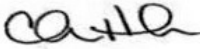




## COMMUNICATION UPDATE

<b>TO:</b>	Mayor and Members City Council
<b>DATE:</b>	March 11, 2025
<b>SUBJECT:</b>	Eastwood Arena Closure (CFEM2501) (Ward 2)
<b>WARD(S) AFFECTED:</b>	Ward 2
<b>SUBMITTED BY:</b>	Chris Herstek Acting Director, Corporate Facilities and Energy Management Public Works Department
<b>SIGNATURE:</b>	

This Communication Update provides the Mayor and Members of City Council with information regarding the measures taken with reference to the recent staff notification regarding the current roof condition of Eastwood Arena at 111 Burlington Street, East received on Thursday, March 6, 2025.

Based on staff's observations, a building envelope and roofing engineer attended site on Friday, March 7, 2025, and out of an abundance of caution has advised for the closure of Eastwood Arena until a full investigation and risk assessment can be completed of the roof and building envelope.

Preliminary investigations, completed on Friday, March 7, 2025, of an isolated internal section determined rotting of the roof deck above the arena floor. Further investigations are required to determine the full extent of the roof and building envelope condition and the associated risk.

The engineer is working on a proposal to complete a comprehensive roof and building envelope assessment which will provide more information on the overall state of the structure. The options provided from the result of the assessment will give staff insight on the next course of action.

The last building condition assessment for this facility was completed in 2023 and recommended an action plan for the next 5 years, including the replacement of this roof as it was in poor condition. Further detailed assessments along with the Recreation Master Plan (2022) and the upcoming Recreation Implementation Study (2025) will guide the next steps for this facility.

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Current actions taken include a temporary closure of the arena and all impacted floor users and users with storage accommodations have been notified. Floor programming needs have been prioritized through the seasonal “ice-out” process to determine where accommodations may be made for impacted users.

Eastwood Arena is valued for community programming use. We appreciate that the safety concerns present significant challenges and inconveniences to the members of the public who frequent the site. The City is committed to working with all programs offered out of Eastwood Arena to avoid impacts where possible and help them with rescheduling where required.

Staff will provide further updates to the Mayor and Members of City Council as the work progresses. We appreciate the efforts of City Staff as they respond to protect public safety and will work to minimize operating impacts by implementing temporary solutions and permanent fixes.

If you require any further information on this matter please contact Anne McArthur, Senior Project Manager of Strategic Planning & Compliance, at [Anne.McArthur@hamilton.ca](mailto:Anne.McArthur@hamilton.ca) or extension 2616.

#### **APPENDICES AND SCHEDULES ATTACHED**

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