



# COMMUNICATION UPDATE

<b>TO:</b>	Mayor and Members of Council
<b>DATE:</b>	April 29, 2025
<b>SUBJECT:</b>	2025 Youth Strategy: Key Activities and Partnerships
<b>WARD(S) AFFECTED:</b>	City Wide
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The purpose of this Communication Update is to inform the Mayor and Members of Council about upcoming youth activities and partnerships in 2025. On March 30, 2022, Council endorsed the [2022-2027 Youth Strategy Report](#) (CES15056(d)).

## Annual HamOntYouth Summit Presented by RBC

In support of Hamilton's Youth Strategy, the HamOntYouth Summit Presented by RBC is returning for a third consecutive year. This year, the event will be held on Thursday, October 16, 2025. Working in partnership with local school boards, post-secondary institutions and student unions, we anticipate over 350 youth will attend the event. To support the growing size and scale of the activities, this year's event will be hosted at McMaster University.

The 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual HamOntYouth Summit Presented by RBC was hosted on Tuesday, October 22, 2024, to over 250 youth attendees. The full post-event report and executive summary will be available on the Youth Strategy page. At the 2024 Summit, the HamOntYouth of the Year Program was introduced, providing youth the chance to recognize their peers. Youth also had an opportunity to engage in one of six roundtable discussions led by Model City Hall Hamilton on topics such as youth guns and gang violence, public engagement, and youth community centres. The post-event report provides a summary of what was heard from youth during these roundtable discussions.

## 2025 Hamilton Youth Town Hall

On Saturday, May 10, 2025, a [Youth Town Hall event](#) will be open to youth from across the city. Mayor and all Members of Council are invited to attend. The event will be hosted by youth-led organization, Model City Hall Hamilton, and the Ward 2 Councillor.

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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.

Last year, on April 13, 2024, Model City Hall Hamilton and the Ward 2 Councillor hosted the first-ever Hamilton Youth Town Hall. This event took place at City Hall to focus on the key topics from the City's Youth Strategy. Due to the connection to the Youth Strategy, the City's Community Strategies team and the HamOntYouth Steering Committee provide various supports.

### **2025 National Youth Week**

National Youth Week is a yearly event that celebrates young people and their contributions to their communities. It takes place from May 1-7, with activities led by local communities across Canada. In 2025, staff are supporting the Youth Serving Agencies Network's (YSAN) Youth Week Committee bringing together community organizations to celebrate this year's National Youth Week. A list of activities is available at [ysan.ca/youth-week](https://ysan.ca/youth-week).

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### **APPENDICES AND SCHEDULES ATTACHED**

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