




# COMMUNICATION UPDATE

<b>TO:</b>	Mayor and Members City Council
<b>DATE:</b>	February 19, 2026
<b>SUBJECT:</b>	Jimmy Thompson Memorial Pool Emergent Need Closure
<b>WARD(S) AFFECTED:</b>	Ward 3, City Wide
<b>SUBMITTED BY:</b>	Steve Sevor Director, Recreation Division Healthy and Safe Communities Department
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The purpose of this Communication Update is to inform stakeholders of the **unplanned extended closure of the Jimmy Thompson Memorial Pool**. During scheduled maintenance and tile regrouting, staff uncovered significant repairs required to the pool basin. Given the pool's heritage status and cultural importance, **the facility will remain closed while a feasibility assessment is undertaken** to determine the scope, approach, and requirements for the necessary restoration work, as well as other related preservation needs identified during this review.

During this closure, residents are encouraged to attend drop-in programming at nearby locations including Bernie Morelli, Norman Pinky Lewis, Central Memorial and Sir Winston Churchill Recreation Centres. Spring swim lesson programming will be accommodated at Sir Winston Churchill and Norman Pinky Lewis Recreation Centres.

This closure is coordinated through the Corporate Facilities and Energy Management Division in Public Works. To ensure the long-term protection and integrity of this asset it is essential that any repairs be carefully assessed, planned, and coordinated in accordance with appropriate preservation standards.

Closure details and project updates will be shared at [hamilton.ca/recreation](https://hamilton.ca/recreation) and through social media channels.

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

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