

Communication Update

To: Mayor and Members of City Council

Committee Date: September 1, 2026

Subject/Report No.: Eastwood Arena Re-opening

Ward(s) Affected: Ward 2

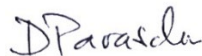
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Summary

This Communication Update provides Council with an update on the Eastwood Arena (111 Burlington Street East) in Ward 2 which is **scheduled to re-open on September 21, 2026**, after it was temporarily closed in April 2026 to complete a facility reassessment and address critical repairs to remain operational.

Background

Eastwood Arena is an aging facility, and major building components have reached or exceeded their expected lifecycle and require ongoing monitoring and reactive maintenance to maintain building operations. Known foundation settlement, deterioration of roof and building envelope, aging mechanical/electrical systems, and significant accessibility limitations created the need for a condition reassessment. In parallel with the condition reassessment, the Corporate Facilities and Energy Management Division in Public Works expedited critical repairs required to support a planned September 2026 reopening in response to community floor sport user interests.

Details

To extend the facility's short-term service life while supporting ongoing floor sport operations and minimizing service and programming disruptions, the following work was completed during the facility closure:

- Roof and roof drain repair
- Boiler replacement
- Building envelope sealing
- Shower and floor-drain repair
- Block wall repair
- Incoming water-line repair
- Sump pump replacement
- Lighting repair
- Painting of washrooms and dressing rooms

Next Steps

The facility is approaching the end of its useful service life, and continued operation is becoming progressively more reliant on major capital renewal, active monitoring, and the acceptance of residual risk. A comprehensive report will be brought forward to Council later this year to assess options for the facility's future, including the level of investment needed to sustain operations in the short term and to inform a long-term decision regarding its retention.

Recreation staff will begin to notify affected user groups about the reopening, will post signage at the facility and provide a project update at www.hamilton.ca/recprojects to keep the community informed.

Extended thanks and appreciation to colleagues in the Corporate Facilities and Energy Management Division for their efforts in coordinating this work.

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

Appendices and Schedules Attached

None