




# COMMUNICATION UPDATE

<b>TO:</b>	Mayor and Members City Council
<b>DATE:</b>	January 23, 2024
<b>SUBJECT:</b>	Update #2 – Order to Comply – Fire Damage for Woodlands Park Washroom Located at 501 Barton Street East (CFEM2403) (Ward 3)
<b>WARD(S) AFFECTED:</b>	Ward 3
<b>SUBMITTED BY:</b>	Indra Maharjan Director, Corporate Facilities & Energy Management Public Works Department
<b>SIGNATURE:</b>	

Further to the Communication Update of January 8, 2024 (CFEM2401) regarding an order to comply that was issued after a fire damaged the washroom structure at Woodlands Park, 501 Barton Street East, requiring the site to be secured immediately. The purpose of this Communication update is for Mayor Horwath and Members of Council to be kept apprised of the ongoing remedy of the Woodlands Park Washroom Facilities.

## Operational Update:

The site has been well secured to make it safe and prevent access. In the interim a portable toilet has been installed on site. These temporary washroom facilities follow the winter washroom program aiming to be open from 6 a.m. – 6 p.m. however, times may vary based on staff availability to arrive on site.

An engineer has been engaged and will be completing a structural stability assessment and will advise for further works per the order. In addition to retaining a structural engineer to provide guidance, Facilities Staff (Corporate Facilities and Energy Management Division) are working with Risk Management and the Environmental Services Division to assess the impact on park amenities.

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The City appreciates the concerns with the facility and inconveniences to the members of the public who frequent the site. A further report will be forthcoming in May, at the completion of the structural assessment, to continue to keep Mayor Horwath and Members of Council apprised regarding any long-term plans that have been established.

If you have any questions respecting this communication update, please contact Robyn Ellis, Manager of Strategic Planning & Capital Compliance at [Robyn.Ellis@hamilton.ca](mailto:Robyn.Ellis@hamilton.ca) or Extension 2616.

**APPENDICES AND SCHEDULES ATTACHED**

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