



COMMUNICATION UPDATE

TO:	Mayor and Members City Council
DATE:	April 28, 2026
SUBJECT:	Hamilton Municipal Cemeteries – Spring Maintenance Program 2026 (ES2608) (City Wide)
WARD(S) AFFECTED:	City Wide
SUBMITTED BY:	Cynthia Graham Director, Environmental Services Division Public Works Department
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This Communication Update is to inform the Mayor and Members of City Council of the annual spring maintenance clean-up of all municipal cemeteries.

The annual Spring Maintenance Program within Hamilton’s 71 municipally owned and operated cemeteries will begin and continue through Saturday, April 25 to Friday, May 15, 2026. The maintenance will include a variety of post-winter/pre-summer services, including, but not limited to ground maintenance and turf repair, leaf and litter pick-up, grave repair (including tamping, levelling, and top dress/seeding), flower bed preparation, flat marker maintenance and installations, grave site clean-ups, and the activation of all water lines.

In accordance with the current Cemetery By-law #12-151, all artificial flowers and wreaths, glass trinkets, Christmas ornaments, and any other item(s) that are in contravention of the By-law are to be removed as of April 1, 2026, staff will perform these removals if not completed by the families. As a courtesy to family members of the deceased, all items removed by cemetery staff will be stored for a period of 60 days for reclamation by the owners. Public notification respecting the removal of winter items is conveyed through various means including the cemetery website and site signage.

Please contact Kara Bunn, Manager of Cemeteries, at extension 4334 or Kara.Bunn@hamilton.ca should you have any questions or concerns respecting the operation of any of the City-owned and operated cemeteries.

APPENDICES AND SCHEDULES ATTACHED

N/A