




COMMUNICATION UPDATE

TO:	Mayor and Members City Council
DATE:	May 12, 2025
SUBJECT:	Sir Wilfrid Laurier Recreation Centre Re-opening
WARD(S) AFFECTED:	Ward 5
SUBMITTED BY:	Steve Sevor Director (Acting), Recreation Healthy and Safe Communities Department
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The purpose of this update is to communicate the re-opening of Sir Wilfrid Laurier Recreation Centre (60 Albright Road) in Ward 5 which was temporarily closed in July 2023 to complete a large-scale gymnasium expansion project and lifecycle renewal of the existing building. The Recreation Division is pleased to share that **the facility will re-open for drop-in programming on June 18, 2025**, and a reopening celebration will be confirmed and communicated in the coming weeks.

The following work was completed during the facility closure:

- 12,000 sq ft. expansion on the North side of the existing recreation centre
- New double gymnasium sized to accommodate adult courts for multiple sports
- New multi-purpose room with fitness flooring, audio/video capability and hearing loop
- New reception area and front entrance canopy
- Painting, flooring, fixture, and kitchen updates within the existing building
- Pool filtration system replacement
- Pool basin regROUT and tile renewal within pool enclosure
- Upgraded pool chair lift and removable stair accessibility enhancements
- Enhanced social lounge areas with seating in common areas
- Expanded parking lot with new entrance and site walkability enhancements
- Site grading and additional landscaping features

Recreation staff will begin to notify affected user groups about the reopening via email or phone, will post signage at the facility and provide a project update at www.hamilton.ca/recprojects to keep the community informed. The drop-in schedule is available online at www.hamilton.ca/dropin and summer program registration can be accessed at www.hamilton.ca/registration beginning May 16, 2025.

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Extended thanks and appreciation to colleagues in the Corporate Facilities and Energy Management Division of Public Works for their efforts in completing this work and enabling the facility to open to the public earlier than planned.

Should you require further information, please contact Dawn Walton, Manager, Business Support, Recreation Division via email at dawn.walton@hamilton.ca or by telephone at (905) 546-2424 ext. 4755.

APPENDICES AND SCHEDULES ATTACHED

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