

Communication Update

To: Mayor and Members of City Council
Committee Date: June 8, 2026
Subject: Gage Park Fountain Rehabilitation Project
Ward Affected: Ward 3
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The purpose of this Communication Update is to advise Council.

Summary

This Communication Update provides Council with notification that Gage Park Fountain, located in the grounds of Gage Park, will be closed from **June 2026 to August 2026** to facilitate a planned lifecycle repair. Temporary fencing will delineate the work zone in accordance with health and safety standards and may restrict access from nearby paths.

Background

The Gage Park Fountain was last restored in 2014. The waterproof coating applied at that time has reached the end of its expected lifespan after 12 years of exposure to constant water, UV light, weather and routine maintenance.

This type of deterioration is expected for fountain infrastructure and requires periodic reapplication of waterproofing to address end-of-life waterproofing materials to prevent further deterioration and avoid more extensive future repairs. This project is part of a preventative maintenance program managed through Tourism & Culture to protect this valued heritage feature and extend its service life.

Details

Work includes removal of deteriorated waterproofing, concrete cracks and water feature repairs and application of a new waterproof coating. This new more durable coating product will make the colour of the water appear grey, instead of the current blue. This change is due to the use of an improved material, designed for longer-term performance under constant exposure to water and UV light.

The fountain will be closed from June 2026 to August 2026, and temporary fencing will be installed around the construction zone; access along nearby concrete pathways will be restricted. Other areas of Gage Park will remain open to the public during construction.

Next Steps

Should you require further information please contact Debra Seabrook, Manager, Museums and Heritage, Planning and Economic Development by email at Debra.Seabrook@hamilton.ca or by phone (905) 546-2424 ext. 2521.

Appendices and Schedules Attached

Appendix A: Key Messages and Questions & Answers, Gage Park Fountain Rehabilitation Project