




COMMUNICATION UPDATE

TO:	Mayor and Members City Council
DATE:	April 19, 2024
SUBJECT:	Playground, Spray Pads and Play Court Facilities - Maintenance Service Levels Update (ES2403) (City Wide)
WARD(S) AFFECTED:	City Wide
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This Communication Update confirms the Parks & Cemeteries Section's operating season maintenance service levels and 2024 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, and 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 71 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, and garbage collection, graffiti removal and system monitoring are performed in accordance with the operating season.

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At the General Issues Committee meeting 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/things-do/recreation/locations/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

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, and 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 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.

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

APPENDICES AND SCHEDULES ATTACHED - N/A