




COMMUNICATION UPDATE

TO:	Mayor and Members City Council
DATE:	April 17, 2024
SUBJECT:	Mountain Drive Park Soils Finding (ES2402) (Wards 6 and 7)
WARD(S) AFFECTED:	Wards 6 and 7
SUBMITTED BY:	Cynthia Graham Director, Environmental Services Public Works Department
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PURPOSE

To advise City Council that soils that do not meet parkland standards were identified at Mountain Drive Park, and to outline next steps.

INFORMATION

As part of standard due diligence soil testing for the Mountain Drive Park redevelopment (the next phase includes a new spray pad, sun shelter, walkways, and playground replacement), soil tests have revealed that some of the park's soils exceed the Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks soil standards for parkland. The City has formally notified the Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks of the findings.

In order to understand the extent of impacted soils, additional testing will begin this week. The area of the park where impacted soils are currently known will be fenced off to prevent access by members of the public out of an abundance of caution. The area spans from the western parking lot to the edge of the new washroom building to the east, and from the path on the north side to Concession Street to the south, including the play structure. As a result, there will be no access to the play structure until the redevelopment is completed, which is expected to begin Summer 2024 and be finished in Spring 2025.

We recognize this will be an inconvenience to residents and ask for patience while the testing is completed. Residents are encouraged to visit other nearby parks with

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playgrounds such as Peace Memorial Park, Eastmount Park, and Highview Park.

Staff will report back once the extent of the impacted soils is known with estimates of additional costs required for remediation. Remediation measures will be built into plans for the redevelopment of the park and will mitigate the risks found.

If you have any questions regarding this Communication Update, please contact Wes Kindree, Manager of Landscape Architectural Services (LAS), at Wes.Kindree@hamilton.ca.



Figure 1 – Limits of Temporary Fencing, No Public Access

APPENDICES AND SCHEDULES

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