
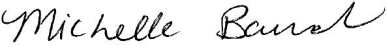




COMMUNICATION UPDATE

TO:	Mayor and Members City Council
DATE:	November 3, 2023
SUBJECT:	Encampment Response Update – 24/7 Washroom Location change (ES23016) (City Wide)
WARD(S) AFFECTED:	City Wide
SUBMITTED BY:	Cynthia Graham Director, Environmental Services Public Works Department
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COUNCIL DIRECTION

On August 18, 2023, Council ratified an Encampment Protocol to be used by City staff to respond and manage encampments, tents, or temporary structures within public lands in the City of Hamilton.

As part of the Encampment Protocol, two locations for 24/7 washroom access with cleaning and security were approved and funded.

The August 2023 Encampment Response Update (HSC23066) identified the two locations to be J.C. Beemer Park and Myrtle Park, open for use as of September 6, 2023 and September 14, 2023 respectively. It was identified that the locations for 24/7 washrooms may change over time to respond to conditions such as winterization, maintenance, building conditions and other factors.

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The Myrtle Park washroom building is not winterized and so a new location was required to be identified as the weather gets colder into November. Staff have reviewed the park washrooms across the city and have identified Corktown Park as a new location for the 24/7 washroom service. Some minor upgrades have been completed at the washroom building such as high-resolution lighting on the exterior, plumbing upgrades and heaters have been installed. The washroom has been winterized and ready for activation.

The security team will relocate from Myrtle Park to Corktown Park on Wednesday November 15, 2023.

There are no changes to the J.C. Beemer washroom location, and the shower locations at Eastwood Arena and Norman Pinky Lewis Recreation Centre. The change from Myrtle Park to Corktown Park will be communicated directly to encampment residents by the Coordinated Response Team members.

For further information please contact Cynthia Graham, Director of Environmental Services by phone at (905) 546-2424 Ext. 2337, or by email at Cynthia.Graham@hamilton.ca

APPENDICES AND SCHEDULES ATTACHED

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