




## COMMUNICATION UPDATE

<b>TO:</b>	Mayor and Members City Council
<b>DATE:</b>	April 27, 2023
<b>SUBJECT:</b>	Sir Wilfrid Laurier Recreation Centre Gym Expansion
<b>WARD(S) AFFECTED:</b>	Ward 5, City Wide
<b>SUBMITTED BY:</b>	Angela Burden General Manager Healthy and Safe Communities Department
<b>SIGNATURE:</b>	

Sir Wilfrid Laurier Recreation Centre (60 Albright Road) in Ward 5 will be closed beginning **July 1, 2023** until **Fall 2025** to initiate work on a large-scale facility expansion project. The expansion includes construction of a brand-new double gymnasium on the north end of the recreation centre, sized to accommodate adult courts for multiple sports (basketball, volleyball, badminton and pickleball). The project will include new painting, flooring and fixtures within the existing building, expanded parking, a new reception and front entrance canopy, as well as a multi-purpose community space and office as part of the 12,000 sq. ft. gymnasium addition. Maintenance work on the pool will be completed concurrently with this expansion project.

This expansion and preventative maintenance work is coordinated through the City's Energy, Fleet and Facilities Management Division in Public Works, which routinely assesses upkeep requirements for Hamilton's recreation centres, arenas, senior centres, indoor and outdoor pools and community halls.

During the expansion period we will continue to provide recreation opportunities for the community at surrounding facilities. Impacted rental groups will be accommodated at other locations. Residents are encouraged to attend drop-in and registered programming at: Stoney Creek Recreation Centre, Dominic Agostino Riverdale Community Centre, Sir Winston Churchill Recreation Centre, Valley Park Community Centre, Huntington Park Recreation Centre and H.G. Brewster Pool.

Closure details will be shared on the City's website and social media channels.

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OUR Mission: To provide high quality cost conscious public services that contribute to a healthy, safe and prosperous community, in a sustainable manner.

OUR Culture: Collective Ownership, Steadfast Integrity, Courageous Change, Sensational Service, Engaged Empowered Employees.

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Should you require further information, please contact Dawn Walton, Manager, Business Support, Recreation Division via email at [dawn.walton@hamilton.ca](mailto:dawn.walton@hamilton.ca) or by telephone at (905) 546-2424 ext. 4755.

**APPENDICES AND SCHEDULES ATTACHED**

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