




INFORMATION UPDATE

TO:	Mayor and Members City Council
DATE:	November 20, 2020
SUBJECT:	Community Outdoor Ice Rink Program (ES20011)
WARD(S) AFFECTED:	City Wide
SUBMITTED BY:	Craig Murdoch Director, Environmental Services Public Works Department
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The Community Outdoor Ice Rink Program provides equipment and infrastructure to Volunteer Neighbourhood Ice Rink Committees to create and maintain outdoor ice surfaces within designated parks during the winter months. Park operations staff delivers the equipment and activates the infrastructure at the various sites after volunteers have committed to providing an outdoor ice surface for use by the neighbourhood children and adults.

There are now 71 designated park locations equipped with infrastructure to support a volunteer ice rink and to date there are 18 sites confirmed for the 2020/2021 outdoor ice rink season.

As part of the Community Outdoor Ice Rink Program, volunteer committees contribute the following services:

- Record daily conditions and keep track of skating days;
- Flood the ice surface;
- Maintain the cleanliness of the park (where appropriate);
- Clear the snow from the rink if less than 10cm (4 inches).

Park operations staff provide the following services/equipment:

- Site preparation and inspections;
- Water hose, nozzle, scrapers and shovel;
- Water outlet, hydro service and lighting;
- Shed or other park building to protect water connections from freezing;
- Clear the snow from the rink in excess of 10 cm (4 inches), following road/sidewalk/parking lot/walkway priorities.

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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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Recreation staff administers and processes the applications and payments to the volunteer committees, while the Parks & Cemeteries Section ensures buildings and supplies are serviced. For the 2020/2021 season, Volunteer committees have been reminded, through the application process, to follow all public health practices to reduce the spread of COVID 19.

Groups interested in applying to the Community Outdoor Ice Rink Program should contact outdoor.rinks@hamilton.ca. The application deadline is December 15th, 2020.

If you have any questions related to the Community Outdoor Rink Program, please contact Adriana Byrne, Senior Program Manager, Parks & Cemeteries Section at extension 2156.

APPENDICES AND SCHEDULES ATTACHED

Not applicable