

SAM MERULLA
WARD 4 – EAST HAMILTON



COUNCILLOR
CITY OF HAMILTON

September 2021

Dear Constituent:

We all continue to play an important role in stopping the spread of COVID 19. Public Health Services recommends that everyone who is eligible for a vaccination receive the first vaccine that is available to them.

We need to work together to reduce the spread of COVID-19 in our community, to reserve healthcare and hospital capacity and to protect vulnerable populations.

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

- www.hamilton.ca/COVIDvaccines
- www.hamilton.ca/coronavirus
- <https://covid-19.ontario.ca>
- <https://kidshealthfirst.ca/>
- Public Health Services' COVID-19 Vaccine Hotline: 905-974-9848, option 7 or phscovidvaccine@hamilton.ca
- Public Health Services' COVID-19 Hotline: 905-974-9848 or phscovid19@hamilton.ca

Please note the following updates in Ward 4 being provided to you, for your information:

CITYHOUSING HAMILTON DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS

As an organization, CityHousing Hamilton (CHH) strives to create affordable housing that maximizes social benefit and contributes to the financial sustainability of the organization and the City. Below is an update on two exciting development projects in Ward 4:

Roxborough

- 91 townhouse and 16 low-rise units currently on Lang-Hayes-Reid site will be replaced with mid-rise building that will be owned and operated by CHH.
- Affordable housing in mainly two, three and four-bedroom family units, as well as some one-bedroom units.
- The remaining lands will be redeveloped into approximately 250 private market residential rental and 300 ownership units.
- The relocation of residents has been occurring in stages to allow for demolition. Construction is now underway, with occupancy expected in summer 2022.

This project will help revitalize the east end McQueston neighbourhood and create a new mixed-community that is not only desirable to live in, but accessible to many residents across the spectrum of household income and household size.

Queenston

- Phase 1: Mid-rise residential apartment complex with 40 units, including 15 three-bedroom and 25 one-bedroom units.
- The building will exceed the accessibility and energy standards mandated by the Building Code to provide a highly functional and sustainable home for tenants.
- Proximity to public transit (being situated along a major transit corridor) will help tenants move throughout their community with greater ease.
- Outdoor courtyard with a children's play area and an elevated patio, as well as two indoor gathering spaces that will promote community building and interaction with the surrounding neighbourhood.

This project will be a model for growth and neighbourhood renewal by adopting mixed-use medium-density development on an underutilized site. For more information about CityHousing Hamilton development projects, visit www.cityhousinghamilton.com or contact Sean Botham, CityHousing Hamilton at Sean.Botham@hamilton.ca or 905-546-2424 x 7620.

BARTONVILLE CEMETERY

The Bartonville Cemetery fence was replaced in late summer 2020. The existing iron and chain link fence was replaced with all new decorative black metal fencing around the entire cemetery.



R.T. STEELE PARK

The proposed design for the R.T. Steele Park playground project was recently circulated by mail to residents in the vicinity of the park in order to receive any feedback that they may have regarding the design. The feedback that was received was then used to enhance the design of the play structure.

With a finalized design in place, including play equipment replacement, wood fibre safety surfacing, new asphalt pathways, shaded picnic tables, and decorative fence along the park frontage, this park has been revitalized.

Construction is currently planned for Spring of 2022.

OTHER PROJECTS IN WARD 4

There are a number of other projects that have been completed or are in the process of being completed, they are as follows:

Rosedale Arena/Park Multi-Use Court Replacement – completed in 2020

Rosedale Park/School Playground Replacement – completed in 2020

Parkdale Park Playground Replacement – completed in July 2021

Montgomery Park Lighting Improvements – under construction, to be completed end of summer 2021

McQuesten Urban Farm Multi-Use Court Replacement – scheduled for construction fall 2021

Hillcrest Park Multi-Use Court – scheduled for construction fall 2021

ANDREW WARBURTON MEMORIAL PARK RENOVATION

The Andrew Warburton Memorial Park is located at the corner of Britannia Ave and Tragina Ave N. Many of the park's amenities were nearing the end of their life-cycle and needed to be replaced. The park reconstruction work is currently underway and is scheduled to be complete by October – December, 2021. The park will be closed until the construction is complete. The scope of work for the Andrew Warburton Memorial Park renovation includes:

- Replace the existing spray pad and wading pool with similar upgraded amenities and add seating near the water-play area.
- Replace the existing basketball court with a new multi-use court.
- Move play equipment away from the existing legacy water mains and install new rubber protective safety surfacing at the new playground location.
- Realign and re-surface park pathways to create a logical accessible network connecting the neighbourhood to the park amenities and strengthen the Pipeline Trail connection.

- Add an accessible HSR transit stop at Cope St.
- Replace all wood retaining walls with either armour-stone or berm grading. This includes rebuilding the community garden area.
- Replace wood fences with steel fences.
- Resurface the existing parking lot.
- Improve lighting - Pipeline Trail pathway, playground areas, building and parking lot.
- New tree planting for shade and succession planting.

Project updates will be posted on the City's website at hamilton.ca/AndrewWarburtonMemorialPark. The project web page will remain active for the duration of the project.

NEW TRAIL: BRAMPTON ST TO GRACE AVE

A new section of the Pipeline Trail, connecting Brampton St to Grace Ave, is planned for 2022. Construction of the new asphalt multi-use trail will include:

- 4 new road crossings with P-gates.
- New seating nodes including paving, benches, armourstone seat-walls, bike racks and garbage cans.
- New orientation trailhead signs and route markers.
- New solar lighting.
- Tree planting.

GATEWAY PARKETTE: THE WESTERN TRAIL HEAD OF THE PIPELINE TRAIL

The origin point of the Pipeline Trail is currently difficult to find so the City of Hamilton is designing a new landmark parkette at the corner of Main St E and Ottawa St N to celebrate the start of the multi-use trail. This parkette will likely include:

- Removal of the existing billboard.
- Enhancement of the existing bus stop on Main St East, including new paving, seating and garbage can.
- Reconfiguration of the existing municipal parking lot and vehicular access to the alley.
- A new gateway feature that could incorporate public art.
- A new orientation trailhead sign.
- A new seating node including paving, seating, bike rack and garbage can.
- New green space, including tree planting and grass.
- New solar lighting.

Construction of the Gateway Parkette is tentatively scheduled for 2023; timing is dependent on approvals and coordination with other City projects in the area.

If you have any questions about projects along the Pipeline Trail, please contact Sarah Eakins: sarah.eakins@hamilton.ca

KENILWORTH PARKETTE

Kenilworth Parkette is undergoing detailed design and contract development towards the target of Fall 2021 construction. The existing parking lot has been used in the past as a location for unauthorized parking. In recent weeks, concrete barriers have been placed on site in order to deter parking and idling. The barriers have been situated to block off the parking spots, while still allowing two way traffic to enter/exit the adjacent alleyway. Come this fall, the site will be fully blocked off and will become a green vista including tree plantings, a walkway, solar lighting, and a seating area. More information including the parks design concept can be found on the project website here: <https://www.hamilton.ca/parks-recreation/creating-new-parks/kenilworth-parkette>.

For any further information, please contact, Allan Neal, Landscape Architectural Services, 905-546-2424 x 2331.

McQUESTEN URBAN FITNESS TRAIL

Construction of the McQuesten Urban Fitness node has wrapped up and is now open to the public. Located at 20 Oriole Crescent, the fitness node features 5 elements including pull-up bars, push-up bars, step-up benches, tai chi wheels, and an air walker. Several trees have been planted on site, as well as the addition of bench seating along the Fitness Trail. Come check it out!

For any further information please contact, Allan Neal, Landscape Architectural Services, 905-546-2424 x 2331.

RECYCLING REMINDERS

To help better understand your recycling responsibilities, we are sharing some of the most common mistakes and questions about recycling; Separate, Don't Contaminate.

Blue box sorting

In Hamilton, we have a "two-stream" recycling program – one box for containers (bottles, cans, cartons and jars) and a second separate box for paper and cardboard. Cross-contamination is the biggest challenge the City experiences when collecting recycling materials. When ordering takeout, ensure that recycling material and waste materials are properly sorted by placing paper bags in the papers blue box, clear plastic containers in the containers blue box, paper take-out containers in the green bin and black plastic, plastic cutlery, straws and styrofoam in the garbage.

Plastic film

Most plastic film is not recyclable. This includes bubble wrap, cereal bags, pet food bags, plastic / bubble envelopes, and Ziploc bags. Dispose of these non-recycling films in the garbage. Plastic films that are recyclable include bread bags, grocery bags and outer milk bags. During the sorting process these bags cling to and hide other recyclable materials. To recycle plastic grocery bags, bag your bags, tie shut and place inside your containers blue box.

Paper products

Many residents put paper products in the blue box when they belong in the green bin. Examples of paper that should go in the green bin include greasy pizza boxes, paper napkins, paper plates, paper towels and paper take-out containers.

Dirty recyclables

Plastic and glass containers that once held food such as ketchup and mustard should be rinsed before being recycled. Cardboard boxes that have food stuck in them or are greasy from pizza, should go in the green bin.

Leaf and Yard Waste

The City's leaf and yard waste schedule has changed. Effective December 6, 2021, leaf and yard waste will NOT be collected during December, January and February each year. Residential yard waste can be taken to a Community Recycling Centre for free all year round. If you need a yard waste sticker, visit hamilton.ca/yardwaste for a pickup location.

SEPARATE, DON'T CONTAMINATE

- ✓ Do remove Styrofoam containers from the bag and toss items in the correct waste bin.
- ✗ Don't just throw everything in the blue box.





SEPARATE, DON'T CONTAMINATE

- ✓ Do remove your tin/foil container from the bag, rinse it and toss items into the correct waste bin.
- ✗ Don't just throw everything in the same blue box.





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- ✓ Do remove food, wrappers and packaging from the take-out bag then toss items in the correct waste bin.
- ✗ Don't just throw everything in the blue box.





SEPARATE, DON'T CONTAMINATE

- ✓ Do empty your paper drink cups then toss items in the correct waste bin.
- ✗ Don't just throw everything in the blue box.





SEPARATE, DON'T CONTAMINATE

- ✓ Do remove clear lids from black plastic containers and toss items in the correct waste bin.
- ✗ Don't just throw everything in the blue box.





PAT QUINN PARKDALE ARENA AND POOL RENOVATIONS

The construction at Parkdale Pool and Arena is ongoing. We are still on target for Construction Completion in early Fall 2021.

The arena ice plant expansion (addition) is complete and installation of the ice plant equipment is ongoing.

New outdoor pool is installed, painting and finishing of the pool is ongoing. The new change house construction is underway, framing and exterior finishes are being completed with interior finishes to follow. Outdoor pool grand opening will be scheduled for late Spring 2022 just in time for the 2022 summer season .

The final finish of the arena parking lot is scheduled to be complete with the project in early fall 2021.

The community is getting;

- Parkdale Arena
 - New energy efficient ice plant
 - New parking lot including drainage and surface
- Parkdale Outdoor Pool
 - New heated and accessible outdoor pool
 - New guard / change house
- New Zamboni room roof replacement

Key contact for this project is Leanne.Turner@hamilton.ca (905-546-2424 x 2937).

ADDRESSING ENCROACHMENTS ALONG THE PIPELINE TRAIL CORRIDOR

The City's Pipeline Trail Corridor is a piece of City-owned land 6km in length, which stretches from the Woodward Wastewater Treatment Plant, to the intersection of Ottawa and Main. The land contains three large diameter water mains, which were established in the 1800s. In 2015, a Master Plan for the corridor was completed; at this time, encroachments were identified that narrow the corridor and often prevent City access to the underlying water mains.

In the last year, City staff have been working to clear those private encroachments on the Pipeline Trail Corridor that pose a safety risk and a risk to the water mains themselves. These efforts are aligned with Phase 1 of the Residential Encroachment action strategy (see [City Report PW20040/PED20122](#)).

City staff distributed letters in May/June of 2021 to those residents impacted by the encroachment removal requirements. Surveys have been drafted, and City staff are working with residents to ensure removals are identified and completed as required. City staff will continue to work with these residents and will follow-up again in the coming weeks.

Residents are reminded that driving on the Pipeline corridor and/or trail is not permitted, except where existing alleyways exist. By keeping vehicles out of parkland, you help keep the pipeline trail safe for pedestrian use!

For further information, please contact Jessica Brommer, Landscape Architectural Services, 905-546-2424 x 3125.

HANDRAIL ON LAWRENCE NEAR KENILWORTH ACCESS

Roadway Maintenance met on site to review the handrail on Lawrence near the Kenilworth Access. The handrail is in rough shape in certain spots and should be replaced rather than painted.

The Lawrence Retaining Wall - Railing Scope project (CPMS 11289) is currently with Engineering Services. Dillion Consulting is presently working on the design and is anticipated for a January 2022 tender date, the railing system will be replaced in 2022 along with some minor repairs to the aging retaining wall.

Any inquiries, please contact Michael Becke, P.Eng, Senior Project Manager, Design Section, 905-546-2424 x 4278 or Michael.Becke@hamilton.ca

TREE PLANTING PROGRAM

LET'S GROW TOGETHER

REQUEST A FREE STREET TREE
TO HELP GROW HAMILTON'S URBAN FOREST CANOPY.

Benefits Include:

- Improve climate resiliency
- Improve local air and water quality
- Increase property values
- Provide habitat for wildlife
- Reduce noise
- Reduce storm water runoff and flood mitigation.

Visit hamilton.ca/trees or call 905-546-CITY (2489) for more information.

Getting your tree is as easy as 1-2-3!

1. Review the program guidelines online at hamilton.ca/trees
2. Submit an online request or call 905-546-CITY (2489)
3. A Forestry Investigator will visit the site to assess your property and tree selection options

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Hamilton **LET'S GROW TOGETHER**

our City Survey

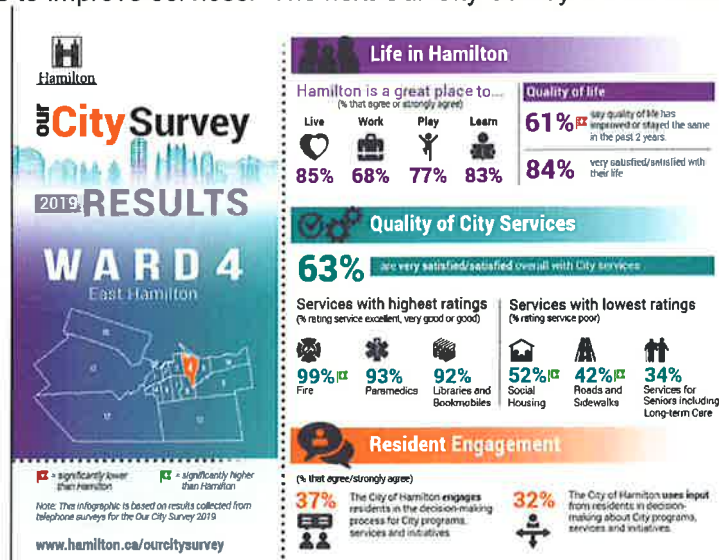
Your Thoughts. Our Action.

The Our City Survey is a resident satisfaction survey to help the City of Hamilton better understand the needs and perceptions of Hamiltonians with respect to the range of municipal services offered across the community; value for tax dollars; as well as quality of life and well-being. The latest Our City Survey, conducted via telephone and online in late 2019, had results presented to Council in November 2020. Ward 4 results were very similar to overall city results, with most residents feeling that Hamilton is a great place to live (85%), work (68%), play (77%) and learn (83%).

Some key differences between Ward 4 responses and overall city responses include:

- A lower proportion of residents in Ward 4 felt the quality of life in Hamilton has improved or stayed the same in the past 2 years (61% in Ward 4 vs. 68% in Hamilton)
- A higher proportion of residents in Ward 4 rated social housing as poor (52% in Ward 4 vs. 45% in Hamilton)
- A higher proportion of residents in Ward 4 rated roads and sidewalks as poor (42% in Ward 4 vs. 35% in Hamilton)

The City is using these results to improve services. The next Our City Survey will be undertaken in late 2022/early 2023.



CROWN POINT – COMMUNITY LIAISON COMMITTEE (CLC)

To ensure that the local community is keeping informed about environmental implications of the activities at ArcelorMittal Dofasco's (AMD) and Stelco's steel and coke making operations, a Community Liaison Committee (CLC) has been established. Part of this CLC are community stakeholders, The City of Hamilton, Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks as well as citizens. The Crown Point Hub has recently been added to the committee as a group representing the citizens of one of the neighbourhoods right adjacent to AMD. Currently Jochen Bezner is the Crown Point representative.

STACKWATCH REPORTING AIR EMISSIONS IN OUR COMMUNITY

Do you see visible pollution emissions?
Do you smell an offensive odour coming from the industrial area?
Do you have dirty "fallout" on your property (deck, siding, car)?

TAKE ACTION! REPORT IT!

Ontario Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks (MOECP)

Hamilton District Office (Mon-Fri, 9am-4:30pm)
905-521-7650
Call 24/7 Spills Action Centre
1-866-662-8477
Email your photos moe.tips@ene.gov.ca

Industry in your area can be contacted directly and copy the MOECP on your complaint.

ArcelorMittal Dofasco

905-548-7200, Ext. 0
environment.dofasco@arcelormittal.com

Stelco

905-528-2511, Ext. 2268
environment@stelco.com

Need more info on how to effectively report a pollution problem?

Crown Point website:

<https://crownpointhamilton.wordpress.com/projects-2/crown-point-stackwatch/>

Also the CLC meeting presentations are available here:

<http://dofasco.arcelormittal.com/corporate-responsibility/environment/community-liaison-committee.aspx>

Contact your Crown Point Representative directly: Jochen Bezner, Email: envcrownpoint@gmail.com



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24/7 Spills Action Centre
1-866-663-8477
Email your photos
moe.tips@ene.gov.on.ca

**You can contact industry directly or
copy them on your reports to the MoE**

ArcelorMittal Dofasco
905-548-7200 x0
environment.dofasco@arcelormittal.com

Stelco
905-528-2511 x2268
environment@stelco.com

Need more info on how to effectively report a pollution
problem? Visit environmenthamilton.org/air_quality



ST MATTHEW'S HOUSE'S VIRTUAL SENIORS CENTRE CONTINUES THIS FALL!

An oasis of hope in North Hamilton, St. Matthew's House (SMH) is a much beloved charitable not-for-profit multi-service agency. Services include emergency food to improve food security among our city's most vulnerable seniors, as well as crisis intervention and outreach to seniors to support independent living. Clients include persons aged 55+ with limited or no income, who may also be living in poor health or with chronic conditions.

The new **Virtual Seniors Centre** that we launched last winter is made up of discussions and activities, ranging from nutrition and wellness to virtual walks and other group activities. We also share strategies for coping with the many challenges of COVID-19. Seniors enjoy seeing friendly faces each week, interacting in an empathetic and safe social space. Seniors actively participate in the ongoing development of this project. Registration calls also create an opportunity to learn about other services offered by St. Matthew's House.

This summer's activities included a Container Gardening program, a writing workshop with professional writer Anya Wassenberg and a mini concert by local blues musician Alfie Smith. Our monthly 20-minute cooking demonstrations included a free delivery of the recipe's ingredients for participants to make the dish on their own at home! We're planning a COVID-Safe picnic, too, now that restrictions on gatherings have loosened considerably.

Speaking of food: our **Virtual Seniors In Kitchens ("Virtual SinKs")** sessions will be branching off to become a monthly full-hour of culinary engagement program of its own starting this fall. With an emphasis on improving food literacy and food security for vulnerable seniors, it will be open to Hamiltonians aged 55+ across the city. Advance registration for these sessions will be required, as space will be limited!

HOW TO JOIN US:

Seniors aged 55+ from all across Hamilton are invited to call us for their one-time registration, which includes an invitation to return every week, plus a weekly reminder email and a newsletter. Our Virtual Seniors Centre takes place online (over Zoom) **every Friday afternoon at 1pm, for one hour** plus a few minutes of purely social time at the beginning and end of the gathering, so feel free to join the Zoom call as early as 12:45. Seniors are invited to join us online via computers and tablets, by cell phones or even by their land lines. For more information and to register, participants are welcome to call us any time at **905-523-5546 Ext. 240** or send an email to sdoherty@stmatthewshouse.ca. Please feel free to invite your friends and neighbours to participate, too!

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NUTRITION

HEALTH & WELLNESS

PHYSICAL ACTIVITY

LET'S GET MOVING

LGM is a FREE afterschool program that runs September - June For 2 hours after the bell rings at 14 elementary schools across Hamilton (virtual option available).

Participants are provided with a healthy snack, and engage in activities focused on nutrition, health & wellness and physical activity

For more information contact:
Heather Steeves
LGM Program Supervisor
heather.steeves@bgchh.com

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Ontario

GOOD NEIGHBOUR CERTIFICATE

I have strongly supported our work at the City around neighbourhood development and I want to thank everyone who is helping to make the neighbourhoods in Ward 4 great places to live, work, play and learn.

Along with the great work happening through neighbourhood plans and other activities I wanted to provide an opportunity for residents in Ward 4 to recognize people for being "good neighbours".

So, if you know of someone who has gone above and beyond to be a good neighbour let us know. We will create a Good Neighbour Certificate and make sure your neighbour is recognized for their dedication to the neighbourhood. Anyone in Ward 4 is eligible and in terms of criteria it is pretty simple...the individual needs to be making a special contribution to their neighbourhood that clearly demonstrates how much they care about where they live and the people that live around them.

If you are nominating someone please submit a one paragraph description of why you think the person is a Good Neighbour. We will also need their name and address so we can print the certificate and get it to them. Whether you inform your neighbour you are putting their name forward or not is up to you!

The biggest asset in our neighbourhoods are the people who live there and I am pleased to be able to recognize the many good neighbours who live in Ward 4.

MY CONTACT INFORMATION

The Councillors' Offices are located at City Hall, 71 Main Street West, 2nd Floor, Hamilton, Ontario, L8P 4Y5

Please note that this update as well as any future updates, can be viewed online at www.hamilton.ca/ward4

As always, please do not hesitate to contact me at (office) 905-546-4512 or via email, Sam.Merulla@hamilton.ca

Need another blue box or a replacement green bin, please call my office to arrange delivery.

Thank you for your attention.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Merulla', written in a cursive style.

Sam Merulla
Councillor, Ward 4 – East Hamilton