Dear Constituent:

As Hamilton and Ontario begin to lift COVID-19 public health restrictions, it's important that community members continue to take steps to prevent the spread of COVID-19 and the highly-transmissible Omicron variant of concern by:

- getting fully vaccinated, and when eligible, get a third dose of a COVID-19 vaccine,
- keep their guards up by following the well-established public health measures including wearing a well-fitting mask properly, maintaining physical distance, limiting their contacts and size of social gatherings, and staying home when they're unwell.

**ADDITIONAL RESOURCES**

- [www.hamilton.ca/GetYourVaccine](http://www.hamilton.ca/GetYourVaccine)
- [www.hamilton.ca/childvaccine](http://www.hamilton.ca/childvaccine)
- [www.hamilton.ca/coronavirus](http://www.hamilton.ca/coronavirus)
- Public Health Services’ COVID-19 Vaccine Hotline: 905-974-9848, option 7 or [phscovidvaccine@hamilton.ca](mailto:phscovidvaccine@hamilton.ca)
- Public Health Services’ COVID-19 Hotline: 905-974-9848 or [phscovid19@hamilton.ca](mailto: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.
- Remediation of the site begins in February, with the first mobilization of equipment on site.

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.

PARK UPDATES

Parkdale Park Play Structure:

Following a swift spring construction process, we are very happy to report that the new play structures that create this expanded playground are in place for all to enjoy. This included new widened asphalt pathway extensions off of the repaved parking lot, and a new added junior play area that is separated from the original playground area and swings. The playground was reopened to the public July 16th. We are very pleased with the bold, dynamic and challenging new play structures, and are thankful for Councillor Merulla’s motion and continued support to upgrade playgrounds in Ward 4.

Multi-Use Courts at McQuesten Farm & Hillcrest Park:

Despite a weather-related delay on this project in the fall that held up our completion, we are pleased with the progress on the reconstruction completed so far. The existing poor condition courts have been removed, and the new multi-use courts with Basketball hoops and Hockey goals, incorporated into the robust chainlink fence enclosures are almost complete. The new layout features: one court in the very south end of the McQuesten Urban Farm space, and a second new court located in Hillcrest Park, easily accessed from the parking area off Eastwood St. All the fence posts and foundations are in place, as is the gravel base for the courts and the pathways. In the spring, the asphalt will be placed, including a finish top coat on the repaired pathway, then the fencing and line painting will be completed. Fresh sod and grass seed will then restore the site, and it will be open to the public, targeted for June of 2022.

Montgomery Park lighting:

Montgomery Park is one of the largest parks in Ward 4, and sees a lot of users throughout all hours of the day. Councillor Merulla provided the financial support for Parks in the summer of 2021 to install 33 new light poles; additionally the 11 existing light poles receiving light fixture upgrades. This park is now well lit from all angles and can be enjoyed for leisurely walks and exercise into the evening hours.

R.T. Steele Park Playground

R.T. Steele Park, located at 45 Ellis Avenue, is scheduled for a renovation in the Spring of 2022. This park redevelopment includes all new play equipment, an expanded play area, new asphalt pathways, shaded picnic tables, and park benches.

The new playground and park features are sure to be a hit in the community and will be enjoyed for years to come.

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 almost complete. The west part of the park, including the improved playground, was re-opened to the public in December.

The east part of the park is still an active construction site and will be closed over the winter months. The tasks that remain to be completed include:
• Replace curb, sidewalk and median strip at the corner of Allian Ave & Cope St.
• Build concrete seat walls near the wading pool.
• Install a concrete bus stop pad on Britannia Ave.
• Paint lines on the new parking lot and multi-use court.
• Pour wading pool concrete.
• Test spray pad, wading pool and drinking fountain operation.
• Install sod in the Cope St median and some areas remaining to be finished around pathways in the park.

We anticipate that the entire park will be open to the public by the end of May 2022 (weather dependent) and that the new wading pool and spray pad will operate according to the regular seasonal schedule.

This project is partially funded by the ICIP COVID-19 Resilience Infrastructure Stream which had a deadline of December 31, 2021 but this deadline was recently extended to 2023.

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**

The construction of Kenilworth Parkette (441 Kenilworth Ave N.) will commence first thing in Spring 2022 and will continue through to May 31st, 2022, provided there aren’t any unforeseen delays throughout construction. During this time, the site will be fully blocked off from vehicular and pedestrian access, and will be transformed into a green vista including tree plantings, a through walkway, solar lighting, and seating areas. Vehicular access will no longer be permitted through this site upon completion of the project. Arrangements should be made to relocate any vehicles/equipment that require more space than the existing alley access routes provide. 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](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.
WASTE MANAGEMENT

Recycling & Waste Calendar and Trash Tags
The 2022/23 waste calendar and new blue trash tags will be mailed out to residents mid-March. You can continue to use your green trash tags until April 1, 2022.

Yard Waste Collection Resumes
A reminder that curbside leaf and yard waste collection resumes the week of February 28, 2022. Unlimited yard waste will be collected weekly on your pick-up day, ending the week of December 5, 2022 for the season. Visit hamilton.ca/yardwaste for more information.

Download the City’s Waste App
If you haven’t already, download the waste app to view your collection calendar, including holiday changes, and sign up for collection notifications and reminders. The app also features a search tool to learn how to properly dispose of your recyclables, organics and garbage.

Need a Green Bin or Blue Box
If you need a new or replacement green bin or blue box, a service number is required to pick one up. Submit a request online anytime, call 905-546-CITY (2489) or feel free to call my office 905-546-4512.

PAT QUINN PARKDALE ARENA AND POOL RENOVATIONS

The Parkdale Pool and Arena project is nearing substantial completion. Pool commissioning and final finishes are to be completed this spring 2022 with an official grand opening of the pool scheduled for summer 2022. Arena mechanical addition and parking lot are complete and open for public use per the City’s recreational programming plan.

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

ROAD PROJECTS CURRENTLY ON SCHEDULE TO BEGIN CONSTRUCTION IN 2022

Barton St E, Parkdale Ave N to RHVP (Red Hill Valley Parkway) (road reconstruction in coordination with watermain replacement and sewer upgrades)

Kenilworth Ave N, Britannia Ave to Merchison Ave (road resurfacing in coordination with traffic safety improvements)

Delena Ave N & Beland Ave N, Queenston Rd to Roxborough Ave (road reconstruction in coordination with watermain replacement); and,

Dunsmure Rd, Parkdale Ave N to Reid Ave N (road resurfacing only)

The project below is adjacent to the roadway...

Lawrence Rd, north side, west of Kenilworth Ave S (retaining wall rehabilitation and railing system replacement)

TREE PLANTING PROGRAM
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
1-866-663-8477
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:

Also the CLC meeting presentations are available here:

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

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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
EVA ROTHWELL CENTRE
460 Wentworth Street North
Hamilton, Ontario
905-526-1558

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT THE ERC....

MARCH BREAK CAMP
March 14-18, 2022
Ages: 5 to 12 years old
9:00am to 4:00pm
Cost: $35.00 per child
Early and Late Care Available (8:00am-5:30pm for an additional $5.00/child)
Limited Spaces Available, Register today
Days and Times may vary due to Public Health/Government Guidelines.
FAB – Fit Active Beautiful
A GIRLS’ EMPOWERMENT
Tuesdays
6:00-7:30pm
Grades 6,7 and 8
No Charge
Learn how to set goals and participate in running games, meet new friends and train healthy.
Days and Times may vary due to Public Health/Government Guidelines.
Registration @ http://fitactivebeautiful.ca/

P.A. CAMP - Begin the Adventure and Learning...

Various days in March 2022 to June 2022
Public and Catholic School Boards
Grades 1 to 8
9:00-4:00pm / $10.00/per child/per PA DAY
Early and Late drop off/pick up Available for an additional $5.00/child/week - (8:00-5:30pm)
Register today, Limited Spaces
Days and Times may vary due to Public Health/Government Guidelines.
Please call the Eva Rothwell Centre at 905-526-1558

AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAMS

DROP IN PROGRAMS
Monday to Friday
3:00-6:00pm
5-17 years
No Charge, Free
Days and Times may vary due to Covid Public Health/Government Guidelines.
Please call the Eva Rothwell Centre at 905-526-1558
Activities/Programs: Games room, Creative Crafts, After school Snack, Active Gym, Music, Computers, Literacy Express Train, Breakfast program, and much more...
Registration: Sign up for free

Emergency Clothing Room

The clothing room program provides cost-free assistance for families and individuals in need.
Tuesdays from 10:00am to 12Noon
Days and Times may vary due to Public Health/Government Guidelines.
Please call the Eva Rothwell Centre at 905-526-1558
To donate to the Clothing Room Program, please drop off clean and gently used clothing. No household items, furniture, or stuffed animals please.
Emergency Food Pantry

The Emergency Food Pantry is available to anyone in need. Service available from 9:30-2:30pm, Monday to Friday.
Days and Times may vary due to Public Health/Government Guidelines.
Please call the Eva Rothwell Centre at 905-526-1558

Please contact us to donate. Though all donations are welcomed and needed, we are always in need of:

- Canned Fruit, Rice, Pasta, Kraft dinner, canned vegetables, and Peanut Butter

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,

[Signature]

Sam Merulla
Councillor, Ward 4 – East Hamilton