



COMMUNICATION UPDATE

TO:	Mayor and Members City Council
DATE:	September 9, 2024
SUBJECT:	Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design at Escarpment Stairs Locations (ES2405) (City Wide)
WARD(S) AFFECTED:	City Wide
SUBMITTED BY:	Cynthia Graham Director, Environmental Services Division Public Works Department
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PURPOSE

To update City Council on actions taken as directed through the approval of the Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED) Recommendation Report PW23075 on December 4, 2024.

INFORMATION

Since Report PW23075 was approved, staff have been working to implement a series of actions to improve safety and security at the City-owned escarpment stairs across the City. The stair locations identified in the report are located at Chedoke, Dundurn, James, Kenilworth/Margate, and Wentworth Streets.

To date, staff have completed many of the actions, including increases to maintenance inspections, vegetation removal and trimming, and upgrades of the lighting systems to LED lighting.

The other actions outlined in Report PW23075 are in progress. Of note, security guard patrols at the five escarpment stairs began on July 29, 2024 and will run seven days a week from 5:00 p.m. to 1:00 a.m. This program is being coordinated the City's Corporate Safety & Security office, and Councillors and residents will see uniformed security guards patrolling each of the five the staircases during this time. The team that is deployed in the delivery of this program includes two security guards that patrol the

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entire run of each staircase, and also maintain a visual presence at staging points as residents use the stairs for transportation and recreation purposes. The team is supported logistically by a marked security vehicle that is used for transportation between locations and for a rehabilitation environment to warm up, cool down, and for breaks during the shifts.

Corporate Safety & Security is setting up a test for new security cameras at the Wentworth Street stairs starting in the third quarter of 2024. These cameras will run on special hybrid power units and will help us evaluate their effectiveness in that area without needing extra power and data lines. This test will give us more information about how useful the cameras are for safety, how well they work in that environment, and how strong they are in places with limited technology.

Corporate Safety & Security will provide future updates regarding the escarpment security guard patrols, as well as the CCTV pilot project through its 2024 Annual Report expected in Q2 of 2025.

If you have any questions regarding this Communication Update, please contact Indra Maharjan, Director, Corporate Facility and Energy Management at Indra.Maharjan@hamilton.ca regarding any corporate security items. For any other questions, please contact Cynthia Graham, Director, Environmental Services at Cynthia.Graham@hamilton.ca.

APPENDICES AND SCHEDULES ATTACHED

N/A