




COMMUNICATION UPDATE

TO:	Mayor and Members City Council
DATE:	May 5, 2025
SUBJECT:	Potential Spill Incident at Stormwater Management Facility #53 (HW2501) (Ward 11)
WARD(S) AFFECTED:	Ward 11
SUBMITTED BY:	Shane McCauley Director, Water and Wastewater Operations, Hamilton Water Public Works Department
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On April 11, 2025, during a routine inspection of Stormwater Management Facility #53, a dry pond located on Upper James Street, south of Dickenson Road East in Ward 11 (see Figure 1), Hamilton Water staff identified evidence of a potential spill. The spill is not from City infrastructure, and staff are working to identify the source. The incident was reported in accordance with standard procedures, and Hamilton Water has since taken steps to contain the material on site and lead the cleanup efforts.

Hamilton Water has been in ongoing communication with the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP). The MECP has requested the City to assess the area, delineate impacted soils, and prepare a cleanup plan. Work is underway to meet these requirements and to inspect the source of the contaminants.

This work is being carried out under Procurement Policy 10 - Emergency Procurements, as authorized by the Acting General Manager of Public Works. While the full extent of the impact is not yet known, Hamilton Water is securing the necessary expertise and contractor support to assess the site, implement remediation, and restore City infrastructure to pre-incident condition.

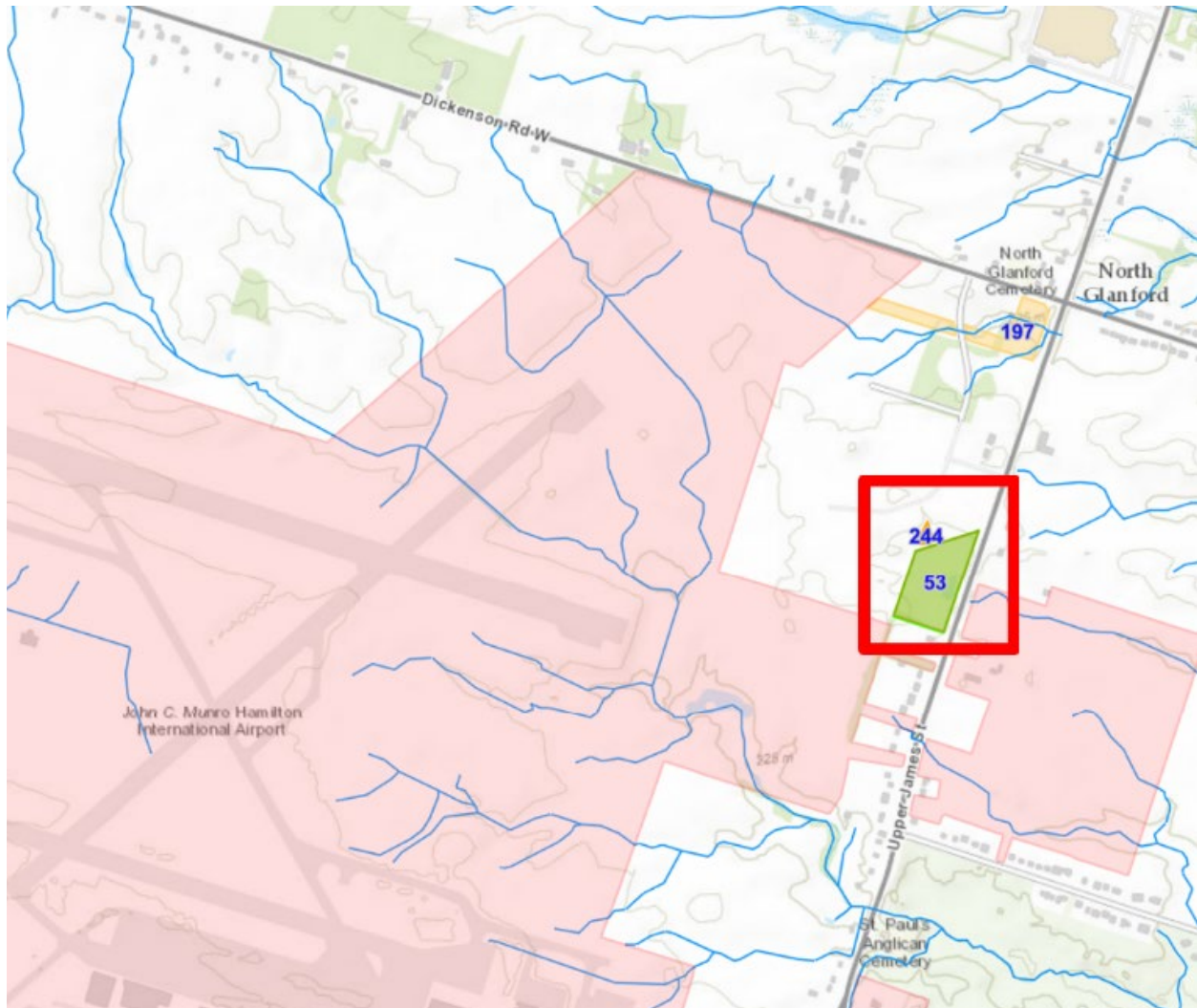
All reasonable efforts will be made to control costs while ensuring the protection of infrastructure and the environment.

Hamilton Water will continue efforts to identify the source of the spill and will pursue cost recovery if a responsible party is confirmed.

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Further updates will be provided upon completion of the work or sooner if warranted.

Figure 1 - Map showing the location of affected Facility #53



APPENDICES AND SCHEDULES ATTACHED

N/A