




Hamilton

INFORMATION UPDATE

TO:	Mayor and Members City Council
DATE:	May 24, 2019
SUBJECT/REPORT NO:	Playground, Splash/Spray Pads and Play Court Facilities - Maintenance Service Levels and Capital Program Update - (ES19018) (City Wide)
WARD(S) AFFECTED:	City Wide
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This update confirms the Parks & Cemeteries Section's operating season maintenance service levels and 2019 capital program activities respecting City playgrounds, splash/spray pads and play court facilities.

Playground Maintenance Program

Hamilton has 287 play structures that receive regular (monthly) inspections and maintenance services as required in accordance with CSA guidelines through certified staff. Inspection reports identify equipment condition and remedial repair requirements for follow up. Regular maintenance activities such as ground litter, debris, garbage collection, safety surface maintenance and graffiti removal are performed regularly and on an accelerated frequency from May to September to meet increased seasonal demand.

Spray/Splash Pad Maintenance Program

The City's inventory of 66 spray/splash pad sites receive pre/post and regular "in season" inspection and maintenance services. Pre/post season works include inspection, repair, activation/winterization which is performed by staff or contractor as required. "In season" inspection and regular maintenance activities such as ground litter, debris, garbage collection, graffiti removal and system monitoring are performed in accordance with the operating season.

At the General Issues Committee meeting May 31, 2018, Council directed staff to open spray pads starting on the May long weekend and continue the operating season until

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the end of September. Community residents can follow the opening of the spray pads on the City of Hamilton website:

<https://www.hamilton.ca/parks-recreation/recreation/spray-pads>

All water systems are controlled by a timer set for standard hours of operation (10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.); systems are also equipped with activation sensors limiting operation to real time demand thus enhancing water conservation. During a heat warning, the following community level pads noted below will be open from 9am to 9pm:

Waterdown Memorial Park	Gage Park
Dundas Driving Park	Winona Park
Village Green Park	Binbrook Fairground Community Park
William Connell Park	Pier 4 Park

Play Court Maintenance Program

The City's inventory of 48 public tennis courts and 116 multi-purpose/basketball courts receive pre/post and regular in season inspection and maintenance services. Pre/post season works include inspection, repair, and asset condition reporting by staff. "In season" inspection and regular maintenance activities such as ground litter, debris, garbage collection and graffiti removal are performed in accordance with the operating season noted below:

Court Facility Type	Season of Operation
Tennis	Early May – Last Week of October
Multi-Purpose	Year-round weather permitting
Basketball	Year-round weather permitting

An initial/annual detailed inspection of all these assets is undertaken in early spring by maintenance inspection staff. The reports generated from these inspections identify and determine priorities such as remedial repairs, and/or major court improvement requirements.

2019 Capital Program Activities

The projects noted below are funded through the tax block, and do not include additional projects that may be added throughout the year from Ward Councillor discretionary funding/other funding sources.

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2019 Annual Playground Lifecycle Replacement

Churchill Park/Ward 1
Corktown Park/Ward 2
Bayview West/Ward 10
Bobby Kerr Park/Ward 6
Captain Cornelius Park /Ward 8
Rockview Summit/Ward 15

2019 Annual Playground CSA Safety Surface Improvements

Parkdale Park/Ward 4
Eastmount Park/Ward 7
Peace Memorial Park/Ward 7
Dr. William Bethune Park/Ward 8
Waterdown Memorial/Ward 15

2019 Annual Splash Pad Rehabilitation

Gage Park Spray Pad Surface Review/Ward 3

2019 Annual Court Rehabilitation

Victoria Park/Ward 1
Millgrove Community Park/Ward 15

Should you require further information, please contact Andrea McDonald, Senior Project Manager of Parks and Cemeteries at (905) 546-2424 extension 2738.

Appendices and Schedules Attached

Not applicable