



# COMMUNICATION UPDATE

<b>TO:</b>	Mayor and Members City Council
<b>DATE:</b>	October 8, 2024
<b>SUBJECT:</b>	2024 HamOntYouth Summit
<b>WARD(S) AFFECTED:</b>	City Wide
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Last year, Hamilton's Youth Strategy launched its first Youth Summit building off the recommendation of the strategy to 'enhance youth engagement and leadership opportunities'. This year, the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual HamOntYouth Summit presented by RBC will be held on Tuesday, October 22, 2024. The purpose of this communication update is to provide details about the upcoming event.

Working in partnership with local school boards, we anticipate over 300 youth will attend the event held at the Hamilton-Wentworth District School Board's Education Centre.

This event will engage various partners to enhance youth engagement and leadership opportunities:

- The City of Hamilton will not incur direct costs to this event thanks to the generous title sponsorship provided by RBC, and supporting sponsorship provided by Alectra.
- This year's Summit is being offered in partnership with both the Hamilton-Wentworth District School Board, Hamilton-Wentworth Catholic District School Board, and Conseil Scolaire Viamonde. Activities will be held during the school day, ensuring youth from every school can attend.
- A Community Services Fair will be offered, providing youth with direct access to over 30 local agencies and organizations. The fair will allow youth to explore resources and opportunities that support their development and well-being.
- Vendors supporting this event will be intentionally selected as either youth-led entrepreneurs or social enterprise organizations.
- Breakout room discussions to capture youth voices on critical issues will be facilitated by a youth-led organization, Model City Hall.

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- Skill development workshops will be made available to attendees, hosted by community partners specializing in career planning, financial literacy, team building, public engagement, and more.

This 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual HamOntYouth Summit is an integral part of the City's Youth Strategy. Youth engagement data collected throughout the event will be published in the post-event report. This report will include recommendations on how to mobilize and utilize youth voice to inform critical issues faced by young people.

Should you have further questions, please contact Brenda Bax, Acting Director Children's and Community Services Division by email at [Brenda.Bax@hamilton.ca](mailto:Brenda.Bax@hamilton.ca) or by phone at 905-973-4463.