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Subject: Availability of public washrooms

From: Sheryl Wickens-Perrie**Sent:** January 16, 2021 6:39 PM**To:** clerk@hamilton.ca**Subject:** Availability of public washrooms

To the Mayor and all members of City Council :

On Saturday afternoon my husband and I drove to Bayfront Park. During the lockdown periods in our community we have done this as we find viewing our waterfront from our car is a calming experience. We along with others sitting in their cars, appreciate watching the families walking their dogs. It is a safe thing to do and as you have encouraged our citizens to get outside to exercise in a careful manner you should have no objection to this activity.

We normally go to this area on a week day as we are retired, but Saturday was bright and sunny. The parking lots at Bayfront Park were full which was no surprise to us. What was a shock is this: I had an urgent need to use a washroom. They were closed. We then drove quickly to the Williams restaurant area. Although there were at least twenty people lined up to use the skating rink, the public washrooms there were also closed. A kind gentleman told me that there was a single washroom open at the front of Williams restaurant.

In view of every inside washroom being closed down in many areas in Hamilton, please consider increasing the availability of washrooms which can be used by the public who wish to spend time outside safely. With all the people around our waterfront on Saturday it is not possible that I was the only person needing a washroom.

Sheryl Wickens-Perrie