




COMMUNICATION UPDATE

TO:	Mayor and Members City Council
DATE:	June 9, 2025
SUBJECT:	2025 Rural Roadside, Urban Boulevard and Expressway Grass Cutting Programs (TRANS2501(a)) (City Wide)
WARD(S) AFFECTED:	City Wide
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Following the April 10, 2025 Communication Update (TRANS2501), the purpose of this Communication Update is to provide Council with new timing for the commencement of the 2025 Rural Roadside, Urban Boulevard and Expressway Grass Cutting programs to begin April 21, 2025 – November 7, 2025.

The Rural Roadside mowing program, originally scheduled to begin in May, will commence in June as staff are in the process of securing contractual documents from the awarded vendors. Mowing on Urban Roadsides and on the Red Hill Valley and Lincoln Alexander Parkways commenced as planned in April. Updated details are below.

(i) Rural Roadsides

Level of Service: Provision of mowing along all rural roads from the edge of the pavement to the top of the back slope of the ditch profile (including at intersections; daylight triangles; and around guide rails) on the following schedule:

- First cut commences in June.
- Second cut commences in August.

Infrastructure Inventory: The inventory consists of approximately 2,128 roadside linear kilometres within Wards 5, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15.

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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.

Program Delivery Method: This program is delivered by external service providers. The contract is separated into three sections: West, South, and East Districts. This is a new Contract entering the first of up to five-year terms.

(ii) Urban Roadsides

Level of Service: Provision of mowing on designated areas along urban roads from mid-April to mid-October on the following schedule:

- 12 mowing cycles approximately every two weeks of urban boulevards;
- Five mowing cycles of hard surface islands; and
- Three mowing cycles of steep slopes.

Infrastructure Inventory: The inventory consists of approximately 1,483,471 square metres located at 1,350 individual sites, city wide.

Program Delivery Method: This program is delivered by four external service providers, managed through two contracts for 2025. The two contracts are in their first and second terms of up to five-year terms respectively.

(iii) Red Hill Valley and Lincoln Alexander Parkways

Level of Service: Provision of mowing services along the expressways between April and October at the following service levels:

- Spring and Fall litter and debris clean-up.
- Four mowing cycles for the center island medians and road shoulders; and
- Nine mowing cycles for access ramps.

Infrastructure Inventory: The inventory consists of approximately 2,120,000 square metres located on overpasses, access ramps, roadway shoulders, curb lines and center island medians along the Red Hill Valley and Lincoln Alexander Parkways.

Program Delivery Method: This service is delivered by external service providers. This is a new Contract entering the first of up to five-year terms.

For questions and inquiries regarding Transportation's grass cutting programs throughout the season, please contact Carolyn Ryall at Carolyn.Ryall@hamilton.ca

General inquiries from the public should be directed to (905) 546-CITY (2489).

APPENDICES AND SCHEDULES ATTACHED

N/A