




COMMUNICATION UPDATE

TO:	Mayor and Members City Council
DATE:	August 25, 2025
SUBJECT:	2025 Rural Roadside, Urban Boulevard and Expressway Grass Cutting Programs (TRANS2501(b)) (City Wide)
WARD(S) AFFECTED:	City Wide
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The purpose of this Communication Update is to provide Council with a progress report on the 2025 Rural Roadside, Urban Boulevard, and Expressway Grass Cutting Programs, scheduled to run from April 21 to November 7, 2025. It is an update to the April 10, 2025 and June 9, 2025 Communication Updates (TRANS2501, TRANS2501(a)).

Mowing along urban roadsides, as well as on the Red Hill Valley Parkway and Lincoln Alexander Parkway, commenced as scheduled in April and is progressing well.

Rural roadside mowing, originally scheduled to begin in May, commenced in June following the award to two new contractors. In addition to the later start of the cut cycle, staff have been working closely with the contractors, with support from Procurement, to support rural mowing being carried out on a timely basis, including the addition of a third contractor engaged under Policy 11 at the beginning of August.

Any lessons learned will be incorporated into future procurement contracts for all mowing programs.

With the warmer weather slowing grass growth compared to a wetter season, this has assisted with the first cut cycle being completed later than usual, leading to adjustments in the second cut cycle. Originally scheduled to begin in August, the Second Cut Cycle is being staggered across certain wards (as noted below) to better address regrowth

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following the first cut and to ensure conditions are managed prior to the winter season. Despite the later start, rural roadsides are still being mowed at the usual level of service.

Wards 5, 9, 10 and 11 East

- First Cut Cycle completed late July. Second Cut Cycle commenced August 20th beginning in Ward 10.

Ward 11 South

- First Cut Cycle completed late July. Second Cut Cycle to commence September 2nd.

Ward 12

- First Cut Cycle completed mid-August. Second Cut Cycle to commence mid to late September.

Ward 13

- First Cut Cycle to be completed by end of August. Second Cut Cycle to commence late September/early October.

Ward 15

- Proactive safety and sightlines in progress. First Cut Cycle to commence in August and completed by end of September. Second Cut Cycle to commence mid-October.

The Division has remained proactive in addressing road safety, with a particular focus on sightlines and other safety-related conditions. For questions or inquiries regarding mowing programs throughout the season, please continue to contact the respective Roads District inbox for your ward.

Transportation appreciates Council's patience and understanding as staff work diligently to deliver the 2025 rural mowing program.

If you have any questions respecting this communication update, 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

None