

# Communication Update

**To:** Mayor and Members of City Council

**Committee Date:** September 9, 2026

**Subject/Report No.:** Dewitt Road Closure Update (TRANS2602(b))

**Ward(s) Affected:** Ward #10

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The purpose of this Communication Update is to provide Council with a further update to the Dewitt Road Closure.

## Summary

This Communication Update provides Council with an update on the status of the Dewitt Road Closure, due to rockfall debris.

## Background

Following a rockfall at Dewitt Hill on the evening of May 10, 2026, the City, in collaboration with Hamilton Police and community safety partners, made the decision collaboratively to close Dewitt Road while the area is assessed and secured.

Hamilton Police and City Transportation staff attended the site promptly following reports of the rockfall. There were no reported injuries or fatalities, no damage to vehicles and minimal roadway impact as the existing concrete barriers prevented significant effects on the right of way.

## Details

Restorative work on Ridge Road is expected to begin in mid to late September and take approximately two weeks. During this period, the section of Ridge Road between Tapleytown Road and 3rd Road East will be closed, and traffic will be detoured.

Once the Ridge Road work is complete and the road is reopened to full traffic, construction will move to the Dewitt Road escarpment and access stabilization work, which is currently expected to take approximately one month (late October or early November).

## Next Steps

Given the sequential nature of the work and reasonable contingencies, overall construction completion is tentatively anticipated for early November. Please note that these timelines remain tentative and are subject to final permit approval, tendering, contractor availability, and construction coordination.

The City will continue working closely with all relevant agencies and technical experts to ensure public safety and will provide updates as more information becomes available.

Motorists are encouraged to use alternate escarpment access routes while Dewitt Road remains closed. Delays should be expected in the area until the roadway can be safely reopened.

For questions and inquiries regarding the Dewitt Road Closure, please contact Vince Sferrazza at [vince.sferrazza@hamilton.ca](mailto:vince.sferrazza@hamilton.ca)

## Appendices and Schedules Attached

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