

Communication Update

To: Mayor and Members of City Council

Committee Date: August 24, 2026

Subject/Report No.: Ministry of Labour, Immigration, Training and Skills Development
Field Visit - Greenhill Water Pumping Station (HW2606)

Ward(s) Affected: Citywide

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The purpose of this Communication Update is to advise Council.

Summary

This Communication Update provides Council with an update on a recent field visit performed by the Ontario Ministry of Labour, Immigration, Training and Skills Development (Ministry) on August 18, 2026 which resulted in two Orders. As per City policy, the orders will be posted on the City's website.

Background

The Ministry conducted a field visit in response to a worker-initiated work refusal related to the manual operation of equipment at the Greenhill Drinking Water Pumping Station. The Greenhill station is one of the main pumping stations within the Hamilton drinking water distribution system and supplies potable water to upper mountain properties. The Inspector found that the work subject to the refusal was unlikely to endanger workers and could proceed.

Following the field visit, the Inspector issued two orders related to the facility.

Details

The Order states that:

- A fan used with an extension cord shall be Ground Fault Circuit Interrupter (GFCI) protected due to water present on the floor.
- A currently non-functioning pressure reducing valve (PRV) associated with pump #2 be maintained in good condition by September 18, 2026.

Next Steps

Action to resolve the orders began immediately upon issue. The fan was removed from service before the end of the field visit, and staff are investigating installing a GFCI receptacle. A replacement PRV has been ordered with delivery and installation anticipated within 3 to 4 weeks.

Appendices and Schedules Attached

Appendix "A" - Ontario Ministry of Labour, Immigration, Training and Skills Development (MLITSD), Field Visit Report, 18 August, 2026.