

COMMUNICATION UPDATE

TO:	Mayor and Members City Council
DATE:	April 14, 2023
SUBJECT:	Saltfleet Community Centre Structural Concerns and Closure – Update #2 (CFEM2302) (Ward 10)
WARD(S) AFFECTED:	Ward 10
SUBMITTED BY:	Robyn Ellis Acting Director, Corporate Facilities and Energy Management Public Works Department
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This Communication Update is to provide members of Council with a second update regarding structural concerns at the Saltfleet Community Centre, located at 605 Highway 8, which have resulted in the closure of the facility as well as the relocation of groups offering services and programs in the Centre.

Update on Relocations of Community Groups:

- As of April 12, The Foodbank is open to the public and serving customers at Stoney Creek Municipal Service Centre (777 Hwy 8, Stoney Creek) after their relocation which took place on April 4 and 5;
- All tenants of the building were provided with an accommodation plan and options for relocation to continue with services;
- The accommodation plan coordinated to date includes:
 - Senior's Outreach and Victory Gardens, moving to Stoney Creek City Hall;
 - Stoney Creek Historical Society, moving to Winona Recreation Centre;
 - Cancer Homefront, moving to Winona Recreation Centre;
 - Air Cadets, moving to Saltfleet Arena;
 - Football Association, moving to Eastwood Arena.

All community groups have either moved to their new locations or their move planning is in progress.

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Update on Saltfleet Community Centre:

- Additional emergency structural shoring has been installed in the East Wing, per recommendations. This has enabled supervised access to the East Wing for moving purposes;
- Facilities staff continue to meet onsite and via Webex with engineers, including review of geotechnical information, in order to inform root cause of structural issues and next steps;
- An update will be provided to Council and the community once that process is complete.

Looking back previous Communications to Council:

- March 27: Communications Update, including Order to Comply
- March 22: Email to Council, notice of Facility closure and structural concerns

We appreciate the efforts of City Staff as they responded to protect public safety and continue to work with tenants to accommodate them in other facilities.

The City appreciates that the safety concerns with the facility represent significant challenges and inconveniences to the tenants and the services they provide to the community. The City is committed to working with all groups who were using the Saltfleet Community Centre to help them continue to operate and provide service to their members and clients.

Staff have been working on the accommodation plan for the groups located in Saltfleet Community Centre with Councillors Jeff Beattie, Matt Francis, and Brad Clark, as well as the Hamilton East-Stoney Creek MPP Neil Lumsden.

If you have any questions, please contact Robyn Ellis, Acting Director, Corporate Facilities and Energy Management at Ext. 2616.

APPENDICES AND SCHEDULES ATTACHED

N/A

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