



COMMUNICATION UPDATE

TO:	Mayor and Members City Council
DATE:	February 2, 2024
SUBJECT:	Dundurn Stairs Closure Update (Ward 8) (ES2401)
WARD(S) AFFECTED:	Ward 8
SUBMITTED BY:	Cynthia Graham Director, Environmental Services Public Works Department
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The purpose of this Communication Update is to satisfy the notification requirement in accordance with Procurement Policy By-Law No. 22-255, Policy 10 – Emergency Procurements. This emergency was a result of an incident in which a vehicle accident occurred along the escarpment access of Garth Street and Beckett Drive, directly adjacent the Dundurn Stairs. With concern that this motor vehicle incident caused damage to the Dundurn Stairs, it prompted the immediate need for an engineering and structural review of the stairs. The final cost to complete the engineering and structural review of the stairs was \$9,640.00.

Background: On June 9, 2023, the General Manager, Public Works supported Parks and Cemeteries' request that an emergency be declared, as defined in the Procurement Policy By-Law No. 22-255. The details of the emergency are as follows: A vehicle accident occurred along the escarpment access of Garth Street and Beckett Drive, directly adjacent the Dundurn Stairs. City staff immediately closed public access to the stairs and to ensure safety, Roadway Maintenance provided concrete barriers to protect the damaged retaining wall.

An emergency was declared to expedite and complete an engineering and structural review of the Dundurn Stairs. Staff worked alongside an engineering consultant to complete the review and provide comment on any immediate repairs required prior to re-opening the stairs. The stairs were not structurally compromised and recommended repairs (all minor in nature) were completed, and the stairs were re-opened.

In addition, the parapet wall on Beckett Drive was severely damaged during the incident. Engineering Services is completing design work, with a tender planned for

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spring of 2024 to replace the wall. The design will increase safety aspects of the infrastructure, such as bollards for collision protection and/or increasing the loading of the wall to withstand vehicular collisions in the future.

If you have any questions regarding this communication update, please contact Kara Bunn, Manager of Parks and Cemeteries at Kara.Bunn@hamilton.ca or Extension 4334.

APPENDICES AND SCHEDULES ATTACHED

N/A