




COMMUNICATION UPDATE

TO:	Mayor and Members City Council
DATE:	May 18, 2023
SUBJECT:	Playground, Spray Pads and Play Court Facilities – Maintenance Service Levels and Capital Program Update (ES23008) (City Wide)
WARD(S) AFFECTED:	City Wide
SUBMITTED BY:	Cynthia Graham Director, Environmental Services Public Works Department
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This update confirms the Parks & Cemeteries Section's operating season maintenance service levels and 2023 capital program activities respecting City of Hamilton's (City) playgrounds, spray pads and play court facilities.

Playground Maintenance Program

Hamilton has 290 play structures that receive regular (monthly) inspections and maintenance services as required, in accordance with CSA guidelines, through certified staff. Inspection reports identify equipment condition and remedial repair requirements for follow up. Regular maintenance activities such as ground litter, debris, garbage collection, safety surface maintenance and graffiti removal are performed regularly and on an accelerated frequency from May to September to meet increased seasonal demand.

Spray Pad Maintenance Program

The City's inventory of 70 spray pad sites receive pre/post and regular "in season" inspection and maintenance services. Pre/post season works include inspection, repair, activation/winterization which is performed by staff or contractor as required. "In season" inspection and regular maintenance activities such as ground litter, debris, garbage collection, graffiti removal and system monitoring are performed in accordance with the operating season.

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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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At the General Issues Committee meeting of May 31, 2018, Council directed staff to open spray pads starting on the May long weekend and continue the operating season until the end of September. Community residents can follow the opening of the spray pads on the City of Hamilton website:

<https://www.hamilton.ca/recreation/spray-pads>

All water systems are controlled by a timer set for standard hours of operation (10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.); systems are also equipped with activation sensors limiting operation to real time demand thus enhancing water conservation. During a heat warning, the following community level pads noted below will be open from 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.:

Waterdown Memorial Park	Gage Park
Dundas Driving Park	Winona Park
Village Green Park	Binbrook Fairground Community Park
William Connell Park	Pier 4 Park
Gord Oaks (Mount Hope) Park	Heritage Green Park

Play Court Maintenance Program

The City's inventory of approximately 165 play courts, which includes, public tennis courts, multi-purpose/basketball courts and pickleball courts, receive pre/post and regular in season inspection and maintenance services. Pre/post season works include inspection, repair, and asset condition reporting by staff. "In season" inspection and regular maintenance activities such as ground litter, debris, garbage collection and graffiti removal are performed in accordance with the operating season noted below:

Court Facility Type	Season of Operation
Tennis	Late April - Last Week of October
Multi-Purpose	Year-round weather permitting
Basketball	Year-round weather permitting
Pickleball	Early May - Last Week of October

An initial/annual detailed inspection of all of these assets is undertaken in early spring by maintenance inspection staff. The reports generated from these inspections identify and determine priorities such as remedial repairs, and/or major court improvement requirements.

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2023 Parks and Cemeteries Section Capital Program Activities

The projects noted below are funded through the Parks and Cemeteries Capital funding block (unless otherwise noted) and may not include additional projects that may be added throughout the year from Ward Councillor discretionary funding/other funding sources. New parks or comprehensive park development are completed by the Landscape Architectural Services group and not included.

2023 Playground Lifecycle Replacement

2023 Playground Lifecycle replacement	Ward
Dundurn Park*	1
Oaklands (Riverdale East) Park	5
Father Sean O'Sullivan Park*	5
Hampton Park*	6
Elmar Park*	7
Peace Memorial Park*	7
Macassa Park*	7
Burkholder Park*	7
Dr. William Bethune Park*	8
T. Melville Baily Park*	8
Allison Park*	8
Glanbrook Hills*	11
Ancaster Heights Park	12
Scenic Woods Park*	14
Scenic Parkette*	14
Freelton Park	15

*Area Rated funds included or non-capital funded.

2023 Court Rehabilitation

Park	Ward
Ferris Park	10
Mountview Park*	14

Should you require further information, please contact Adriana Byrne, Senior Project Manager, Parks and Cemeteries at extension 2156.

APPENDICES AND SCHEDULES ATTACHED

N/A