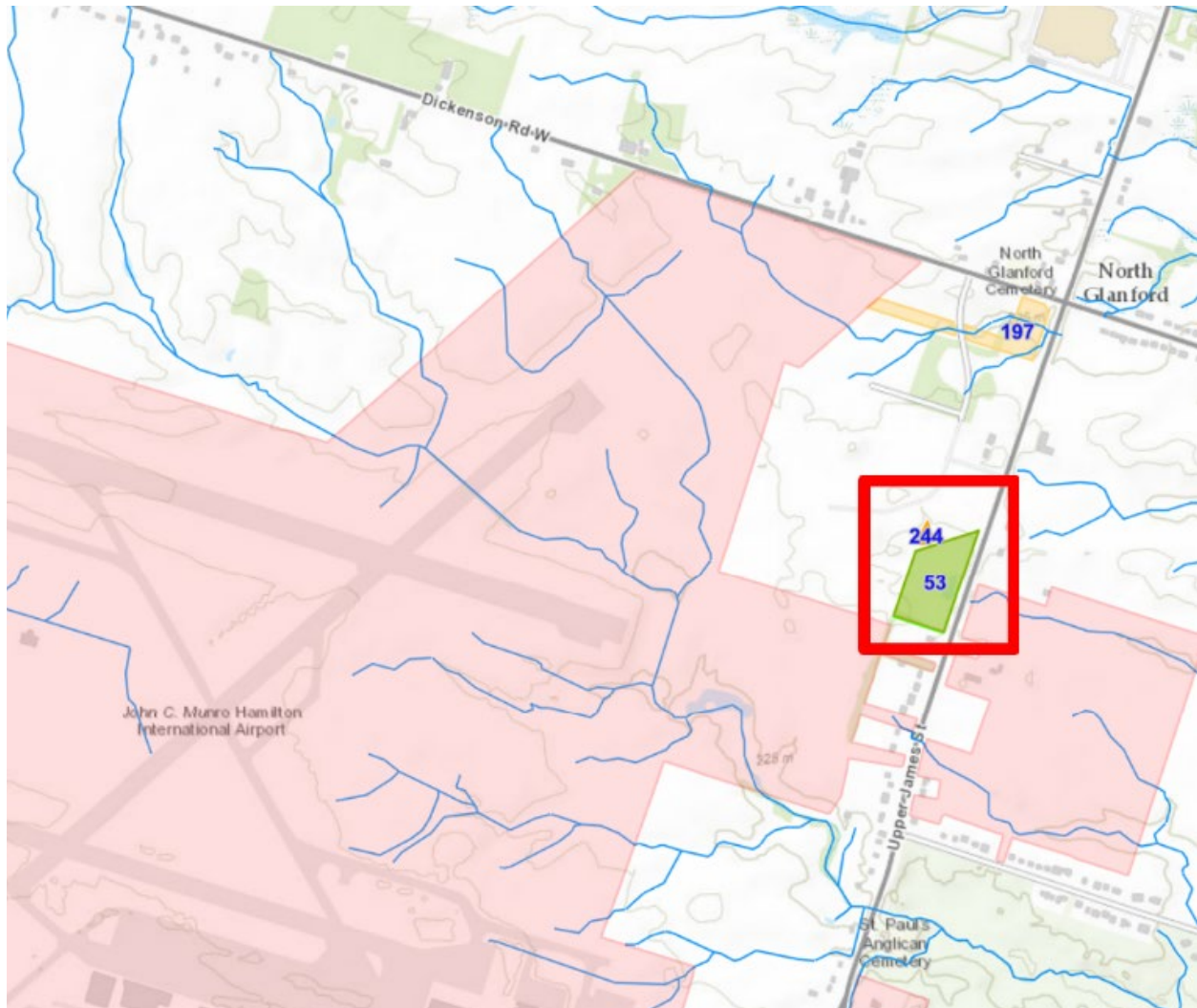
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Further updates will be provided upon completion of the work or sooner if warranted.

**Figure 1** - Map showing the location of affected Facility #53




**APPENDICES AND SCHEDULES ATTACHED**

N/A



## COMMUNICATION UPDATE

<b>TO:</b>	Mayor and Members City Council
<b>DATE:</b>	May 5, 2025
<b>SUBJECT:</b>	Updates on Interim Property Tax Bill Delivery Delays and Advance Mailing of 2025 Final Property Tax Bills (City Wide)
<b>WARD(S) AFFECTED:</b>	City Wide
<b>SUBMITTED BY:</b>	Clayton Pereira Director, Revenue Services Corporate Services Department
<b>SIGNATURE:</b>	

### Purpose

To provide updates on recent 2025 Interim Property Tax Bill delivery delays caused by Canada Post disruptions; and to inform Council of the proactive early mailing of the 2025 Final Property Tax bills due to potential Canada Post disruptions in late May 2025.

### Background

#### Interim Tax Bill Delivery Delays (February–March 2025)

Due to a five-week Canada Post strike that ended December 17, 2024, mail service remained inconsistent into early 2025. The 2025 Interim Property Tax bills were mailed on February 7, 2025, in accordance with the 21-day legislative requirement, but significant delivery delays were observed. Many taxpayers received their Property Tax bills close to or after the February 28, 2025, due date.

Although the Canada Post delivery delays were outside of City's control, staff recognized the inconvenience and frustration this caused for affected property owners. To support impacted taxpayers, the Treasurer exercised discretion under By-law 20-045 (which amends By-law No. 13-136 related to late payment charges) by approving a 30-day- waiver of penalty charges. This effectively extended the payment deadline, without penalty, to March 31, 2025.

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### **February 28 Tax Instalment-Payment Summary**

Approximately 12% of the total February property tax instalment amount was not paid by the February 28 instalment due date. The 12% would have otherwise incurred penalty charges of approximately \$530,000 on March 1, being the first day of default had the 30-day penalty waiver not been exercised. Properties with prior arrears continued to be charged interest on March 1, without exception.

Penalty charges were reinstated on April 1, for properties that did not pay the February 28 instalment.

### **Advance Mailing of Final Tax Bills (May 2025)**

Final property tax bills are typically mailed out in early June. In anticipation of a potential Canada Post labour disruption beginning May 22, 2025, the City is proactively mailing the 2025 Final Property Tax bills between May 7 and May 12, 2025, to facilitate taxpayers receiving their tax bill in advance of a potential postal strike. This also provides for more advanced receipt of property tax bills than the *Municipal Act's* prescribed 21-day notice period before the first instalment due date. The property tax instalment due dates will remain unchanged: June 30 and September 30, 2025.

### **Ongoing Improvements and Future Planning**

To reduce reliance on traditional mail and enhance service, staff is:

- Promoting property tax pre-authorized payment plans, with an improved online enrollment portal expected later this year.
- Promoting property tax eBilling, currently used by only 6.7% of tax roll accounts.
- Exploring online tools for secure, on-demand property tax access.
- Considering earlier property tax mailing practices exceeding the 21-day requirement in future years.

### **Timeline and Next Steps**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Action</b>
April 30, 2025	Tax policy report presented to General Issues Committee (GIC)
May 7, 2025	Council approval of tax policies and by-laws; Council notification, website updates and media release
May 7 –12, 2025	Production and mailing of 2025 Final Property Tax bills



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**Cross-departmental Coordination and Support**

Cross-departmental coordination is underway to support early billing, including the preparation of tax policies and by-laws and the timely production of bills by the City's external printing provider. Public communications, including website updates and a media release, will accompany the process.

- Corporate Communications is preparing public messaging, Council materials and a media release.
- Tax Policy staff are preparing by-laws for Council approval.
- Departments with fees and charges included in the property tax bill (e.g., Public Works, Planning & Economic Development) have been informed of the revised timeline.
- Taxation staff are coordinating with the external printing vendor to meet the accelerated schedule.

Should you require further information, please contact Clayton Pereira, Director Revenue Services at (905) 546-2424 ext. 5242 or [Clayton.Pereira@Hamilton.ca](mailto:Clayton.Pereira@Hamilton.ca)

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None

**Pilon, Janet**

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**Subject:** Where can we peacefully protest ?

----- Forwarded message -----

From: **cynthia meyer**

Date: Mon, May 5, 2025 at 9:11 PM

Subject: Re: Where can we peacefully protest ?

To: <[maureen.wilson@hamilton.ca](mailto:maureen.wilson@hamilton.ca)>, Office of the Mayor <[mayor@hamilton.ca](mailto:mayor@hamilton.ca)>

On Mon, May 5, 2025 at 9:10 PM cynthia meyer wrote:

Dear Mayor Horwath and Councillor Wilson,

I am writing to request in the strongest terms possible, that a proposed by-law that would restrict peaceful demonstration near places of worship and schools be thrown out.

We have enough laws to prevent or punish vandalism -which should not be confused with peaceful protest. We just need to enforce those bylaws.

As a citizen who has delegated to council and peacefully protested against urban sprawl, the unnecessary hwy 413, and for preserving the GreenBelt, you will be thwarting my democratic rights of expression and protest.

Hamilton is full of churches and other places of worship (and schools) that will make marches such as the gay pride day Impossible because they will pass by a church, mosque or synagogue. Even city hall could be off limits to demonstrations as there are two churches kiddy-corner it

If the boundary is to be 300m from schools and places of worship, WHERE CAN HAMILTONIANS DEMONSTRATE ? How will we effectively protect our urban boundary with practically no place to protest within the city.

This by-law is terrorizing in itself as it is akin to the loss of liberties for the citizens of the USA. Should it also come to Hamilton?

Please say NO.

If you feel a protective boundary is still necessary, make it limited to the private property of those institutions and limited to times of worship only.

Peaceful protest was a most important tool in winning the Stop Sprawl issue. Please don't prevent Hamiltonians from peaceful, public expression over any issue, especially as we continue the battle to preserve our urban boundary, wetlands and farmlands.

An engaged Hamiltonian,  
Cynthia Meyer, Ward 1

**Pilon, Janet**

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**Subject:** Enactment of Municipal act charges by-laws Fiddler's Green Rd Ancaster**From:** Jeff Rocchi**Sent:** Monday, May 5, 2025 1:42 PM**To:** [clerk@hamilton.ca](mailto:clerk@hamilton.ca)**Subject:** Enactment of Municipal act charges by-laws Fiddler's Green Rd Ancaster

Jeff Rocchi

Owner, [REDACTED]

I recently received a letter from the City of Hamilton regarding improvements and upgrades made to storm sewers on Fiddler's Green Road in 2020. I have serious concerns about this. I was not aware, of any existing storm sewer issues prior to the start of the 121 Fiddler's development, nor was I experiencing any storm sewer problems at my house. I was not consulted prior to this work being approved and completed and given no indication that I would potentially be incurring costs. From the Municipal act charges proposed bylaws document, it seems that this work will only benefit the properties (111&115, 110, 118, and 124) if severed or developed. Since I have no plans to develop or sell my property, there is no benefit to me by the work that was completed at 121 Fiddler's Green Road.

I did not ask for my storm sewer to be updated to turn a single dwelling into a five house development on 121 Fiddler's Green Road and I should not be asked to subsidize this in any way. This should be the responsibility of the developer who built the homes, 1333664 Ontario Inc (DeSozio Homes). Their development at 121 Fiddler's Green Road generates \$42,000 a year in taxes for the city (up from \$4,000 when it was a single house dwelling). It is my opinion that this additional revenue should be used to cover the cost of works such as the one I am being asked to pay for. Furthermore, if the City of Hamilton wants to recoup additional funds for work needed for developer projects, then it should be at the cost of all city taxpayers, not four properties that don't require improvement and are across the street or adjacent. The construction, storm sewer work completed, as well as the overall development at 121 Fiddler's Green Road and the poor road maintenance has put a strain on all properties around this lot, from cracked walls to additional traffic and construction that lasted in excess of 3 years. You are now unfairly asking that we share in the costs created by the development. It is irrelevant that other properties benefit. It should be solely the responsibility of the developing property for anything required for their own development.

I do have some additional questions that I would appreciate more specific details and answers for:

- What exactly was the work that was done? How does it benefit my property? Why does this not benefit the entire community?

- Work was completed Decemeber 7, 2020. Why is this just being communicated to me more than 4 years later?
- As no houses listed on the document provided are currently hooked up to the storm sewer (all of the downspouts run off to the back of the properties or side of the houses), Section 7 states that potential payment will be collected at the time of permit issuance for any connection to the works. Does this mean since we are not currently connected then a potential payment might be required?
- Are these payments only required if the assumed benefitting properties only tie into the new Storm Sewer Work that was required for the new development at 121 Fiddler's Green Road?
- Is there an appeals process should this motion be passed? Please provide additional details on this process.
- In final, the work done infront of 110 – 118 Fiddler's Green would not have happened if it were not for the development of 121 Fiddler's Green. If that development didn't happen, would the storm sewer have been updated along the rest of Fiddler's Green Rd? It's doubtful.

The properties 111 & 115, 110, 118 and 124 Fiddlers Green Road were not aware, nor did they approve of the required Storm Sewer Work associated with the development of 121 Fiddler's Green Road. These property owners were also not informed of the cost recovery agreement made between the City of Hamilton and the Developer of 121 Fiddler's Green Road. Was this agreement made between the City of Hamilton and the Developer of 121 Fiddler's Green Road at the time the development was approved? If so, by whom and when? No letter was sent out to 111 & 115, 110, 118 and 124 Fiddlers Green Road to inform them of these potential costs.

**Pilon, Janet**

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**Subject:** AMO Watchfile - May 8, 2025

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**From:** AMO Communications <communicate@amo.on.ca>

**Sent:** Thursday, May 8, 2025 10:01 AM

**To:** Pilon, Janet <Janet.Pilon@hamilton.ca>

**Subject:** AMO Watchfile - May 8, 2025

**External Email:** Use caution with links and attachments



May 08, 2025

**In This Issue:**

- AMO releases *Engaging Youth in Local Democracy* report.
- AMO resources to support your classroom engagement.
- New resources added to AMO's Gender Based Violence Toolkit.
- Emergency Preparedness Week: May 4 - 11, 2025.
- New Health and Safety Water Stream fund.
- Nominations open for Medal of Distinction in Public Administration.
- Only 20 spots remaining for AMO Rural Healthy Democracy Forum!
- Join colleagues at the AMO 2025 Conference - Ontario's premier municipal event.
- Showcase your innovation - PJ Marshall Awards submissions are now open.
- Before you know it, it's August! AMO 2025 Conference trade show selling out fast!
- Teeny Tiny Summits 2025 - Don't miss these important community building events.
- AMO's workshop on planning for people in your community: May 8 virtual workshop.
- Article - Investing in Uncertain Times!
- Virtual Net-Zero Workshop registration now open.
- BPS Energy Reporting Portal now open.
- Blog: My Experience as a Co-op Student.
- Every Second Counts! Know when to call 9-1-1.
- Humber Polytechnic Emergency Management Symposium - June 6, Toronto.
- AMCTO-Mitacs Municipal Innovation Internship Program.
- Ontario Bike Summit.
- Net-Zero Communities Accelerator Program coming to Ontario.
- Careers.

**AMO Matters**

Improving the health of local democracies requires a renewed focus on engaging young people in our communities. Through AMO's Healthy Democracy Project and in partnership with Apathy is Boring, we've developed a new [Engaging Youth in Local Democracy](#) resource that will help you learn how to better

engage youth in your communities with actionable strategies and tactics for elected officials, municipalities, and public sector organizations.

[AMO's Municipal Rep Day program](#) provides AMO's members with a set of resources they can use when visiting classrooms in their communities. Resources and guides for teachers and elected officials can support a productive and engaging visit with students and help ignite interest in local government with future voters and community leaders.

To commemorate Red Dress Day on May 5, new resources from the Ontario Native Women's Association and Native Women's Association of Canada have been added to [AMO's Gender Based Violence Toolkit](#).

### **Provincial Matters**

Ontario's theme for Emergency Preparedness Week, "Plan for Every Season", encourages residents to stay safe, practiced, and prepared. Access digital resources through [Publications Ontario](#) or [order your print materials today](#).

Intake is open for Ontario's new Health and Safety Water Stream fund to help municipalities and First Nations build, repair and expand aging water infrastructure. [Apply now!](#)

Nominations are open for the Lieutenant Governor's Medal of Distinction in Public Administration, Ontario's highest honour for public service. [Nominate a colleague](#) from your municipality by June 27,

### **Education Opportunities**

Partnering with the Rural Ontario Municipal Association (ROMA), AMO's Rural Healthy Democracy Forum will bring together municipal and sector leaders, academics and experts for insightful discussions on the state of democracy in rural Ontario. [Register today](#) for one of the 20 remaining spots!

AMO's 2025 Annual Conference is back in Ottawa. In this unprecedented time, coming together with municipal, provincial and key sector partners is more important than ever. [Register for AMO 2025](#) and [book your accommodations today](#).

The Peter J. Marshall Municipal Innovation Award celebrates municipal governments in Ontario showcasing innovation in approaches to services, facilities, and infrastructure better for Ontarians. View full details [here](#).

Connect with over 3,000 of Ontario's municipal leaders representing Ontario's 444 municipalities and a \$68 billion sector at the AMO 2025 Conference in Ottawa this August. Click [here](#) to download the Exhibitor Package and [here](#) for the Sponsorship Package. Limited space available.

ROMA in partnership with the Minister of Rural Affairs, are happy to share the 2025 Teeny Tiny Summit line-up. These compelling events are designed with innovation in mind for Ontario's rural communities. Registration and information is available for the Summit in [Strathroy-Caradoc - June 18](#).

Land use planning is a complicated matter. This workshop equips councillors with the skills and knowledge necessary to secure funding, build community trust, ensure legal compliance, drive local economic growth and more. [Register for the May 8 Unlocking Opportunity through Understanding Human Rights Based Approach to Municipal Planning workshop](#).

### **ONE Investment**

2025 is shaping up to be one for history books with our federal election and trade tensions with the US. Such developments inevitably feed into the financial markets, fostering an atmosphere of uncertainty. [Read our recent article \*Investing in an Uncertain Market\*](#) to learn more

### **LAS**

Have you registered for LAS' virtual net zero workshop yet? Join us online on June 18 to learn how you can cut energy costs, boost savings and incorporate low carbon initiatives in your municipal buildings.

[Register today.](#)

The BPS Reporting season is well underway. Municipalities must report their 2024 energy consumption by July 1 under [O.Reg 25/23](#). Contact [bpssupport@ontario.ca](mailto:bpssupport@ontario.ca) for more information. If you are an [EPT subscriber](#), this information can be easily downloaded from our software and uploaded to the portal. If you also use our [natural gas](#) or [electricity](#) programs, this data has been automatically imported into EPT - no data entry required.

Interning at AMO/LAS is a great way for students to gain public sector knowledge while earning some school money. [Read the latest blog](#) about our winter intern's experience

### **Municipal Wire\***

Every Second Counts is a province-wide education campaign launched this week to combat 9-1-1 call misuse. Please explore the [campaign and share broadly](#) with residents in your communities.

Join [Humber Polytechnic Broadcast-Broadband Convergence B<sup>2</sup>C Lab](#) in a one-day free informational symposium on June 6 to present emerging emergency communications technologies using the ATSC 3.0 broadcast communications system. There are new solutions using broadcast that can bolster risk mitigation strategies for municipalities while offering enhanced capabilities. [Register today!](#)

The AMCTO-Mitacs [Municipal Innovation Internship Program](#) is an application-based program that matches Ontario municipal governments with post-secondary students studying in Ontario. Ontario municipalities can now [submit their project proposal\(s\)](#) for consideration by May 9. The internship program will take place from January-August 2026.

The [Ontario Bike Summit](#), Canada's largest cycling and active transportation conference, will be in Windsor from May 27-29. Be inspired by success stories including enhancing infrastructure and design, citizen safety and economic development.

Small and mid-sized Ontario municipalities are invited to [submit an expression of interest](#) to participate in Quest Canada's Net-Zero Communities Accelerator program by June 13.

### **Careers**

[Senior Planner/Aménageur principal; aménageuse principale - Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing/Ministère des Affaires municipales et du Logement](#). Closing Date: May 23, 2025, 11:59 pm EDT.

[Team Lead/Chef d'équipe - Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing/Ministère des Affaires municipales et du Logement](#). Closing Date: May 23, 2025, 11:59 pm EDT.

[Manager Court Operations/Chef de l'administration des tribunaux - Ministry of the Attorney General/Ministère du Procureur général](#) Closing Date: May 22, 2025 11:59 pm EDT.

[Director of Human Resources - Kingston Police Service Board](#). Closing Date: June 5, 2025.

[Licensed Mechanic A - Town of Oakville](#). Closing Date: May 14, 2025.

[Economic Development Officer - City of Quinte West](#). Closing Date: May 19, 2025, 11:59 pm EDT.

[Supervisor of Taxation, Revenue & Billing - City of Kawartha Lakes](#). Closing Date: May 23, 2025.

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## COMMUNICATION UPDATE

<b>TO:</b>	Mayor and Members City Council
<b>DATE:</b>	May 6, 2025
<b>SUBJECT:</b>	Next Generation 9-1-1 (NG9-1-1) (City Wide)
<b>WARD(S) AFFECTED:</b>	City Wide
<b>SUBMITTED BY:</b>	Cyrus Tehrani Chief Information Officer Information Technology, City Manager's Office
<b>SIGNATURE:</b>	
<b>SUBMITTED BY:</b>	Grace Mater General Manager Healthy and Safe Communities Department
<b>SIGNATURE:</b>	

The purpose of this Communication Update is to share information regarding the latest developments on the Next Generation 9-1-1 (NG9-1-1) system implementation:

- Change of the CRTC deadline
- Change in the City of Hamilton NG9-1-1 transition date as reported in November 4, 2024 Communication Update from Q1 2025 to Q3 2025.

### Change to CRTC Deadline

On June 1, 2017, the Canada Radio-television and Telecommunications Commission (CRTC) had mandated that all telephone companies update their networks and transition to provide NG9-1-1 service capability for Canadians by March 4, 2025. Subsequently on Feb 28, 2025, CRTC, issued [Telecom Decision CRTC 2025-67 | CRTC](#) extending the transition deadline to March 31, 2027.

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### **City of Hamilton NG9-1-1 Transition Date Revision**

In May 2023, the City of Hamilton procured a Call Handling System from Solacom Inc. and has since been working with Bell and Solacom to transition to NG9-1-1. Staff from multiple Divisions are actively working with vendors to finalize configurations, testing, and to ensure all requirements for NG9-1-1 transition are met.

As of this writing, only six (6) Public Safety Answering Points (PSAPs) in Ontario have transitioned from Legacy 911 to Next Generation 9-1-1. The City of Hamilton is envisioning a transition to NG9-1-1 by Q3, 2025 - in advance of most other provincial jurisdictions and well prior to the extended CRTC deadline.

### **Consultation**


- Mike Rember, Deputy Fire Chief, Hamilton Fire Department
- Paul Hamilton, Deputy Chief of Police, Hamilton Police Service

### **Appendices and Schedules Attached**

N/A



## COMMUNICATION UPDATE

<b>TO:</b>	Mayor and Members City Council
<b>DATE:</b>	May 8, 2025
<b>SUBJECT:</b>	Shared Commercial E-scooter Program – Hamilton Mountain Service Area Expansion (Wards 6, 7, 8 and 14)
<b>WARD(S) AFFECTED:</b>	Wards 6, 7, 8 and 14
<b>SUBMITTED BY:</b>  <b>SIGNATURE:</b>	Steve Molloy Acting Director, Transportation Planning and Parking Planning and Economic Development Department  

The purpose of this Communication Update is to provide information about an operating area expansion for the shared commercial E-scooter program.

### Background

The commercial E-scooter program framework was approved by City Council on August 13, 2021 (Report PED20134(b)). The program framework allows an operator to deploy E-scooters for an initial one-year term, with up to three, one-year extensions, at the City's discretion. Bird Canada was selected as the commercial E-scooter operator through a competitive Request for Proposal (RFP) process. The program launched on April 3, 2023, with an operating area matching the bike share operating area in Wards 1, 2, 3 and 13. Year-one was a successful year, and the City coordinated with Bird to expand the operating area into Ward 4 and all of Ward 13 in year-two (2024), which was also a success and experienced an increase in ridership and connectivity for residents.

### 2025 Mountain Expansion

After two years of the program operations and data analysis, both the City and Bird Canada staff identified additional service areas for expansion. The service area with the most demand spans across Wards 6, 7, 8 and 14, south of the escarpment and north of

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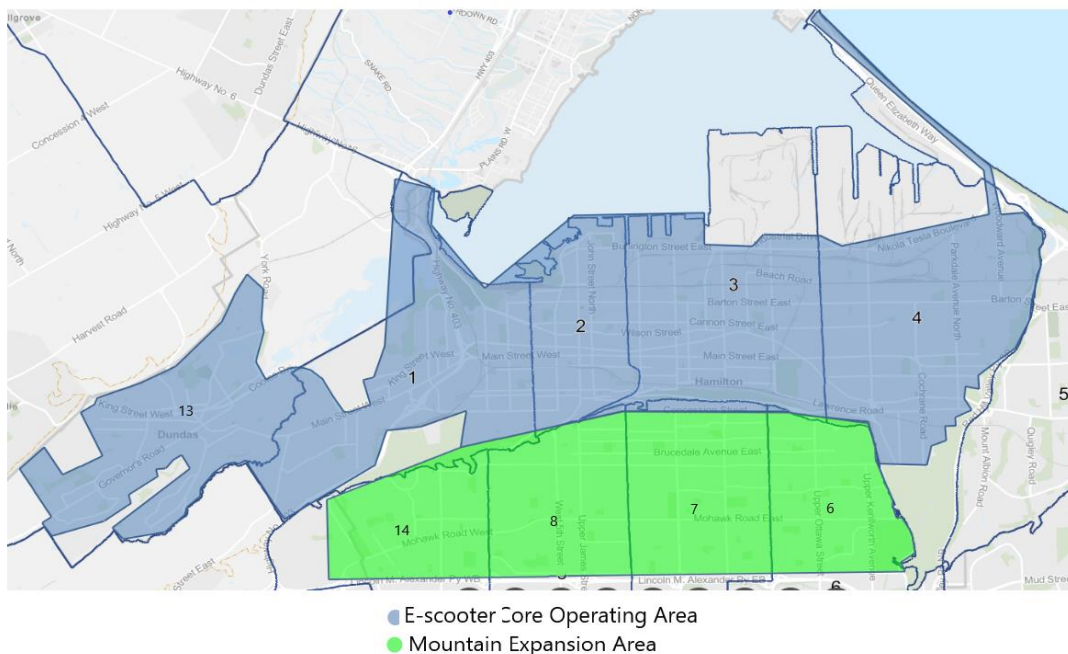
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Lincoln Alexander Parkway. City staff collaborated with Councillors from the affected Wards to create service area boundaries for the expansion as shown in the map below.

E-scooter Service Area



The launch of the mountain expansion area is planned for Friday May 9, 2025, and will increase over following weeks. The total fleet size of E-scooters is now at 900, with 600 located across the lower-City and 300 located across the mountain expansion area. Residents can download the Bird Canada app and will be able to access the scooters in the expansion area as soon as they are deployed.

For additional information about the program, please visit the City webpage <https://www.hamilton.ca/home-neighbourhood/getting-around/biking-cyclists/shared-commercial-electric-kick-scooter-pilot>.

If you have any questions regarding this Communication, please contact Peter Topalovic, Manager – Active Transportation and Mobility at (905) 546-2424 Ext. 5129 or by email at [Peter.Topalovic@hamilton.ca](mailto:Peter.Topalovic@hamilton.ca).

**APPENDICES AND SCHEDULES ATTACHED**

Not applicable.

**Pilon, Janet**

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**Subject:** Resurrect Hamilton Place

From: François Verschaeve  
Sent: Wednesday, May 7, 2025 11:56 AM  
To: <mailto:clerk@hamilton.ca>  
Subject: Resurrect Hamilton Place

Attention: City of Hamilton Clerk's Office To whom it may concern:  
Following the suggestion of one of your councillors, here is what I would like to present to your committee.

I have lived in Waterdown for the past fifty years and have frequented Hamilton Place many times for classical music and opera performances. For over about ten years now, I have been annoyed at the unwelcomed name change for the building. And I know I am not the only person in the area who is upset about that fact.

Attached is a PDF document I have concocted to garner support for my project of resurrecting the name Hamilton Place. My goal is to hope to convince enough people to help reverse that name change. I have already spoken to a few people in the local musical sphere, with encouraging feedback.

I am wondering if this is something you would like to support. If so, you could perhaps work on our behalf, or direct me to the people who might be interested in that idea. I definitely know and understand that this could not be a first priority for anyone, yet I feel reviving a beloved place name on the Hamilton map would be appreciated by many, in and around... Hamilton. A friend of mine suggested to me: "Your position supports civic pride at a time when it is most needed."

Thank you much in advance for your thoughts and your potential help in that matter.

Regards. Cheers.

François Verschaeve

# Resurrect *Hamilton Place*

Project presented in May 2025 by François Verschaeve, [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

## Premise, with a bit of history

Downtown Hamilton, on Main Street, across the street from City Hall, a theatre was built and inaugurated in the early 1970s. A brand new place, to be used for classical music concerts and recitals, opera performances, popular concerts, dance events, galas, comedians, theatre plays... The name chosen for the venue was “**Hamilton Place**”.

That very logical and short name perfectly described the **place** for almost 50 years. Where was it located? In **Hamilton**! What was it? “**The**” “**place**” for all types of entertainment... **Hamilton Place** it was, and the name said it all for everybody concerned, of course for Hamilton, but also for its region, for Southern Ontario, and across Canada. There was no mistake with what it was, and in what city it was located.

## Forward about 40 years

From what can be gathered (no one being privy to all the particulars, which can be understood), it is in 2013, that The City of Hamilton signed a ten-year contract with FirstOntario Credit Union, for apparently a large donation of \$2,500,000 to the City, so the company would help sponsor the Hamilton Place theatre, with the condition (dreadful at that, for many concertgoers) that the “Hamilton Place” name be replaced with “*FirstOntario Concert Hall*” (*FOCH*, for short).

The big question is why this condition was accepted, with who decided that it was all right to change the perfect name of the building, an idea which, from the beginning, was never presented to Hamiltonians so they could give their opinion in the matter.

The contract could have (should have) been signed, and the money accepted, with no condition about changing the name, yet possibly, with an agreement that, on the front of the building, facing Main Street, and underneath the large letters of *Hamilton Place*, a mention in smaller letters could be added such as *Sponsored by FirstOntario Credit Union* (or *Sponsored by FOCU*, for short).

## Other reasons for going back to using *Hamilton Place*

There are a few more reasons why the original name should be used again:

- After over ten years of that name change, most advertising for events happening in the building is still mentioning the phrase “formerly Hamilton Place”. This tends to prove that the new name is not imprinting at all in the minds of Hamiltonians; some find it too long (7 syllables!) and truly a bit awkward to pronounce. If on the street you ask directions to “*FirstOntario Concert Hall*”, most people will hesitate a bit, or not know at all. Ask them where Hamilton Place is...!!! Everybody in and around the region knows where Hamilton Place is (or was). The name *First something* never took on, probably never will.
- Another building very close to the main theatre (formerly named the *Copps Coliseum*) is now called *FirstOntario Centre*. It means that two large individual and adjacent entertainment buildings have been given similar names. This can be really confusing for Hamiltonian event goers, let alone for visitors to the city, out for an evening in downtown Hamilton.
- Oops, apologies in order, apparently, that other building is presently under renovations and is to reopen in the fall of 2025, with a new name (!): *Hamilton Arena*. Hey, interesting name change, a great name!
- The 2013 ten-year contract must have been revisited in 2023. With what conditions for the name? Are the two buildings connected in terms of ownership or tenancy? With the name change of the other building, could we squeeze in the “Hamilton Place” resurrected name?

## Goal

To resurrect the very appropriate name “**Hamilton Place**” for the theatre, by reversing the decision of 2013, and do whatever it takes to use that name again very soon and for years to come.

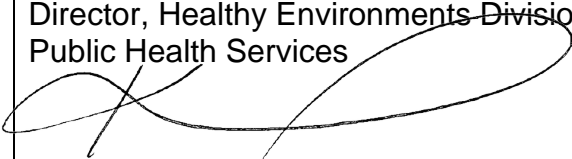
## Measures going forward

Finding musical, municipal... contacts who can help with that project; article in the Spec, survey in the Spec, petition, promotion on social networks...???

Thank you to whoever can help in the project. Please let us know if you have other ideas.



## COMMUNICATION UPDATE

<b>TO:</b>	Mayor and Members Board of Health
<b>DATE:</b>	May 9, 2025
<b>SUBJECT:</b>	Public Health Impacts of Black Soot Residue in the Lower City (Wards 2, 3, & 4)
<b>WARD(S) AFFECTED:</b>	Wards 2, 3, & 4
<b>SUBMITTED BY:</b>	Kevin McDonald Director, Healthy Environments Division Public Health Services
<b>SIGNATURE:</b>	

The purpose of this Communication Update is to inform the Mayor and members of the Board of Health that the report back date for the earlier Public Health Sub-Committee and Board of Health Council approved motion, included herein as Appendix “A” to Communication Update – Public Health Impacts of Black Soot Residue in the Lower City, has been revised to Q3 2025 to afford the necessary due diligence and time required to identify and secure a third-party vendor in compliance with the City of Hamilton’s corporate Procurement Bylaw.

At its March 17, 2025 meeting, the Public Health Sub-Committee approved the motion included herein as Appendix “A” to Board of Health Communication Update – Public Health Impacts of Black Soot Residue in the Lower City.

Subsequent to the March 26, 2025 Board of Health and Council ratification of the Public Health Sub-Committee Minutes of March 17, 2025, Public Health Services’ staff commenced the work identified in the motion, namely consulting with the applicable corporate Vendor Roster Captains and with corporate Procurement staff towards identifying and securing a third-party vendor to execute the directions detailed in the approved motion.

A report back date to the Public Health Sub-Committee of Q2 2025 was initially identified, however further time is required to perform the necessary due diligence to ensure that an appropriate and capable vendor is identified for this project.

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Questions or concerns about the revised report back date can be directed to Kevin McDonald, Director, Healthy Environments Division via phone at (905) 961-4886 or email at [Kevin.McDonald@hamilton.ca](mailto:Kevin.McDonald@hamilton.ca).

**APPENDICES AND SCHEDULES ATTACHED**

Appendix "A" to Board of Health Communication Update (2025-05-09): Public Health Impacts of Black Soot Residue in the Lower City



## **AMENDED MOTION**

Public Health Sub-Committee Minutes PHSC 25-003

March 17, 2025

### **9.1 Public Health Impacts of Black Soot Residue in the Lower City**

#### **(Hwang/Nann)**

WHEREAS, Wards 3 and 4 residents have raised concerns about their mental and physiological health due to black soot residue deposits on their residential properties; and on city properties, facilities and assets such as local parks and play structures;

WHEREAS, children and pets are coming in contact with this black soot residue when playing outside, putting them at risk of exposure through inhalation, absorption, and ingestion, and acting as vectors by inadvertently bringing the residue indoors;

WHEREAS, the black soot residue is affecting residents' enjoyment of their properties because they must clean their outdoor furniture before every use, keep their windows closed at all times to prevent the residue from entering their homes, and clean indoor surfaces like carpets, window sills and counters when the residue gets inside;

WHEREAS, the black soot residue is affecting residents' enjoyment of City properties and assets;

WHEREAS, the residents of Hamilton reported the black soot residue to the environmental pollution regulator (Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP)), who in turn, in some cases, took samples of the residue and tested these;

WHEREAS, Wards 3 and 4 are receiving an increasing number of complaints, therefore referring an increasing number of complaints to MECP, but with no improvement to quality of life for residents nor indication from MECP that they are addressing the issue, and this gap in MECP's response to the issue is why we need Public Health to intervene;

WHEREAS, soot is usually black carbon. It is a component of fine particulate air pollution (PM<sub>2.5</sub>). It comes from the incomplete combustion of wood and fossil fuels (a process that also creates carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>), carbon monoxide (CO), and volatile organic compounds). Black carbon warms the atmosphere because it is very good at absorbing light. It warms the air and surfaces in regions where it is concentrated and can cause weather patterns and ecosystem cycles to change. Even though black carbon can stay in the atmosphere from days to weeks, it has significant direct and indirect impacts

on the climate, snow and ice, agriculture, and human health;

WHEREAS, according to Health Canada, fine particulate matter is associated with negative health outcomes, including eye, nose, throat and lung irritation, decreased lung function, and aggravated lung and heart conditions, and according to a 2024 study of airborne nanoparticles in Toronto and Montreal by Marshall Lloyd et al., "long-term exposure to outdoor ultrafine particles was associated with increased risk of mortality";

WHEREAS, the City of Hamilton has no regulatory authority over pollution but does have a public health responsibility; and

WHEREAS, investigating and addressing, within municipal jurisdiction, the health impacts of this black soot residue aligns with this Term of Council's priority 2 of "Safe and Thriving Neighbourhoods," including vibrant parks, recreation, and public spaces.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

- (a) That Public Health Services' staff be directed to work with a third-party vendor to develop a feasibility study with options to perform particulate matter (black soot) residue sampling and testing in Wards 2, 3 and 4 in the city of Hamilton, and report back to the Public Health Sub-Committee in Q2 2025;
- (b) That all costs associated with the development of the feasibility study outlined in recommendation (a), be funded equally from the Ward 3 Capital Discretionary Account #3302309300 (\$5,000) and the Ward 4 Capital Discretionary Account #3302309400 (\$5,000); at an upset limit, including contingency, not to exceed \$10,000; and
- (c) That the Director, Healthy Environments Division, Public Health Services, or designate, be authorized and directed to execute any required agreement(s) and ancillary documents, with such terms and conditions in a form satisfactory to the City Solicitor.

**(Nann/Joseph)**

- (a) That subsection (a) and (b) ***be amended*** to read as follows:

- (a) That Public Health Services' staff be directed to work with a third-party vendor to develop a feasibility study with options to perform particulate matter (black soot) residue sampling and testing in Wards **2**, 3 and 4 in the city of Hamilton, ***including recommendations for a community engagement strategy to assess lived impacts and inform the development of a***

**response plan**, and report back to the Public Health Sub-Committee in Q2 2025;

- (b) That all costs associated with the development of the feasibility study outlined in recommendation (a), be funded equally from the **Ward 2 Capital Discretionary Account #3302309200 (\$5,000)**, Ward 3 Capital Discretionary Account #3302309300 (\$5,000) and the Ward 4 Capital Discretionary Account #3302309400 (\$5,000); at an upset limit, including contingency, not to exceed ~~\$10,000~~ **\$15,000**; and

**CARRIED**

The Main Motion, **As Amended**, reads as follows:

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- (c) That the Director, Healthy Environments Division, Public Health Services, or designate, be authorized and directed to execute any required agreement(s) and ancillary documents, with such terms and conditions in a form satisfactory to the City Solicitor.

**Main Motion as Amended, CARRIED**

**Pilon, Janet**

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**Subject:** Homeless and people who use drugs Advocating

From: loreigh mitges

Sent: Thursday, May 8, 2025 7:27 AM

To: <mailto:clerk@hamilton.ca>

Subject: Homeless and people who use drugs Advocating

Greetings. Please advise if the following was published in the city's weekly correspondence. Cheers Loreigh Mitges.

Presentation to Mayor Andrea Horvath, City Manager Marnie Cluckie and City Council By Loreigh Mitges May 2, 2025. Greetings, Honourable Mayor Andrea Horvath, esteemed City Manager Marnie Cluckie and City Councillors. Further to my letter of April 8, 2025, which is attached. May I please have a response to that letter and to my following comments and recommendations; 1) Does Hamilton City Council intend on protecting and assisting our vulnerable homeless community and people who use drugs by. Funding and licensing the ten safe site consumption facilities that were unjustly closed. In order to meet the needs of the community it services. 2) To make available immediately 300 rehabilitation services and detox beds, within the Hamilton Healthcare System. 3) Consider launching a Mission Possible reintegration employment program similar to the organization in Vancouver here in Hamilton. I would be honoured to volunteer my time to support any initiative aimed at improving the quality of life of people experiencing homelessness and addiction in Hamilton. Thank you for your time, your leadership and commitment to our community, looking forward to your response. Sincerely Loreigh Mitges Advocate for the homeless cc: Lisa Hepfner MP Hamilton Mountain SOPEN Board of Directors Attachments to follow: -Tiny House Design & - April 8, 2025 letter to Mayor Horvath and City Councillors