



Budget & Administration Committee Meeting Agenda

Thursday August 21, 2025

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Budget & Administration Committee Meeting

Thursday, August 21, 2025 at 2:00 P.M.

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1. Welcome

– Susan Fielding

2. Declaration of Conflict of Interest

3. Approval of Agenda

4. Delegations

5. Consent Items

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9.1. Confidential Memorandum Update – BA/Aug 01-2025
(Legal Matter)

10. Next Meeting – Thursday, September 18, 2025 at 2:00 p.m.

11. Adjournment

Hamilton Conservation Authority

Minutes

Budget & Administration Committee

June 23, 2025

Minutes of the Budget & Administration Committee meeting held on Monday, June 23, 2025 at 4:00 p.m., fully virtual via WebEx and livestreamed on YouTube.

Present: Susan Fielding, in the Chair
Alex Wilson
Maureen Wilson

Regrets: Brad Clark, Lisa DiCesare

Staff Present: Lisa Burnside, Gord Costie, Marlene Ferreira, Scott Fleming, Rob Gray, Matt Hall, Amanda Martin, Scott Peck, Jim Reeve, Jaime Tellier, and Sandra Winninger

Others Present: None

1. Welcome

The Chair called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone present.

2. Declarations of Conflict of Interest

The Chair asked members to declare any conflicts under the HCA Administrative By-law. There were none.

3. Approval of Agenda

The Chair requested any additions or deletions to the agenda; there were none.

BA 2817

**MOVED BY: Maureen Wilson
SECONDED BY: Alex Wilson**

THAT the agenda be approved.

CARRIED

4. Delegations

There were none.

5. Consent Items

The following consent items were adopted:

5.1. Approval of Budget & Administration Committee Minutes – May 15, 2025

6. Business Arising from the Minutes

There was none.

7. Staff Reports/Memoranda

Reports for Recommendation

7.1. Legislative Minimum Wage Increase to HCA Casual Wage Rates

Marlene Ferreira provided an overview of the report, highlighting the Ontario government is raising the minimum wage and to remain compliant, the HCA will be increasing its Level 1, Step 1 Casual/Seasonal Wage Grids to match the new wage of \$17.60/hour. Additionally, within the wage grid, Level 1, Step 2 will be increased to ensure meaningful pay progression of returning staff.

BA 2518

MOVED BY: Alex Wilson

SECONDED BY: Maureen Wilson

THAT the Budget & Administration Committee recommends to the Board of Directors:

THAT the revised Casual/Seasonal wage grids for Hamilton Conservation Authority and Confederation Beach Park, Lakeland Pool and Wild Waterworks be approved, which provides for the following:

- a) **The provincially mandated minimum wage rate of \$17.60, effective October 1, 2025, be applied to Level 1, Step 1 positions; and**
- b) **An additional increase be applied to Level 1, Step 2 positions as outlined in this report for the 2026 hiring year to maintain step progression for returning students.**

CARRIED

7.2. Fleet Management Policy and Decarbonization Guideline

Jaime Tellier provided an overview of the report and answered members' questions. It was noted that the Policy formalizes HCA's fleet management practices as well as introducing a renewal strategy for HCA vehicles.

The Decarbonization Guideline will contribute to the HCA's goal of achieving net zero emissions through the renewal strategy, which will transition passenger vehicles from gas/diesel to alternatively fueled vehicles following the lifecycle management plan outlined in the Feet Policy.

BA 2519

**MOVED BY: Alex Wilson
SECONDED BY: Maureen Wilson**

THAT the Budget & Administration Committee recommends to the Board of Directors;

THAT the document entitled HCA Fee Development Framework be approved; and further

THAT HCA's 2026 Fee Guide be developed following the principles, objectives and methodologies as outlined in the framework.

CARRIED

7.3. Year 2 Strategic Plan Initiatives

Lisa Burnside brought forward the staff report and answered members' questions, indicating that the Year 2 initiatives will continue progress on strategic outcomes as outlined in the HCA 2025 – 2029 Strategic Plan. The 14 initiatives were reviewed, and it was noted that several of these are multi-year to support stable planning, implementation and budgeting.

BA 2520**MOVED BY: Maureen Wilson****SECONDED BY: Alex Wilson**

THAT the Budget & Administration Committee recommends to the Board of Directors;

THAT this report be received for information; and further,

THAT the Year 2 initiatives identified in the report that support all four priority areas in the 2025–2029 Strategic Plan be approved and incorporated into 2026 and future year budgeting.

CARRIED

7.4. Amendment to the Purchasing Policy – Authorized Purchasing Limits

Scott Fleming reviewed the staff report indicating that an administrative update to the Purchasing Policy, specifically, the Authorized Purchasing Limits, is required to reflect the introduction of the senior manager role within each division. These changes are intended to better align authorization levels with operational roles.

BA 2521**MOVED BY: Alex Wilson****SECONDED BY: Maureen Wilson**

THAT the Budget & Administration Committee recommends to the Board of Directors;

That the Purchasing Policy be amended to update the authorized purchasing limits, as outlined in Appendix A, to reflect the inclusion of the newly introduced Senior Manager role. Specifically, it is recommended that:

Senior Managers be granted authorized signing authority up to \$35,000 Directors have their signing authority increased to \$70,000.

CARRIED

7.5. HCA Fee Development Framework

Scott Fleming provided an overview of the report and answered members' questions, indicating the framework was a Board directive to staff to provide and overview of the principles, objectives and methodology behind the development of the HCA's annual fee guide. The resulting Framework builds on HCA's existing fee

policy and will guide fee development across all programs and services moving forward. B&A thanked staff for their work in documenting the framework.

BA 2522

**MOVED BY: Susan Fielding
SECONDED BY:**

**THAT the Budget & Administration Committee
recommends to the Board of Directors;**

**THAT the document entitled HCA Fee Development
Framework be approved; and further**

**THAT HCA's 2026 Fee Guide be developed
following the principles, objectives and
methodologies as outlined in the framework.**

CARRIED

Memorandums to be Received

7.6. Asset Disposition

Scott Fleming reviewed the staff report noting the assets that were disposed of during the 2024 calendar year.

BA 2523

**MOVED BY: Alex Wilson
SECONDED BY: Maureen Wilson**

**THAT the memorandum entitled Asset Disposition
be received.**

CARRIED

8. New Business

There was none.

9. In-Camera Items for Matters of Law, Personnel and Property

There was none.

10. Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Budget and Administration Committee will be held on Thursday, August 21, 2025 at 2:00 p.m.

11. Adjournment

On motion, the meeting adjourned.

Memorandum to: Budget & Administration Committee

Approved for Circulation By: Lisa Burnside, CAO

Prepared & Reviewed By: Scott Fleming, Director of Finance & Central Support Services

Meeting Date: August 21, 2025

Subject: HCA Q2 Financial Results – Operating

Hamilton Region Conservation Authority - Net Results (in thousands)

	6 mos. <u>2025</u>	6 mos. <u>2024</u>	\$ <u>Variance</u>	Budget <u>2025</u>	Actual <u>2024</u>	\$ <u>Variance</u>
Watershed Management & Services	\$ 35	\$ 308	\$ (273)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Conservation Areas	\$ 560	\$ 526	\$ 34	\$ 1,569	\$ 1,462	\$ 107
Westfield Heritage Village CA	\$ 1	\$ 35	\$ (34)	\$ -	\$ 22	\$ (93)
Central Support Services	\$ (829)	\$ (326)	\$ (476)	\$ (1,569)	\$ (1,054)	\$ (515)
Net surplus	\$ (233)	\$ 543	\$ (777)	\$ -	\$ 430	\$ (430)

Summary of Results

The results to the end of the second quarter in Conservation Areas Services continued to demonstrate strong performance, besting 2024's surplus position at the half year mark. Overall results were not as favourable when compared to prior years, with a \$233K deficit position to end the quarter.

Watershed Management Services delivered a better than break even result, with current results aligning with budgeted expectations for 2025.

Westfield Heritage Village Conservation Area continues to achieve favourable results, with a slightly surplus position (\$1K) through the end of the second quarter.

Central Support Services is currently operating in a deficit position as budgeted. However, more significant than in prior years, performance is tracking slightly unfavourable to budget expectations and is partially offset by CAS' strong performance.

Overall, HCA is off to a start slightly unfavourable to budget, with a Q2 deficit position of \$233K. With HCA's two strongest month upcoming, we're optimistic that we can pulled back up to break even by the end of Q3.

Watershed Management Services

	6 mos. <u>2025</u>	6 mos. <u>2024</u>	\$ <u>Variance</u>	Budget <u>2025</u>	Actual <u>2024</u>	\$ <u>Variance</u>
Revenues						
Levy	\$ 1,159	\$ 1,093	\$ 66	\$ 2,306	\$ 1,783	\$ 523
Permits, fees & misc.	166	246	(80)	310	338	(28)
Grants	165	183	(18)	336	497	(161)
Transfer from reserves	360	582	(222)	95	696	(601)
Other	<u>4</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>181</u>	<u>1,433</u>	<u>(1,252)</u>
Total	1,854	2,104	(250)	3,228	4,051	(823)
Expenses						
Staff	1,260	1,075	185	2,709	2,351	358
Materials & Supplies	24	5	19	115	35	80
Utilities	15	9	6	23	20	3
Equipment	31	23	8	15	64	(49)
Contracts & Consultants	448	637	(189)	233	1,457	(1,224)
Other	<u>42</u>	<u>48</u>	<u>(6)</u>	<u>135</u>	<u>125</u>	<u>10</u>
Total	1,820	1,796	24	3,228	4,051	(823)
Net surplus / (deficit)	<u>\$ 35</u>	<u>\$ 308</u>	<u>\$ (274)</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 0</u>

Revenues

WMS revenues are under what they were at this point in 2024, with a downward shift in revenue in Permits, fees & misc., as well as a lower amount of Transfers from reserves, due to the reduced capital spend vs. prior year. Of note, Planning fees are down \$80K from 2024. This can be attributed to current economic uncertainties as well as the reduction in scope of our review of applications resulting from changes to the Conservation Authorities Act and Planning Act.

Expenses

On the expenditure side, most items are tracking similar to prior year with the exception of Staffing and Contracts & Consultants. Staffing spend has increased in 2025 with additional staff having been added, whereas Contracts & Consultants has a reduced

spend as in 2024 significant work was completed on Saltfleet Wetland project which was not the case in first half 2025.

Net surplus

A balanced budget for the year is anticipated within Watershed Management Services.

Conservation Areas Services

	6 mos. <u>2025</u>	6 mos. <u>2024</u>	\$ <u>Variance</u>	Budget <u>2025</u>	Actual <u>2024</u>	\$ <u>Variance</u>
Revenues						
Admissions	\$ 1,298	\$ 1,290	\$ 9	\$ 3,683	\$ 3,400	\$ 283
Marina	1,183	1,130	53	1,604	1,519	85
Camping	817	837	(20)	1,905	1,834	70
Cabins	45	33	12	213	199	14
Concessions	65	60	5	246	234	12
Other	234	232	2	410	733	(323)
Total	<u>3,643</u>	<u>3,582</u>	<u>61</u>	<u>8,060</u>	<u>7,920</u>	<u>141</u>
Expenses						
Staff	1,813	1,739	74	3,755	3,664	91
Equipment	369	396	(28)	807	852	(45)
Utilities	176	150	26	375	374	1
Materials & Supplies	149	176	(28)	330	333	(3)
Contracts & Consultants	77	65	11	135	185	(50)
Other	499	528	(29)	1,090	1,049	41
Total	<u>3,083</u>	<u>3,056</u>	<u>27</u>	<u>6,492</u>	<u>6,457</u>	<u>34</u>
Net surplus	<u>\$ 560</u>	<u>\$ 526</u>	<u>\$ 34</u>	<u>\$ 1,569</u>	<u>\$ 1,462</u>	<u>\$ 106</u>

Revenues

Conservation Area revenues are favourable to prior year, up \$61K, indicating CAS' continued strong performance year after year. Despite some variable weather in the first half, revenues were resilient. All revenue areas are performing well, and we are cautiously optimistic that budgeted revenues will be realized by year's end as they are budgeted to exceed those of 2024 Actuals.

Expenses

Overall, expenses are tracking similarly to 2024, with no concerns noted.

Net surplus

In summary, Conservation Area Services are having yet another good year, tracking to budgeted expectations, and favorable to prior year. CAS is in a solid position to head into the busy summer months of July & August.

Westfield Heritage Village Conservation Area

	6 mos. <u>2025</u>	6 mos. <u>2024</u>	\$ <u>Variance</u>	Budget <u>2025</u>	Actual <u>2024</u>	\$ <u>Variance</u>
Revenues						
Levy	\$ 337	\$ 327	\$ 10	\$ 673	\$ 654	\$ 20
Events	63	71	(7)	160	119	41
Admissions	35	39	(5)	73	82	(8)
School Programs	30	41	(11)	62	58	4
Other	<u>23</u>	<u>40</u>	<u>(17)</u>	<u>42</u>	<u>91</u>	<u>(50)</u>
Total	487	518	(31)	1,010	1,004	6
Expenses						
Staff	325	330	(6)	653	697	(44)
Utilities	38	32	6	60	57	3
Equipment	31	31	(0)	58	61	(3)
Materials & Supplies	19	16	3	48	48	(0)
School Programs	21	24	(3)	35	38	(3)
Advertising & Promotion	6	4	2	103	6	96
Other	<u>47</u>	<u>46</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>55</u>	<u>75</u>	<u>(20)</u>
Total	486	483	3	1,010	982	28
Net surplus / (deficit)	<u>\$ 1</u>	<u>\$ 35</u>	<u>\$ (34)</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 22</u>	<u>\$ (22)</u>

Revenues

Similarly to Conservation Areas Services, Westfield Heritage Village and Conservation Area is experiencing strong results thus far in 2025, nearly equalling the high-water revenue marks of 2024 & 2023.

Expenses

Overall, expenses are tracking similarly to 2024, with no concerns noted.

Net surplus / (deficit)

Currently with a near-to-budget \$1K surplus, Westfield Heritage Village is also heading into the summer months in a strong position.

Central Support Services

	6 mos. <u>2025</u>	6 mos. <u>2024</u>	\$ <u>Variance</u>	Budget <u>2025</u>	Actual <u>2024</u>	\$ <u>Variance</u>
Revenues						
Levy	\$ 1,028	\$ 1,033	\$ (5)	\$ 2,073	2,472	\$ (399)
Equipment	643	633	10	1,372	1,336	36
Management Fees	262	249	13	552	571	(20)
Interest	169	291	(122)	520	526	(6)
Rental houses	71	83	(12)	180	165	15
Foundation	28	-	28	212	182	29
Other	<u>214</u>	<u>51</u>	<u>163</u>	<u>429</u>	<u>19</u>	<u>410</u>
Total	2,387	2,341	74	5,126	5,272	65
Expenses						
Staff	2,328	1,789	539	4,599	4,160	439
Utilities	120	150	(30)	370	320	51
Contracts & Consultants	53	136	(84)	181	288	(107)
Materials & Supplies	32	48	(15)	99	79	19
Other	<u>683</u>	<u>543</u>	<u>140</u>	<u>1,445</u>	<u>1,478</u>	<u>(33)</u>
Total	<u>3,217</u>	<u>2,666</u>	<u>550</u>	<u>6,694</u>	<u>6,326</u>	<u>369</u>
Net surplus / (deficit)	<u>\$ (829)</u>	<u>\$ (326)</u>	<u>\$ (476)</u>	<u>\$ (1,569)</u>	<u>\$ (1,054)</u>	<u>\$ (515)</u>
Land, Vehicle & equipment activity						
Donations & misc.	-	232	(232)	-	232	(232)
Transfer from Reserves	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>300</u>	<u>365</u>	<u>(65)</u>
	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 232</u>	<u>\$ (232)</u>	<u>\$ 300</u>	<u>\$ 597</u>	<u>\$ (297)</u>
Land	3	-	3	-	14	(14)
Vehicles & misc.	<u>221</u>	<u>328</u>	<u>(107)</u>	<u>300</u>	<u>598</u>	<u>(298)</u>
	<u>\$ 224</u>	<u>\$ 328</u>	<u>\$ (104)</u>	<u>\$ 300</u>	<u>\$ 612</u>	<u>\$ (312)</u>

Revenues

As can be seen above, Central Support Services revenue is similar to the prior year (up \$46K). Interest Income is the only outlier, having declined from prior year as interest rates have fallen year over year. With other revenues, which include budgeted Transfer from revenues, coming in notably higher than 2024 as expected.

Expenses

Expenditures have increased year over year largely due to the addition of staff positions, found in the Staff line, along with annual COLA and Step increases. Other items are tracking as expected to budget with no concerns of note.

Net surplus / (deficit)

The 2025 Budget anticipated a decline from 2024 levels, and thus far the results have come in as expected.

Land, vehicle, equipment, and miscellaneous activity

Purchased one Farm King Tri-Deck Mower, two John Deere Zero Turn Mowers, as well as Furniture for the Woodend Renovation.



Memorandum to: Budget & Administration Committee

Approved for Circulation By: Lisa Burnside, CAO

Reviewed & Prepared By: Scott Fleming, Director of Finance and Central Support Services
Matt Hall, Director of Capital Projects & Central Support Services

Meeting Date: August 21, 2025

Subject: HCA 2025 2nd Quarter Financial Results – Capital & Major Maintenance

CAPITAL: JANUARY THROUGH JUNE 2025

Christie Lake Conservation Area

*Estimated
Reinvestment %*

Major Maintenance

8%

Roads	\$	7,287	100%
Other	\$	1,327	

Project

92%

CLCA Wayfinding Signage Installation	\$	53,677	50%
Spencer Gorge Wayfinding Installation	\$	15,551	0%
Causeway Culvert Inspection & Design	\$	10,697	100%
Webster & Tew Falls Accessibility Improvements	\$	7,786	50%
Beach House Accessibility Improvements	\$	3,365	50%
Boat Launch & Marina Wall Design	\$	2,237	100%
Other	\$	724	

\$ 102,651

Dundas Valley Conservation Area & Woodend Main Office

Major Maintenance

7%

Trails	\$	19,014	100%
Gates	\$	6,070	0%

Roads	\$	4,242	100%
Bridges/Boardwalks	\$	2,527	100%
Other	\$	982	

Project 93%

<i>Ancaster Wells Retaining Wall Replacement¹</i>	\$	242,682	100%
Woodend Office Renovations	\$	148,608	50%
Indigenous Interpretive Sign Installation	\$	23,155	0%
Lower Lions Club Parking Review	\$	11,947	25%
Master and Management Plans	\$	9,579	50%
Woodend Historic Building Window Replacements	\$	6,190	50%
Woodend Entrance Sign Design	\$	3,796	0%
Woodend Autogates	\$	1,556	0%
Woodend Heat Pump Upgrade	\$	1,209	50%
Other	\$	317	

\$ 481,874

Fifty Point Conservation Area

Major Maintenance 34%

Roads	\$	56,312	100%
Bridges/Boardwalks	\$	21,557	100%
Building Maintenance	\$	7,685	100%
Trails	\$	1,920	100%
Other	\$	-	

Project 66%

Tar & Chip Resurfacing	\$	144,741	100%
General Dock Repairs	\$	11,881	100%
West Road Rehabilitation	\$	8,240	50%
Accessible Fishing Platform Replacement	\$	4,025	50%
Marina Wall Repairs	\$	1,234	100%
Other	\$	570	

\$ 258,165

Hamilton Mountain Conservation Area

Major Maintenance 60%

Gates	\$	14,527	0%
Signage	\$	10,444	0%
Other	\$	690	

Project	40%		
Master & Management Plans	\$	6,454	50%
Saltfleet Autogates & Laneway Improvements	\$	4,929	50%
Saltfleet Perimeter Fencing	\$	2,779	0%
Saltfleet Trail Expansion	\$	2,105	0%
Other	\$	1,091	
		\$	43,019

Valens Lake Conservation Area

Major Maintenance	11%		
Building Maintenance	\$	10,934	100%
Natural Area Improvements	\$	5,248	50%
Utilities & Services	\$	4,252	100%
Trails	\$	3,443	100%
Beach Sand Improvements	\$	1,653	100%
Other	\$	41	

Project	89%		
Lafarge Boardwalk Reconstruction	\$	144,731	25%
West Campground Expansion Design & Approvals	\$	30,161	0%
Lookout Platform Replacement Construction	\$	21,195	50%
Entry Road Reconfiguration Design	\$	6,878	100%
Trail Expansion & Improvements	\$	6,218	50%
Wayfinding Signage	\$	4,766	50%
Beach Access Improvements	\$	2,594	50%
Other	\$	177	
		\$	242,291

Westfield Heritage Village Conservation Area

Major Maintenance	46%		
Building Maintenance	\$	11,719	100%
Roads	\$	7,235	100%
Other	\$	646	

Project	54%		
Staff & Volunteer Building Improvements	\$	22,799	50%
Other	\$	556	
		\$	42,955

Millgrove Works Yard

Major Maintenance **100%**

Other \$ 273
\$ 273

<i>Average Reinvestment %</i>	<i>60%</i>
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2025 Q2 Capital and MM Total \$ 1,171,228

Major Maintenance Items 15%
Capital Projects 85%

<i>Estimated value of capital reinvestments</i>	<i>\$ 702,737</i>
<i>Estimated value of new capital investments</i>	<i>\$ 468,491</i>

Other projects = combined items of value of \$1,000 or less

1. Denotes project funded through special request to City of Hamilton



Memorandum to: Budget & Administration Committee

Approved for Circulation By: Lisa Burnside, CAO

Prepared By: Scott Fleming, Director of Finance & Central Support Services

Meeting Date: August 21, 2025

Subject: HCA 2nd Quarter Vendor Report

Vendor Summary for Payments April - June, 2025

ARCHAEOLOGICAL RESEARCH ASSOCIATES LTD	\$ 296,032	DPB Archaeological Monitoring & Assessment
ANTHONY'S EXCAVATING CENTRAL INC	130,225	Fifty Point Wetland Holdback Release
WALKER CONSTRUCTION LIMITED	122,560	Fifty Point Tar & Chip
NET ACCESS SYSTEMS INC	94,210	Internet services, hardware, and cabling projects
HAUDENOSAUNEE DEVELOPMENT INSTITUTE	70,755	DPB Archaeological Monitoring
FREW ENERGY INC	67,315	Gas & Diesel
CITY OF HAMILTON (Taxes)	65,157	Tax instalments
MARSH CANADA LIMITED	58,534	Insurance Premiums
FAIRWAY ELECTRICAL SERVICES	54,782	CBP Beaches Hydro Repair
REGIONAL SIGNS INC.	54,622	Various Trail Head Signage
SIX NATIONS OF THE GRAND RIVER	43,260	DBP Archaeological Monitoring
MISSISSAUGAS OF THE CREDIT FIRST NATION	36,928	DBP Archaeological Monitoring
CONSERVATION ONTARIO	35,766	Levy Instalment
STAPLES CORPORATE EXPRESS	28,844	Office Supplies
TECHNOLOGIES CONNECT & GO INC.	28,024	WWW Admission Tickets
LENOVO CANADA INC	26,723	Computer Hardware
LAFARGE CANADA INC	26,483	Crusher runs & Gravel
KEY WEST GATES INC.	26,482	Autogate maintenance and programming
CARTER LEASE & RENTALS	25,371	Summer fleet rentals
LANDTEK LIMITED	23,900	Pumping Test Valen's Campground Expansion
CONSERVATION HALTON	22,636	Great lakes work
CAMIS INC	22,356	Monthly fees - all parks
BOWMAN TREE SERVICE INC	21,301	Various tree removals and prunings
UNIFIRST CANADA LTD.	20,659	Staff Uniforms

MARCO'S PAINTING & DECOR	18,944	Paint work at WHV, Valen's Lake, CBP Wave Pool
DURABOND JANITORIAL SERVICES LTD	17,967	Janitorial services
BRENNTAG CANADA INC	17,861	Pool Chlorine WWW
WATER'S EDGE ENVIRONMENTAL	16,941	Slope Repair Design - Mineral Springs
DURAROC RUBBER SURFACING INC.	16,119	WWW Pool Repairs
PETTY CASH	16,000	Float for summer season
EMTERRA ENVIRONMENTAL	15,087	Garbage removal - various parks
J J MACKAY CANADA LIMITED	15,027	Gateway parking meters - various sites
ALLEGRA	14,971	Business cards, brochures, map pads
GOLDEN HORSESHOE WHOLESALE INC.	14,114	Ice cream for resale
DVC CONTRACTING	13,662	Grader and operator - various parks
GOWLING WLG (CANADA) LLP	12,730	Legal services
BEATTIES BASICS OFFICE PRODUCTS	11,770	Office supplies
SUPER SUCKER HYDRO-VAC SERVICE INC	11,453	Culvert clean out - Fifty Point
KALITEC INC	11,450	indigenous interpretive signs
GRANT THORNTON LLP	11,300	Audit fees - interim billing
EMCO CORPORATION	10,453	Plumbing service and supplies - various sites
VERBINNEN'S NURSERY LTD	10,442	Plants - various sites
CENTRE LINE SIGNS	<u>10,112</u>	Signs - various sites
	1,669,326	80.7%
All other < \$10,000	<u>398,854</u>	19.3%
	<u>\$ 2,068,180</u>	



Report to: Budget & Administration Committee

Approved for Circulation By: Lisa Burnside, CAO

Prepared By: Scott Fleming, Director of Finance and Central Support Services

Meeting Date: August 21, 2025

Subject: 2026 Budget Assumptions and Processes

Recommendation:

THAT the Budget & Administration recommends to the Board of Directors:

THAT this report be received for information and further;

THAT the budget assumptions for the 2026 Operating and Capital Budgets as identified be approved for use in the development of the 2026 budgets and further;

THAT the 2026 draft budget be reviewed by the Budget and Administration Committee at their September 2025 meeting and brought to the Board of Directors at the October 2025 meeting for approval; and further.

THAT the City of Hamilton and Township of Puslinch be advised 30 days in advance of the of the final budget vote in accordance with the *Conservation Authorities Act* and Ontario Regulation 402/22.

Executive Summary

This report outlines key assumptions and drivers that will shape the 2026 budget, balancing operational needs with strategic priorities outlined in the 2025–2029 Strategic Plan.

Key financial revenue and expense are provided. The process will follow regulatory timelines, with a draft presented to the Budget & Administration

Committee in September 2025 and finalized by the Board in December 2025 after municipal consultation.

The proposed budget assumptions are designed to support HCA's long-term sustainability, maintain program and service delivery, and advance environmental and organizational excellence.

STAFF COMMENT

2026 Budget Process

The budget process is underway, with the various department leads working through their figures for the upcoming year. In accordance with the Budget & Apportionment regulation and our internal process, a draft budget will be prepared for review by the Budget & Administration Committee at the September 2025 meeting which will then be brought to the Board of Directors at the October 2025 meeting approving it for consultation purposes.

Once approved for consultation, it will be provided to the City of Hamilton and Township of Puslinch for review and consultation. CAs are required to provide a minimum 30 days notice to municipalities prior to approving the final CA budget. With the 30 day notice period in mind, it is anticipated that the final budget will return to the board for the December 2025 meeting.

2026 Budget Assumptions

Some key items of note are highlighted below as part of the recommendation during this budgeting cycle which relate to staffing levels and compensation for the coming year and assumptions behind estimate of revenues.

Year 2 priorities from the new 2025 – 2029 strategic plan that were approved by the board earlier this year have been factored in to help achieve these initiatives. The Year 2 initiatives continue building momentum toward achieving the Strategic Plan outcomes, with targeted actions that reflect each area's focus. Several continue the work of Year 1 initiatives where program, service and system reviews are underway with resulting priority recommendations forthcoming through the Budget & Administration Committee and Conservation Advisory Board.

The Year 2 initiatives include a mix of operational and capital requirements. In most cases, staff time will be incorporated into departmental workplans, and external funding from grants and the Hamilton Conservation Foundation will be pursued where appropriate.

It is anticipated that additional items may come forward as we continue to build the budget and review partial third quarter results from 2025 and operating trends and needs for 2026, which will be highlighted in the draft budget brought to the Budget & Administration committee in September.

Expenses:

- COLA increase for full time staff wages anticipated at around 1.75%, (benchmarked against area conservation authorities and taking into consideration CPI) and 3% grid step increases for eligible staff implemented as part of the board approved job evaluation results
- Legislated increase to minimum wage and updated 2026 casual wage grids
- Ongoing inflationary costs for purchases
- Incorporation of higher costs related to extended health and dental benefits with expenses trending higher year over year
- Incorporation of higher costs related to life insurance and long-term disability premiums due to rate adjustments reflecting changes to demographics and experience
- Network and computer infrastructure upgrades identified through the Board approved IT Modernization Strategy and forthcoming Digital Transformation Plan to provide operational efficiencies and advance information management practices. Costs related to the implementation of the Digital Transformation Plan, will be partially supported by IT/Records reserves and upgrades to the monitoring network supported by sources TBD once the review is finalized.
- Hiring of a contract staff person to support data system integration for monitoring, invasive species and stewardship data systems to support identification and visualization of priority restoration areas
- Continued funding stream from annual pass sales for work priorities that are identified through the board approved Corporate Climate Change Strategy
- New funding stream for land acquisition from annual pass sales for the board approved priority areas

Revenues:

- Municipal levy – At this time, City of Hamilton council has not provided a specific guideline or direction regarding 2025 budget increases for agencies. Staff are currently working with a figure in

the 3% - 4% range. The levy percentage from last year was finalized at 3%

- Full management fee for Confederation Beach Park with assumption that Wild Waterworks will be operating
- New for 2026, request for special funding from the City of Hamilton to support land acquisition priorities
- Additional revenue from the new expanded campground at Valens Lake that is anticipated to be completed and opened for Summer 2026
- Additional revenue from fee increases to conservation areas, largely focused on modest increases to camping and marina as well as an increase to annual vehicle pass
- Projecting revenues from our Conservation Areas reflecting current visitation levels
- Additional revenues from 2% inflationary planning and permit fee increase and assuming there is no continued fee freeze
- Continued \$2.0M capital and major maintenance funding through City of Hamilton block funding program
- Continued funding support from the Hamilton Conservation Foundation to cover costs of the outdoor environmental education program and funding towards various capital and operational projects that are identified
- New for 2026, Foundation annual contribution to support land acquisition

STRATEGIC PLAN LINKAGE

The 2025 budget assumptions and process refers directly to all the key strategic priority areas in the HCA five-year strategic plan 2025 - 2029:

- Water Resources Management
- Organizational Excellence
- Natural Heritage
- Connecting People to Nature

Agency Comments:

Not applicable.

Legal / Financial Implications:

For 2025, total spending of \$21.8 million was forecasted. This included \$17.7 million for operations and \$4.1 million for capital projects. It is anticipated this will be similar for operating in 2026, but with a decrease for capital as the third wetland construction for Saltfleet is still in the design stage and not anticipated to be undertaken until 2027.

Our largest expense is staffing as a people driven organization providing programs and services. COLA increase is lower than in previous years, but costs continue to increase, and one additional contract position will be incorporated. The operating budget will continue to be balanced through use of self-generated revenues from our conservation areas.

Continued \$2.0M capital and major maintenance funding through City block funding program will fund our special projects and major maintenance across the watershed.

Related Reports and Appendices:

Year 2 Strategic Initiatives – B&A report dated June 23, 2025

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Report to: Budget & Administration Committee

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Meeting Date: August 21, 2025

Subject: 2026 Fee Schedule

Recommendation:

THAT the Budget & Administration Committee recommends to the Board of Directors:

THAT effective January 1, 2026, HCA staff be directed to implement the revised fee schedule contained in this report.

Executive Summary:

Revenues generated from Conservation Areas for our services are important to the sustainability of the HCA. Staff support the 2026 fee recommendations, that are designed to maintain competitiveness, are financially viable and appealing in the marketplace, while generally modest in nature. Key changes include a \$5 increase to the Membership Pass with percentage-based discounts for renewals and seniors, targeted increases for select facility and equipment rentals, camping and programs and services while keeping daily admission fees unchanged. Watershed Management Services propose a 2% inflationary increase pending any further potential provincial fee freeze.

Staff Comment / Discussion:

The Hamilton Conservation Authority (HCA) administers a fee schedule for a wide variety of services offered through its many program areas and Conservation Area locations.

Policy Framework

As required by the *Conservation Authorities Act*, HCA maintains a written fee policy to accompany the fee schedule with respect to the fees that it charges for the programs and services it provides. In addition, at the Board of Directors meeting on July 3, 2025, the board approved the HCA Fee Development Framework, which establishes the principles, objectives and methodologies used to inform HCA's fee structure.

HCA's approach to fee collection is attributed to five core principles – Accessible, Responsible, Transparent, Strategic, and Sustainable. The intent is to achieve sustainable self-generated revenue, attract and retain customers, ensure customer satisfaction, and align with HCA's values and priorities.

In accordance with the legislation, the fee policy and schedule are reviewed annually by the HCA Senior Leadership Team, in conjunction with the annual budgeting process. The review includes consideration for current market comparators and inflation rates. This ensures pricing remains fair, competitive, and aligns with industry standards.

As noted in the fee policy, when updating existing fee schedules or establishing new fees the policy direction will be:

- a. fees need to be set with regard to legislative requirements, and be based on a user-pay philosophy
- b. fee increases should include an inflationary component
- c. fees for service should not exceed the fully burdened costs of delivering the services
- d. refunds of fees may carry an administrative cost/penalty
- e. fee schedules are to be reviewed annually
- f. fee schedules will be approved on an annual basis for use in developing the budget for the following year

The Senior Leadership Team prepares proposed a revised fee schedule and report to the Budget & Administration Committee for their review and recommendation to the Board of Directors for their final receipt and approval.

Fee Schedule

The recommended 2026 fee increases are intended to contribute self-generated revenue to HCA's 2026 budget and our organizational goals of long-term sustainability, maintaining program and service delivery, and advancing environmental and organizational excellence, as outlined in the 2026 Budget Assumptions and Process report. The self-generated revenues will contribute to staffing needs, technology advancements and land acquisition.

As a result, staff are recommending modest changes to 2026 membership and conservation area fees. As always, these adjustments are made with a view to what neighbouring conservation authorities, Ontario Parks and area marinas offer for similar value, while keeping prices as affordable as is fiscally prudent.

Additionally, in the WMS division, HCA is recommending that we budget to include a 2% inflationary increase for 2026. This is under the assumption that the Minister's direction to freeze rates will not be extended past December 31, 2025.

Key Points from 2026 Fee Schedule

Membership Pass Program:

Staff recently completed a comprehensive review of the Membership Pass Program to ensure the program remains current, financially sustainable, and aligned with the community's needs. Supporting analyses include internal and external survey data, program benchmarking, a detailed SWOT review, price elasticity, and fee comparisons across similar organizations. These insights inform a forward-thinking, adaptable framework that positions the Membership Pass Program for long-term success.

Based on the results of the program review, staff recommend:

- Increasing the HCA membership pass price from \$125 to \$130. The pass remains priced competitively compared to many other Conservation Authorities.
- Transitioning to a percentage-based discount model to offer fair and scalable savings as fees change over time.
 - 10% for renewals
 - 15% for seniors
- Reinstating program perks and discounts, including shareable complimentary day passes and discounts on rentals and events.

The transition from a fixed dollar discount to a percentage discount model for membership pass renewals and senior membership passes will increase equity across

all pass types ensuring fairer savings as fixed dollar discounts do not proportionally adjust to overall pricing changes. Moving forward, a percentage-based pricing model is recommended, offering a 10% discount for renewing members and a 15% discount for seniors.

Those renewing memberships in 2026 will see a fee increase of \$2.00, compared with 2025. Senior memberships will increase by \$5.50, compared with 2025. However, the senior rate has remained low for quite some time, particularly in relation to our market comparators. All pass types will receive the reinstated perks and discounts, adding considerable value to every pass.

Conservation Area Services:

For the CAS division, the proposed fee schedule for 2026 averages a 2.4% increase across all Conservation Areas. Key aspects of the 2026 fee schedule include:

Daily Admission Fees to Conservation Areas

- **Entrance fees:** will not increase in 2026 to remain within range of neighbouring comparator prices.

Christie Lake Conservation Area

- **Rentals:** Fee increases for pavilion and boat rentals.

Dundas Valley Conservation Area

- **Entrance Fee Harmonization:** Monarch and Summit parking lots will increase to come in-line with all other parking lots within Dundas Valley.

Fifty Point Marina and Conservation Area

- **Camping, Rentals and Storage:**
 - Minor increases for camping of one dollar (\$1.00) per night.
 - Minor increase for area rentals, RV/boat launch, boat and trailer storage.
- **Marina Operations:** Inflationary fee increases for boat storage, mooring, and other miscellaneous marina operation fees.

Valens Lake Conservation Area

- **Camping and Cabin Fees:**
 - Minor increases for camping of one dollar (\$1.00) per night,
 - Increase of cabin fees of five dollars (\$5.00) per night,
 - Minor increase to group site rentals, and RV/Trailer storage.

Westfield Heritage Village Conservation Area

- **Wedding Room and Building Reservations:** Minor fee increases implemented.
- **Education Programming:** Minor increase per student to harmonize with Environmental Education per student fee.

Watershed Management Services:

- Plan review service fees have been increased by 2%

As noted, staff are recommending an inflationary increase for 2026. An inflationary increase of 2.25% was approved for 2025, however, the fee increase was ultimately not implemented as the Minister froze increases for planning and permit fees. While an inflationary increase is again planned, there is potential of a continued fee freeze should the Minister extend their direction. In 2025, staff had indicated the potential for an updated comprehensive review of HCA's municipal plan review and permitting program fees for the 2026 budget. However, given the potential for a third consecutive year of fee freeze direction, staff have opted to postpone this exercise until further direction regarding fees is provided by the province.

Strategic Plan Linkage:

The initiative refers directly to the HCA Strategic Plan 2025 – 2029:

- **Strategic Priority Area – Organizational Excellence**

Agency Comments:

N/A

Legal / Financial Implications:

This Fee schedule has been prepared to satisfy the requirement regarding the charging of fees for a program or service under Section 21.2 of the Conservation Authorities Act. The attached Fee Schedule adheres to the HCA Fee Policy and is based on the principles, objectives and methodologies as approved in the HCA Fee Development Framework. The fees and revenues generated are designed to assist with recovering the costs associated with administering and delivering the services on a program basis.

For the CAS division, proposed fee increases for 2025 are designed to help cover off

inflation and increases to minimum wage, job evaluation grid step increases, and other costs, recognizing that revenues will be reliant on continued levels of attendance and favourable weather. The operating budget will continue to be balanced through self-generated revenues from our conservation areas, with the Membership Pass Program as a key driver—funding a wide range of programs and services, including climate change initiatives and newly added land acquisition efforts.

For the WMS division, the 2% fee increases are inflationary in nature and help further cost recovery targets within the division. Again, these fee increases are made under the assumption that the Minister's direction to freeze rates will not be extended.

Related Reports and Appendices:

Appendix A – 2026 HCA Fee Schedule - Draft

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2026 Fee Schedule
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Fee Policy

Approved September 5, 2024

Basis

This Fee Policy has been prepared as required under Section 21.2 of the Conservation Authorities Act.

The amount of a fee charged by an authority for a program or service it provides shall be:

- a) the amount prescribed by the regulations; or
- b) if no amount is prescribed, the amount determined by the authority.

The attached Fee Schedules are based on the user-pay principle.

Process

When developing and establishing fees, the Authority considers several factors including cost recovery for certain services, the fees of neighbouring Conservation Authorities, the nature and level of fees charged by local municipalities for related services and in some cases, the value of similar services provided by local agencies or the private sector.

Fees account for estimated staff time, travel, equipment, and material costs plus a reasonable charge to cover the administration of the program, including an allocation for shared corporate support. HCA staff may consider other issues and data where and when relevant to revise the fee schedule including analysis of trends, workload changes, shifts in the development market and types of applications, consultation with developers/municipalities regarding plan review and permit programs, new planning/legislative requirements and service targets, comments and feedback from conservation area users, etc.

The Fee Policy has been approved by the Board of Directors and is administered and applied by HCA staff. The Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) may, only under extreme extenuating circumstances, waive or reduce fees.

When updating existing fee schedules or establishing new fees the policy direction will be:

- a. fees need to be set with regard to legislative requirements, and be based on a user-pay philosophy
- b. fee increases should include an inflationary component
- c. fees for service should not exceed the fully burdened costs of delivering the services
- d. refunds of fees may carry an administrative cost/penalty
- e. fee schedules are to be reviewed annually
- f. fee schedules will be approved on an annual basis for use in developing the budget for the following year

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Exemptions

The Authority may waive fees for non-profit conservation groups contributing to the protection and restoration of the natural environment as approved by the CAO on a case-by-case basis. Examples include but are not limited to: Ducks Unlimited, Nature Conservancy of Canada, Bruce Trail Conservancy, Royal Botanical Gardens and various “Friends of” groups. Projects carried out by HCA or under the supervision of HCA are also exempt.

To be consistent with Accessibility Standards for Customer Service Regulation (O.Reg.429/07) and the Human Rights Code, the Conservation Areas permit people with disabilities who use a support person to bring that person with them while accessing goods or services in premises open to the public or third parties, free of charge.

Reconsideration of Fees

In accordance with the Act, any person may request application for an administrative review of a fee for the following reasons:

- a) If a fee is contrary to the fees set out in the fee schedule, or
- b) the fee set out in the fee schedule is excessive in relation to the service or program for which it is charged.

Procedure for Requesting a Reconsideration

Request for an administrative review must be in writing to the CAO or designate and specify the reason(s) for the request for review. As per Section 21.2(12) of the Conservation Authorities Act, upon reconsideration of a fee that was charged by the Authority, the Authority may,

- a) order the person pay the fee in the amount originally charged;
- b) vary the amount of the fee originally charged, as the Authority considers appropriate; or
- c) order that no fee be charged for the program or service

The Authority will make its decision within 30 days after receiving the request. If not satisfied with the outcome of the review by the CAO, then an appeal will be referred to the HCA Board of Directors. Appeals will be dismissed or upheld through a resolution by the Board of Directors. The appellant will then be notified in writing of the Board’s decision.

Procedure for Reconsideration of Fees for Permit Applications

Request for administrative review must be in writing to the CAO or designate for reconsideration of a fee charged for an application for a permit made under subsection 28.1(2) of the Act. If after reconsideration of a fee charged for an application for a permit the CAO or designate orders an applicant to pay the original or a varied fee, the applicant may:

- a) When paying the fee, indicate to the Authority in writing that fee is being paid under protest; and
- b) Within 30 days after payment of the fee, appeal the amount charged by the Authority upon reconsideration to the Ontario Land Tribunal.

If the CAO or designate fails to reconsider a permit application within 30 days of receiving the request for reconsideration, the person who made the request may appeal the amount of the fee directly to the Ontario Land Tribunal.

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Policy Review and Public Notification

This fee policy and schedules will be reviewed annually by the HCA Senior Leadership Team, in conjunction with the annual budgeting process. The Senior Leadership Team will seek information regarding fees, from various sources as identified in this policy; prepare proposed revised fee schedules with a report to the Budget & Administration Committee for their review and recommendation to the Board of Directors for their final receipt and approval.

The public is notified of any proposed increases or revision to the Fee Policy or Schedule by way of public agenda posting of the Budget & Administration committee on the HCA website noting an agenda item that the fee policy and schedule will be reviewed on an identified date that will then also flow through to the Board of Directors at their next meeting. Both meetings are open to the public where correspondence or delegations may be received. Once approved, the revised HCA Fee Policy and Fee Schedules will be posted on HCA's website.

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Definitions and Clarifications

Senior

Individuals 65 years and up. Proof can be shown by drivers license, health card or seniors card.

Person with Disabilities

Individuals with a disability as defined by the Ontario Human Rights Code.

Second Vehicles

Second vehicle membership passes are available to households who require 2 vehicle passes for the same household - second pass does not come with reward.

Additional Vehicles - Camping

Additional vehicles camping at Fifty Point or Valens Lake Conservation Areas require a camp permit to be displayed in the vehicle window for night security. Additional vehicle fees are posted under camping fees for Fifty Point or Valens Lake Conservation Areas for regular and passholder rates.

Mobile home towed vehicle is normally "No Charge".

Seasonal Campers at Fifty Point Only require a second membership pass for additional vehicles without additional charge as outlined above.

Bruce Trail Conservancy Members

All parking fees apply. If member(s) get dropped off or walk in, the admission fee does not apply. Reservation fees and restrictions may apply.

Catering Fees

Private caterers must pay 10% of gross sales in advance of date to gain entry. Insurance of \$2 - \$5 million is required 2 weeks before event date from catering company listing Hamilton Conservation Authority (plus City of Hamilton, if at Confederation Beach Park or Wild Waterworks) as "additional insured".

Fees

Fees subject to change.

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HCA Annual Membership Passes

- Year round access for 12 months from the date of purchase.
- Passes can be purchased at all major HCA Conservation Areas, online or over the phone.
- Membership passes allow for up to 6 people per vehicle. Each passenger after 6 will pay the per passenger fee.
- Vehicle access at all autogates.
- Membership passes do not cover reservation fees when reservations are required.

	2025	2025	2026	2026
Passes that come with a reward	Before HST	After HST	Before HST	After HST
Regular Annual Membership Pass	\$125.00	\$141.25	\$130.00	\$146.90
Senior/Disabled Pass - New or Renewal (15% discount)	\$105.00	\$118.65	\$110.50	\$124.87
Renewal Pass (10% discount)	\$115.00	\$129.95	\$117.00	\$132.21
Family Pass Plus	\$190.00	\$214.70	\$195.00	\$220.35
2 Year Pass - New or Renewal (comes with 2 rewards)	\$230.00	\$259.90	\$234.00	\$264.42
2 Year Senior/Disabled Pass (comes with 2 rewards)	\$210.00	\$237.30	\$221.00	\$249.73

Passes that do NOT come with reward ****Must be same date as original****

Second Vehicle Pass	\$60.00	\$67.80	\$65.00	\$73.45
Lost/Stolen Replacement Pass	\$25.00	\$28.25	\$25.00	\$28.25

Park Prescription Program (PaRX)

Administration fee to provide PaRX HCA Access Card			\$8.85	\$10.00
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Persons with Disabilities, Support Person(s), Access 2 Program

Support persons for persons with disabilities are provided with free entry to all Conservation Areas and services

	2025	2025	2026	2026
Special Programs - with Director approval	Before HST	After HST	Before HST	After HST
Ticketed Event, Program, Workshop, Guided Activity				
Per Ticket	\$10-\$75	\$11.30-\$84.75	\$10-\$75	\$11.30-\$84.75

Membership discounts 10%-25%

	2025	2025	2026	2026
Ancaster Well Access Card	Before HST	After HST	Before HST	After HST
Ancaster Well Access Cards can ONLY be purchased at our Main Office and a new waiver MUST be signed annually.				
One time initial fee	\$8.85	\$10.00	\$8.85	\$10.00
Replacement pass if original is lost	\$4.42	\$5.00	\$4.42	\$5.00

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Film/Photo Shoot Location/Equipment/Building Rentals

Contact Manager of Marketing & Communications, 905-525-2181.

Some general guidelines:

1. Daily location fee applies
2. Liability Insurance of \$2 million or \$5 million required and must include 3rd party coverage (HCA named as additional insured plus City of Hamilton if event held at Confederation Beach Park/Wild Waterworks)
3. Staff required are chargeable at hourly rate, plus benefits and transportation +15%
4. Preparation and site restoration if by Authority forces at labour, materials, equipment plus benefits +15%
5. A security deposit is required prior to the location shoot based on estimates
6. Daily rates range from \$1800.00 - \$10,000.00 + HST

	2025	2025	2026	2026
Administration for Returned Cheques	Before HST	After HST	Before HST	After HST
Administration fee per cheque	\$51.33	\$58.00	\$51.33	\$58.00

Permit to Cross Authority Lands for Construction & Similar Purposes

Contact Director of Capital Projects & Strategic Services, 905-525-2181.

Min. User Fee	As determined by CaPSS based on Scope of Works			
	2025	2025	2026	2026
	Before HST	After HST	Before HST	After HST
Security deposit for damage (refundable certified cheque)				
Administration fee (non refundable)	\$250.00	\$282.50	\$250.00	\$282.50

Discount Promotions

Limited time offers and promotional pricing may occasionally be offered for HCA programs and services, e.g. nightly camping, rentals, events, etc.

Christie Lake Conservation Area
1000 Hwy #5 West Dundas, Ontario L9H 5E2 Phone: 905-628-3060 Email: christie@conservationhamilton.ca

	2025	2025	2026	2026
Entrance (Attended Gate)	Before HST	After HST	Before HST	After HST
Per Vehicle and Driver	\$14.60	\$16.50	\$14.60	\$16.50
Per Vehicle and Senior/Disabled Driver Discount	\$12.83	\$14.50	\$12.83	\$14.50
Per Passenger over 5 yrs of age	\$4.87	\$5.50	\$4.87	\$5.50
Walk In's/Drop Off's	\$4.87	\$5.50	\$4.87	\$5.50
Equestrians - Includes one horse, truck and trailer	\$19.03	\$21.50	\$19.03	\$21.50
Each additional horse with same trailer	\$2.21	\$2.50	\$2.21	\$2.50
Auto Gate (No Attendant)	\$14.60	\$16.50	\$14.60	\$16.50
Middletown Road Parking Lot				
Pay and Display (per day)	\$14.60	\$16.50	\$14.60	\$16.50
Crooks Hollow Conservation Area - 756 Crooks Hollow Road				
Pay and Display (per day)	\$14.60	\$16.50	\$14.60	\$16.50
Special/School Rates				
School Events, Cross Country, Field Days, Track Meets, etc.				
Students - All ages	\$4.42	\$5.00	\$4.65	\$5.25
Bus Entry (15+ passengers) School Groups	\$180.00	\$203.40	\$185.00	\$209.05
Non School Groups	\$270.00	\$305.10	\$275.00	\$310.75
Area Rentals (Regular gate entrance fees apply)				
Group Picnic Areas	\$78.50	\$88.70	\$95.00	\$107.35
Beach Pavilion I	\$310.00	\$350.30	\$320.00	\$361.60
Beach Pavilion II	\$245.00	\$276.85	\$255.00	\$288.15
Lakeside Pavilion	\$310.00	\$350.30	\$320.00	\$361.60
McCoy Pavilion	\$245.00	\$276.85	\$255.00	\$288.15
Marina Pavilion	\$310.00	\$350.30	\$320.00	\$361.60
Additional Picnic Fees				
BBQ's/Volleyball Nets (with no pavilion rental)	\$35.00	\$39.55	\$35.00	\$39.55
Cancellation Fee for Rental Areas				
Pavilions	\$115.00	\$129.95	\$115.00	\$129.95
Group Picnic Areas	\$40.00	\$45.20	\$40.00	\$45.20

Christie Lake Conservation Area		2025	2025	2026	2026
Boat Rentals		Before HST	After HST	Before HST	After HST
2 Hour Rental		\$26.55	\$30.00	\$35.40	\$40.00
4 Hour Rental		\$44.24	\$50.00	\$61.95	\$70.00
Full Day Rentals (4hrs - 8hrs)		\$61.95	\$70.00	\$88.50	\$100.00
Camper/Overnight Fees					
Organized Youth/Specialty Groups					
Per person per night		\$7.50	\$8.48	\$7.50	\$8.48
Minimum fee per group		\$93.00	\$105.09	\$93.00	\$105.09
Organized Adults (min. 20 people)					
Per person per night		\$12.50	\$14.13	\$12.50	\$14.13
Minimum fee per group		\$240.00	\$271.20	\$240.00	\$271.20
Miscellaneous					
Wedding Pictures (admission included, reservation required)		\$310.00	\$350.30	\$310.00	\$350.30
Family/Engagement Photo Permit		\$105.00	\$118.65	\$105.00	\$118.65

Confederation Beach Park
680 Van Wagners Beach Road Hamilton, Ontario L8E 3L8 Phone : 905-547-6141 Email: confed@conservationhamilton.ca

No entrance or parking fees, but fees may apply to prearranged or booked events.

	2025	2025	2026	2026
Rentals	Before HST	After HST	Before HST	After HST
Pavilions				
Willow Cove Pavilion	\$520.00	\$587.60	\$550.00	\$621.50
Edgewater Pavilion	\$975.00	\$1,101.75	\$975.00	\$1,101.75
300+ *Groups over 300 guests are by special arrangements with Park Superintendent* at \$3.00/Per Person + HST				

NOTE:

- Corporate Rates May Apply - Contact Park Staff For Pricing.
- Large organized family groups or Corporate picnics in excess of 20 people must preregister for a pavilion or group area in accordance with City of Hamilton Bylaw 01-219.
- Charcoal (only) BBQ use is permitted at designated spaces only in accordance with City of Hamilton Bylaw 01-219.
- Smoking is not permitted at any City of Hamilton Park in accordance with Bylaw 11-080.

Group Areas

The Orchard	\$200.00	\$226.00	\$210.00	\$237.30
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Cancellations

Cancellation fee Willow Cove	\$160.00	\$180.80	\$165.00	\$186.45
Cancellation fee Edgewater	\$315.00	\$355.95	\$320.00	\$361.60
Cancellation fee for The Orchard	\$55.00	\$62.15	\$60.00	\$67.80

The Lakeview Hall

All inquiries should be directed to Carmen's 905-383-4100 Ext: 223

Confederation Beach Park

Weddings

Wedding Photos (reservation required)	\$310.00	\$350.30	\$310.00	\$350.30
Beach Wedding (without Pavilion rental)	\$155.00	\$175.15	\$155.00	\$175.15
Family/Engagement Photo Permit	\$105.00	\$118.65	\$105.00	\$118.65

Charity Walks/Events

Walkathons and similar events regularly take place at Confederation Beach Park. All walkathons are required to be registered to co-ordinate the usage of the Hamilton Beach Trail. Organizers must have a user agreement and insurance for all events. Please contact the Confederation Beach Park Superintendent.

100 or less	\$100.00	\$113.00	\$105.00	\$118.65
101-250	\$250.00	\$282.50	\$255.00	\$288.15
251-500	\$500.00	\$565.00	\$505.00	\$570.65
500+ * Groups over 500 guests by special arrangements through				

Dundas Valley Conservation Area
650 Governors Road Dundas, Ontario L9H 5E3 Phone: 905-627-1233 Email: dvalley@conservationhamilton.ca

Entrance (Attended Gate)	2025	2025	2026	2026
Dundas Valley Conservation Area	Before HST	After HST	Before HST	After HST
Main Entrance - 650 Governors Road				
Per Vehicle	\$10.18	\$11.50	\$10.18	\$11.50
Per Vehicle and Senior/Disabled Driver Discount	\$8.41	\$9.50	\$8.41	\$9.50
Walk In's/Drop Off's				
Equestrians - Includes one horse, truck and trailer	\$19.03	\$21.50	\$19.03	\$21.50
Each additional horse with same trailer	\$2.21	\$2.50	\$2.21	\$2.50
Bus Entry (15+ passengers) School Groups	\$180.00	\$203.40	\$185.00	\$209.05
Non School Groups	\$270.00	\$305.10	\$275.00	\$310.75
Auto Gate (No Attendant)	\$10.18	\$11.50	\$10.18	\$11.50
Hermitage Parking Lot - 621 Sulphur Springs Road				
Auto Gate (per entry)	\$10.18	\$11.50	\$10.18	\$11.50
Merrick Orchard Parking Lot - 380 Lions Club Road				
Auto Gate (per entry)	\$10.18	\$11.50	\$10.18	\$11.50
Artaban Road Parking Lot - 720 Artaban Road				
Pay and Display (per day)	\$10.18	\$11.50	\$10.18	\$11.50
Tiffany Falls Parking Lot - 900 Wilson Street East				
Pay and Display (per day)	\$10.18	\$11.50	\$10.18	\$11.50
Monarch Trail Parking Lot - 855 Old Dundas Road				
Pay and Display (per day)	\$7.52	\$8.50	\$10.18	\$11.50
Summit Bog Parking Lot - 525 Highway #52, Jerseyville				
Pay and Display (per day)	\$7.52	\$8.50	\$10.18	\$11.50
Special/School Rates				
School Events, Cross Country, Field Days, Track Meets, etc.				
Students (all ages)	\$4.42	\$5.00	\$4.65	\$5.25

Dundas Valley Conservation Area				
	2025	2025	2026	2026
Area Rentals (Regular gate entrance fees apply)	Before HST	After HST	Before HST	After HST
Group Picnic Area (non school groups)	\$95.00	\$107.35	\$95.00	\$107.35
Group Picnic Area (school group)	\$85.00	\$96.05	\$85.00	\$96.05
Stacey Meadow Pavilion	\$295.00	\$333.35	\$295.00	\$333.35
Bruce Trail Overnight Rest Stop - Superintendent Approval & Permit Required				
- Available to Bruce Trail Members Only - Restrictions Apply	\$45.00	\$50.85	\$45.00	\$50.85
- Regular entrance fees apply				
Wedding Picture and Photography Permit				
- Fee per session (Admission not included, reservation required)				
Dundas Valley Conservation Area (natural settings)	\$310.00	\$350.30	\$310.00	\$350.30
Hermitage Ruins Location	\$385.00	\$435.05	\$385.00	\$435.05
Family/Engagement Photo Permit	\$105.00	\$118.65	\$105.00	\$118.65
Wedding Ceremonies - Restrictions Apply 2 hour maximum				
Dundas Valley Conservation Areas (Trails, Wooded Areas)				
Outdoor Natural Setting Wedding Ceremony	\$465.00	\$525.45	\$480.00	\$542.40
Stacey Meadow Pavilion				
<i>Outdoor Ceremony (2 Hour time allotment)</i>	<i>\$470.00</i>	<i>\$531.10</i>		
Outdoor Ceremony with Pavilion	\$785.00	\$887.05	\$800.00	\$904.00
<i>Outdoor Ceremony and Pavilion Reception</i>	<i>\$1,250.00</i>	<i>\$1,412.50</i>		
Hermitage Ruins				
Outdoor Ceremony	\$1,385.00	\$1,565.05	\$800.00	\$904.00
<i>On Site Reception</i>	<i>\$1,390.00</i>	<i>\$1,570.70</i>		
<i>Outdoor Ceremony and On Site Reception</i>	<i>\$2,550.00</i>	<i>\$2,881.50</i>		
Trail Centre				
<i>Trail Centre Rental by special arrangement</i>				
<i>Per day</i>	<i>\$605.00</i>	<i>\$683.65</i>		

Dundas Valley - Environmental Education
650 Governors Road Dundas, Ontario L9H 5E3 Phone: 905-690-3371 Email: hcaenved@conservationhamilton.ca

	2025	2025	2026	2026
Public Educational Programs	Before HST	After HST	Before HST	After HST
Destination Conservation Programs				
Half day Program (2 hrs, 30 person max.)	\$410.00	\$463.30	\$415.00	\$468.95
Additional person over the 30 max.	\$7.00	\$7.91	\$7.50	\$8.48
Additional person over the 30 max. for full day program (2 x 2hr programs)	\$11.00	\$12.43	\$11.00	\$12.43
Cancellation Fees (Destination Conservation) (No HST)	\$175.00	\$197.75	\$175.00	
If cancelled less than 15 business days (3 weeks) in advance of date and not rescheduled within 4 weeks of cancellation. (Weather				
Children's Day Camps				
Per child (ages 7 - 11) per one week session	\$315.00	\$355.95	\$315.00	\$355.95

Fifty Point Conservation Area	
1479 Baseline Road	
Winona, Ontario L8E 5G4	
Phone: 905-525-2187	
Email: fiftypt@conservationhamilton.ca	

	2025	2025	2026	2026
Entrance (Attended Gate)	Before HST	After HST	Before HST	After HST
Per Vehicle and Driver	\$14.60	\$16.50	\$14.60	\$16.50
Per Vehicle and Senior/Disabled Driver Discount	\$12.83	\$14.50	\$12.83	\$14.50
Per Passenger over 5 yrs of age	\$4.87	\$5.50	\$4.87	\$5.50
Walk In's/Drop Off's	\$4.87	\$5.50	\$4.87	\$5.50
Auto Gate (No Attendant)	\$14.60	\$16.50	\$14.60	\$16.50
Boat Launch				
Weekday Boat Launch (Monday to Thursday)				
Vehicle with boat on trailer	\$14.60	\$16.50	\$14.60	\$16.50
Weekend Boat Launch (Friday to Sunday Including Holidays)				
Vehicle with boat on trailer, minimum	\$25.50	\$28.82	\$26.00	\$29.38
Month Boat Launch (30-Days from date of Purchase)			\$80.00	\$90.40
Commercial Boat/Trailer				
Vehicle with commercial trailer, minimum	\$55.00	\$62.15	\$55.50	\$62.72
Boat Launch Annual Pass				
Annual boat launch pass	\$165.00	\$186.45	\$168.00	\$189.84
Renewal boat launch pass	\$155.00	\$175.15	\$158.00	\$178.54
Senior/Disabled boat ramp pass	\$145.00	\$163.85	\$148.00	\$167.24
Triaxle/Hydraulic	\$205.00	\$231.65	\$208.00	\$235.04
Launch sticker with HCA Membership pass			\$50.00	\$56.50
Special/School Groups				
For school groups special event x-country, field days, track meets etc.				
Per student (all ages)	\$4.42	\$5.00	\$4.65	\$5.25
Bus Entry (15+ passengers)				
School Groups	\$180.00	\$203.40	\$185.00	\$209.05
Non School Groups	\$270.00	\$305.10	\$275.00	\$310.75

Fifty Point Conservation Area				
	2025	2025	2026	2026
RV/Trailer Storage (October 1 - May 1)	Before HST	After HST	Before HST	After HST
Daily Rate	\$14.00	\$16.38	\$14.25	\$16.10
Monthly Storage				
- Must Hold a Valid Annual Membership Pass				
Minimum	\$60.00	\$67.80	\$60.00	\$67.80
20 ft or More - Per Foot	\$2.75	\$3.39	\$3.00	\$3.39
RV/Boat Launch Ramp				
Subject to availability and in addition to RV site fee, docking may be arranged separately at the marina office at an additional charge per night fee. Boat and trailer to be stored in the secure compound when not in the water. No on-site boat or trailer storage permitted.				
	\$14.00	\$16.50	\$14.50	\$16.39
Area Rentals (Regular gate entrance fees apply)				
Group Picnic Areas	\$76.50	\$88.70	\$95.00	\$107.35
Winona Pavilion	\$257.00	\$290.41	\$257.00	\$290.41
Lakeside Pavilion	\$360.00	\$406.80	\$360.00	\$406.80
- Additional fees may apply depending upon the level of service required				
Cancellation Fee for Rental Areas				
Pavilions	\$115.00	\$129.95	\$115.00	\$129.95
Group Picnic Areas	\$40.00	\$45.20	\$40.00	\$45.20
Miscellaneous				
Wedding Photos (admission included, reservation required)	\$310.00	\$350.30	\$310.00	\$350.30
Family/Engagement Photo Permit	\$105.00	\$118.65	\$105.00	\$118.65
Trailer Dump	\$22.00	\$24.86	\$22.50	\$25.43
Camping				
Recreational Vehicle Site Fee (Individual)				
Shortening Stay on Long Weekend				
Changes or Cancellation (more than 24hrs before arrival)	\$8.50	\$9.61	\$8.50	\$9.61
Changes or Cancellation (less than 24hrs before arrival)				
Reservation fee (Non-refundable)	\$13.50	\$15.26	\$13.50	\$15.26
Electric/Water/Sewer 30 amp	\$53.00	\$59.89	\$54.00	\$61.02
Electric/Water/Sewer 50 amp	\$56.00	\$63.28	\$57.00	\$64.41
Additional Vehicle	\$14.00	\$15.82	\$14.00	\$15.82

Fifty Point Conservation Area				
	2025	2025	2026	2026
R/V Sites - Seasonal Campers	Before HST	After HST	Before HST	After HST
Seasonal camping May 1, 2026 to October 31, 2026 (6 months) includes water, sewer and hydro site and vehicle pass. Deposit of \$300.00 required by Dec. 1, 2025. Balance due by May 1, 2026 or before trailer is moved onto the site. Additional vehicle pass required for second vehicle. Additional fees apply to storage trailers, boats/personal water craft, day use visitors and overnight visitors. Note that under Marina Services, Items 2, 3, 4, & 5 will apply to all Seasonal Camping sites. Water and sewer may not be available at the site. Seasonal campers are not permitted to become permanent.				
Electric/Water/Sewer 30 amp	\$5,900.00	\$6,667.00	\$5,900.00	\$6,667.00
Electric/Water/Sewer 50 amp	\$6,200.00	\$7,006.00	\$6,200.00	\$7,006.00
Seasonal Camper Deposit	\$300.00	\$339.00	\$300.00	\$339.00
Group Camping				
Organized groups, must be pre-approved by Area Manager				
Youth per person	\$7.00	\$7.91	\$7.00	\$7.91
Adult per person	\$12.00	\$13.56	\$12.00	\$13.56
Youth minimum fee	\$93.00	\$105.09	\$93.00	\$105.09
Adult minimum fee	\$212.00	\$239.56	\$212.00	\$239.56

Fifty Point Marina

	2025	2025	2026	2026
	Before HST	After HST	Before HST	After HST
Mooring				
Seasonal				
Mooring from April 15 - Oct 15 includes 2 HCA membership passes, a seasonal pump out pass (some weekend restrictions apply), and 2 guest passes. Additional guest passes can be purchased. A 5% discount will be applied to all summer mooring fees if paid and received by April 1st by cash, debit, cheque or e-transfer. Fifty Point offers two plans which incorporate the approximate 20% discount offered on the seasonal mooring rate to those boaters who winter store at Fifty Point Marina. Contact Park For Pricing.				
Plan "A" For those who winter stored previous winter				
Hydro, per foot	\$100.00	\$113.00	\$102.00	\$115.26
Non-hydro, per foot	\$94.50	\$106.79	\$96.50	\$109.05
Requiring more than normal hydro and footage	\$106.00	\$119.78	\$108.00	\$122.04
Plan "B" For those who have not winter stored				
Hydro, per foot	\$126.00	\$142.38	\$128.00	\$144.64
Requiring more than normal hydro and footage	\$131.00	\$148.03	\$133.00	\$150.29
Overnight				
Over night mooring rate includes day use admission to the area by boat				
Per foot	\$2.00	\$2.26	\$2.25	\$2.54
Minimum Fee	\$47.00	\$53.11	\$47.50	\$53.68
Reciprocal FPYC	\$47.00	\$53.11	\$47.50	\$53.68
Day Time Mooring				
Regular watercraft entry charge applies to boat/driver/passengers (April1 - Nov1)				
No discount for restaurant use				
Weekdays	\$15.50	\$17.52	\$15.75	\$17.80
Weekends (Friday, Saturday, Sunday & Holidays)	\$26.00	\$29.38	\$26.25	\$29.66
Monthly Mooring				
Subject to availability, includes trailer parking if required. Per foot per month.				
June - August	\$32.50	\$36.73	\$34.50	\$38.99
April/May and September/October	\$21.50	\$24.30	\$23.50	\$26.56
Dock "A" non-hydro docks min 20ft				
Plan "A"	\$75.00	\$84.75	\$77.00	\$87.01
Plan "B"	\$96.00	\$108.48	\$98.00	\$110.74
Replacement of south parking lot access card	\$15.00	\$16.95	\$15.00	\$16.95
Additional Guest Pass (Entrance ONLY, Not Provided for ramp use)	\$64.50	\$72.89	\$70.00	\$79.10

Fifty Point Marina

Marine Service

1. Minimum mooring charges apply as follows: Dock "A"- 20ft, 25ft. With hydro, A48 30ft. Dock "B, C, D, H - 25ft. min with hydro. Dock "E"- 30ft min with hydro. Dock "F" - 37ft min with hydro. Dock "G"- 32ft min with hydro. Dock "J" - even #'s 40ft min, odd #'s 37ft min. Boat length is measured from the furthest projection at the bow to the transom.

2. A 5% discount will be applied to all summer moorings paid and received by April 1st with cash, debit, cheque or e-transfer.

3. \$300 deposit is required by December 31st to hold docks for the following year. This deposit is non-refundable after January 31st.

4. For refund application on a seasonal mooring, monthly rate is used to pro-rate charges based on when the dock is re-rented, until August 1st.

5. Pro-rating for dockage will begin if dockage is contracted after July 1st, based on a 100 day season.

6. Boats requiring special docks, price by docking arrangement. Docks requiring additional premium are: A48, B33, E25, F29, F30 G37, G38, end of C, D and H. Walls 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5.

7. A surcharge of double the price per foot for every foot over 40ft.

8. Pump out pass is only valid for boat to which it was issued.

9. Add Boat to Marina Wait list Deposit - non-refundable

		2025	2025	2026	2026
		Before HST	After HST	Before HST	After HST
Storage					
Dry Sailing Summer Storage					
Monohulls on trailer		\$575.00	\$649.75	\$575.50	\$650.32
Triaxle Trailers, Add		\$238.50	\$269.51	\$239.00	\$270.07
Catamarans (over 9ft width) on trailer, Add		\$346.50	\$391.55	\$347.00	\$392.11
Boat on Trailers under 10 Ft		\$270.00	\$305.10	\$270.50	\$305.67
Boat Trailer Storage					
Per Night		\$11.55	\$13.05	\$12.00	\$13.56
Seasonal Rate	Returning Customer	\$183.75	\$207.64	\$184.00	\$207.92
	New Customer	\$342.80	\$387.36	\$343.05	\$387.65
Triaxle Trailers	Returning Customer	\$304.50	\$344.09	\$305.00	\$344.65
	New Customer	\$459.90	\$519.69	\$460.40	\$520.25

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	2025	2025	2026	2026
	Before HST	After HST	Before HST	After HST
Winter Storage (Seasonal Boaters)				
Includes haul out, wash and launch, per square foot Oct 1 - May. A 5% discount will be applied to all winter storage fees if paid and received by Oct 1 with cash, debit, e-transfer or cheque. A \$100.00 per week fee applies to any boat in winter storage launched after the normal spring lift-in schedule to a maximum of the normal launch fee for the boat. This applies to customers who are renting a dock seasonally. Additional fees may apply for Winter storage for sailboats for mast stepping in fall and spring or leaving the mast lying on the deck. Winter storage only customers will receive a HCA membership pass expiring May 1 of the following year. Contact For Pricing			Contact For Pricing	
Winter Storage (Non-Seasonal Boaters)				
Includes haul out, wash and launch, per square foot Oct 1 - May. A 5% discount will be applied to all winter storage fees if paid and received by Oct 1 with cash, debit, e-transfer or cheque. A late launch fee will be applied for the full normal amount for the boat lift-in immediately after the spring lift period is over. Additional fees may apply for sailboats for mast stepping in the fall and spring or leaving the mast lying on the deck. New winter storage sailboat customers will require a cradle that will properly support the boat with the mast standing as we will no longer be taking these masts down. Winter storage only customers will receive a HCA membership pass expiring May 1 of the following year. Contact For Pricing			Contact For Pricing	
	2025	2025	2026	2026
	Before HST	After HST	Before HST	After HST
Dry Storage				
Sail Boats				
Per sq. ft.	\$6.50	\$7.35	\$6.75	\$7.63
Minimum fee 200 sq ft	\$1,300.00	\$1,469.00	\$1,350.00	\$1,525.50
(For boats that require the MML40 for moving to storage)	\$6.50	\$7.35	\$6.75	\$7.63
Power Boats				
Per sq ft	\$5.50	\$6.22	\$5.75	\$6.50
Minimum fee 200 sq ft	\$1,100.00	\$1,243.00	\$1,150.00	\$1,299.50
(For boats that require the MML40 for moving to storage)	\$5.50	\$6.22	\$5.75	\$6.50
Storage only (No haul out or wash, October 1 - May 1)				
Per sq. ft.	\$4.50	\$5.09	\$4.60	\$5.20
Minimum 200 sq ft	\$900.00	\$1,017.00	\$950.00	\$1,073.50
Boat on trailer under 10' length	\$302.00	\$341.26	\$302.25	\$341.54

Fifty Point Marina

	2025	2025	2026	2026
	Before HST	After HST	Before HST	After HST
Boat Handling and Miscellaneous Services				
Launch or Lift-out with mobile marine lift, per foot of boat				
Minimum fee	\$322.00	\$363.86	\$322.50	\$364.43
Up to 35ft.	\$11.50	\$13.00	\$12.00	\$13.56
36-40ft	\$13.50	\$15.26	\$14.00	\$15.82
41ft and over (restrictions may apply - up to 14' beam)	\$15.50	\$17.52	\$16.00	\$18.08
Late Launch (per week after scheduled date)	\$93.00	\$105.09	\$95.00	\$107.35
Sling Time				
Per Hour	\$157.50	\$177.98	\$158.00	\$178.54
Per Night	\$288.75	\$326.29	\$295.00	\$333.35
Boat Wash	\$64.50- \$129		\$65-\$135	
Cradle Storage	\$0 - \$262		\$0- \$262	
May - October depends on size and type. Applies to cradles that do not fold and for boats that do not winter store.				
November to April	\$262.50	\$296.63	\$265.00	\$299.45
Mast Stepping				
Per foot (min. 25ft)	\$7.25	\$8.19	\$7.50	\$8.48
Minimum extra fee	\$175.00	\$197.75	\$175.25	\$198.03
(For those masts with special handling and/or require additional crane time)				
Mast Storage				
Per foot	\$6.50	\$7.35	\$6.75	\$7.63
Minimum	\$105.00	\$118.65	\$110.00	\$124.30
Dockside Pump out (per tank)				
Weekday	\$18.50	\$20.91	\$18.75	\$21.19
Weekend	\$22.50	\$25.43	\$22.75	\$25.71
Emergency Spill Response Fee			\$350.00	\$395.50
Emergency Response			\$877.50	\$1,017.00
Fee is based on a 3hr minimum response time, extra charges will apply outside of 3 hour response time				
Marina Wait List	\$200.00	\$226.00	\$200.00	\$226.00

Fifty Point Marina

		2025	2025	2026	2026
		Before HST	After HST	Before HST	After HST
Cradle Rental	Minimum Fee	\$152.50	\$172.33	\$153.00	\$172.89
Power boats, included in winter storage fee. Sail boat per foot subject to availability. Boat stands do not count as a cradle (extra charges apply).					
Cradle Feet (minimum)		\$200.00	\$226.00	\$200.50	\$226.57
Cradle Pick up/Load					
Per hour man/vehicle		\$157.50	\$177.98	\$158.00	\$178.54
Load/Unload	Min.	\$26.25	\$29.66	\$26.75	\$30.23
Hydraulic Trailer Use					
Per hour		\$195.00	\$220.35	\$196.00	\$221.48
Minimum Charge		\$97.50	\$110.18	\$98.00	\$110.74
Labour - Hourly rate					
Standard charge for each staff		\$97.00	\$109.61	\$97.50	\$110.18
Minimum		\$48.50	\$54.81	\$49.00	\$55.37
Boat Towing - Fee Range					
In harbor		\$100.00	\$113.00	\$100.00	\$113.00
Land Storage					
Summer Months - Per sq ft		\$1.10	\$1.24	\$1.25	\$1.41
Summer Seasonal (equal to rate for Winter storage-Storage Only)		\$4.45	\$5.03	\$4.60	\$5.20
Contractor Pass		\$177.00	\$200.01	\$178.00	\$201.14
Contractors must register with the marina office for registration of insurance and approval of jobs. A season pass issued to commercial operators provides free admission only for when they are working on boats that are renting mooring or in dry land storage. Contractor pass is only valid for using the boat ramp when towing boats that rent seasonal mooring space. Contractors using the marina to perform work for non-marina mooring or storage clients are subject to normal daily fees.					

Hamilton Mountain Conservation Areas
185 Ridge Road Stoney Creek, ON L8J2W1 Phone: 289-860-2363 Email: mountain@conservationhamilton.ca

	2025	2025	2026	2026
Entrance (No Attendant)	Before HST	After HST	Before HST	After HST
Eramosa Karst Conservation Area - 86 Upper Mount Albion Road				
Pay and Display (per entry)	\$7.52	\$8.50	\$7.52	\$8.50
Devil's Punchbowl Conservation Area - 185 Ridge Road				
Auto Gate (per entry)	\$7.52	\$8.50	\$7.52	\$8.50
Saltfleet Conservation Area - 444 First Road East				
Pay and Display (per entry)	\$7.52	\$8.50	\$7.52	\$8.50
Chippawa Rail Trail Parking Lot - 55 Dartnall Road				
Pay and Display (per entry)	\$7.52	\$8.50	\$7.52	\$8.50
Wedding Picture and Photography Permit				
- Fee per session (Admission not included, reservation required)				
Natural settings	\$310.00	\$350.30	\$310.00	\$350.30
Family/Engagement Photo Permit	\$105.00	\$118.65	\$105.00	\$118.65
Wedding Ceremonies and Receptions - Restrictions Apply				
Hamilton Mountain Conservation Areas (Trails, Wooded Areas)				
Outdoor Natural Setting Wedding Ceremony (2 Hour time allotment)	\$465.00	\$525.45	\$465.00	\$525.45

Lakeland Pool
180 Van Wagners Beach Road Hamilton, Ontario L8E 3L3 Phone : 905-547-6141 Email: lakeland@conservationhamilton.ca

	2025	2025	2026	2026
	Before HST	After HST	Before HST	After HST
Lakeland Pool - Day Pass				
General (11 - 64 yrs)	\$7.74	\$8.75	\$7.96	\$9.00
Child (3 - 10 yrs)	\$5.53	\$6.25	\$5.75	\$6.50
Toddler <3	Free		Free	
Seniors/Disabled Seniors (65 yrs +)	\$5.53	\$6.25	\$5.75	\$6.50
Persons with Disabilities	\$5.53	\$6.25	\$5.75	\$6.50
Family Ticket (1 Adult (16 yrs+) and 2 Children)	\$16.37	\$18.50	\$16.60	\$18.75
Family Ticket (2 Adult (16 yrs+) and 4 Children)	\$34.07	\$38.50	\$34.30	\$38.75
Sunset Special - Adults	\$4.87	\$5.50	\$5.09	\$5.75
Sunset Special - Children/Seniors/Disabled	\$4.20	\$4.75	\$4.42	\$5.00
Organized Group rates (schools/day care)	\$4.42	\$5.00	\$4.64	\$5.25
Lakeland Pool - Season Pass *				
Seasons Pass (Adult) General (11 - 64 yrs)	\$79.65	\$90.00	\$81.42	\$92.00
Seasons Pass (Child) Child (3 - 10 yrs)	\$57.52	\$65.00	\$59.29	\$67.00
Seniors (65 yrs +)	\$57.52	\$65.00	\$59.29	\$67.00
Persons with Disabilities	\$57.52	\$65.00	\$59.29	\$67.00
Family Season Pass				
1 Adult (12+) and 2 Children or 2 Adults and 1 child	\$165.50	\$187.25	\$166.16	\$187.75
2 Adults and 4 Children	\$303.33	\$342.75	\$303.99	\$343.50
Group Rate				
General (11-63 yrs)	\$6.86	\$7.75	\$7.08	\$8.00
Child (3-10)	\$4.65	\$5.25	\$4.87	\$5.50
Senior (65yrs+)	\$4.65	\$5.25	\$4.87	\$5.50
Person with Disabilities	\$4.65	\$5.25	\$4.87	\$5.50
*Group Rate for Groups Large than 15 People				

Spencer Gorge Conservation Area
Tew Falls/Dundas Peak - 590 Harvest Road Webster Falls - 28 Fallsview Road Dundas, Ontario 905-628-3060 christie@conservationhamilton.ca

	2025	2025	2026	2026
Entrance (Attended Gate) Reservations Required During Certain	Before HST	After HST	Before HST	After HST
Admission Fees (Tew Falls and Webster Falls Parking Lot)				
Per Vehicle and Driver	\$14.60	\$16.50	\$14.60	\$16.50
Per Vehicle and Senior/Disabled Driver Discount	\$12.83	\$14.50	\$12.83	\$14.50
Per Passenger over 5 yrs of age	\$4.87	\$5.50	\$4.87	\$5.50
Walk In's/Drop Off's	\$4.87	\$5.50	\$4.87	\$5.50
 Auto Gate (No Attendant)	 \$14.60	 \$16.50	 \$14.60	 \$16.50
 Buses (any vehicle over 15 passengers, must pre-book)	 \$270.00	 \$305.10	 \$270.00	 \$305.10
 Reservation Fee				
Per Reservation* (reservation period)	\$8.85	\$10.00	\$8.85	\$10.00
* reservations must be made online one day in advance of visit				
 Miscellaneous				
Wedding Pictures (admission included, reservation required)	\$310.00	\$350.30	\$310.00	\$350.30
Family/Engagement Photo Permit	\$105.00	\$118.65	\$105.00	\$118.65

Valens Lake Conservation Area
1691 Regional Road 97 Cambridge, Ontario N1R 5S7 Phone: 905-525-2183 Email: valens.ca@conservationhamilton.ca

	2025	2025	2026	2026
Entrance (Attended Gate)	Before HST	After HST	Before HST	After HST
Per Vehicle and Driver	\$14.60	\$16.50	\$14.60	\$16.50
Per Vehicle and Senior/Disabled Driver Discount	\$12.83	\$14.50	\$12.83	\$14.50
Per Passenger over 5 yrs of age	\$4.87	\$5.50	\$4.87	\$5.50
Walk In's/Drop Off's	\$4.87	\$5.50	\$4.87	\$5.50
Auto Gate (No Attendant)	\$14.60	\$16.50	\$14.60	\$16.50
Fletcher Creek Ecological Preserve - 3921 Concession 7 Road				
Pay and Display (per day)	\$7.52	\$8.50	\$7.52	\$8.50
Additional Fees				
Trailer Dump Fee	\$22.00	\$24.86	\$22.00	\$24.86
Bus Entry (15+ passengers) School Groups	\$180.00	\$203.40	\$185.00	\$209.05
Non School Groups	\$270.00	\$305.10	\$275.00	\$310.75
Area Rentals (Regular gate entrance fees apply)				
Powell Pavilion (Glassed In)				
Whole	\$350.00	\$395.50	\$360.00	\$406.80
Cancellation Fee for Rental Areas				
Pavilions	\$115.00	\$129.95	\$115.00	\$129.95
Boat Rentals				
4 Hour Rental	\$44.24	\$50.00	\$61.95	\$70.00
Full Day Rentals (4hrs - 8hrs)	\$61.95	\$70.00	\$88.50	\$100.00

Valens Lake Conservation Area				
	2025	2025	2026	2026
Camping	Before HST	After HST	Before HST	After HST
- Minimum 3 night reservation on Long Weekends (Victoria Day, Canada Day, Civic Holiday, Labour Day)				
- HCA Annual Pass holders receive a 10% discount				
Reservation Fees (Non-Refundable)	\$13.50	\$15.26	\$13.50	\$15.26
Shortening Stay on Long Weekend				
Changes or Cancellation (more than 24hrs before arrival)	\$8.50	\$9.61	\$8.50	\$9.61
Changes or Cancellation (less than 24hrs before arrival)				
Non-hydro	\$46.00	\$51.98	\$47.00	\$53.11
Hydro and Water 15/30 amp	\$53.00	\$59.89	\$54.00	\$61.02
Premium Camp Site - coming soon	\$60.00	\$67.80	\$61.00	\$68.93
Additional Vehicle	\$14.00	\$15.82	\$14.00	\$15.82
Winter Program (December 1 - March 31)				
Pre Paid 20 Nights - Trailer Storage inclusive	\$1,060.00	\$1,197.80	\$985.00	\$1,113.05
(Must Have Valid HCA Membership, 10% per night discount applies)				
Reservation Fees (Non-Refundable)	\$13.50	\$15.26	\$13.50	\$15.26
Roofed Accommodations				
- Minimum 2 night reservation (3 nights on Long Weekends)				
- No pets allowed				
Reservation Fees (Non-Refundable)	\$13.50	\$15.26	\$13.50	\$15.26
Shortening Stay				
Cancellation/Change - minimum 1 week in advance				
Cancellation/Change - less than 1 week in advance				
Drumlin Cabins (per night)	\$160.00	\$180.80	\$165.00	\$186.45
Drumlin Cabins - Deluxe (per night)	\$190.00	\$214.70	\$195.00	\$220.35
Additional Vehicle	\$14.00	\$15.82	\$14.00	\$15.82

Valens Lake Conservation Area				
	2025	2025	2026	2026
Group Sites	Before HST	After HST	Before HST	After HST
Group Area Fees (Non-Refundable)				
- Per night, two night minimum plus reservation fee				
Fox Run (maximum 15 people)	\$30.00	\$33.90	\$33.00	\$37.29
Forest Edge	\$65.04	\$73.50	\$75.00	\$84.75
Maplenook	\$125.00	\$141.25	\$145.00	\$163.85
White Tail (hydro)	\$80.00	\$90.40	\$100.00	\$113.00
Aspen Cove (hydro)	\$80.00	\$90.40	\$100.00	\$113.00
Wilderness Pavilion (no hydro)	\$85.00	\$96.05	\$90.00	\$101.70
Pinegrove Pavilion (hydro)	\$85.00	\$96.05	\$90.00	\$101.70
Organized Groups & Family Groups				
Youth Per Night	\$7.00	\$7.91	\$7.00	\$7.91
Adult Per Night	\$12.00	\$13.56	\$12.00	\$13.56
RV/Trailer Storage				
Daily Storage Rate	\$13.27	\$15.00	\$13.27	\$15.00
Monthly Trailer Storage - Must Hold a Valid Membership Pass				
Inside Compound				
Minimum charge	\$60.00	\$67.80	\$60.00	\$67.80
Over 20 ft - Per Foot	\$3.00	\$3.39	\$3.00	\$3.39
Miscellaneous				
Wedding Pictures (admission included, reservation required)	\$310.00	\$350.30	\$310.00	\$350.30
Family/Engagement Photo Permit	\$105.00	\$118.65	\$105.00	\$118.65
School Events (Track and Field, Meets, etc.)				
All ages	\$4.42	\$5.00	\$4.64	\$5.00

Westfield Heritage Village Conservation Area

1049 Kirkwall Road
 Rockton, Ontario L0R 1X0
 Phone: 519-621-8851
 Email: westfield@conservationhamilton.ca

	2025	2025	2026	2026
Entrance (Attended Gate)	Before HST	After HST	Before HST	After HST
No Event Day				
Per Vehicle and Driver	\$14.60	\$16.50	\$14.60	\$16.50
Per Vehicle and Senior/Disabled Driver Discount	\$12.83	\$14.50	\$12.83	\$14.50
Per Passenger over 5 yrs of age	\$4.87	\$5.50	\$4.87	\$5.50
Walk In's/Drop Off's	\$4.87	\$5.50	\$4.87	\$5.50
Auto Gate (No Attendant)	\$14.60	\$16.50	\$14.60	\$16.50
Equestrians - Includes one horse, truck and trailer	\$19.03	\$21.50	\$19.03	\$21.50
Each additional horse with same trailer	\$2.21	\$2.50	\$2.21	\$2.50
Education Programs				
<i>Per Student (under 14)</i>				
<i>With Afternoon tour Guide</i>	\$10.40	\$11.75		
<i>Full Day program with lunch facilities</i>	\$10.40	\$11.75		
<i>Per Student (14+)</i>	\$10.40	\$11.75		
<i>With Afternoon Guide</i>	\$10.40	\$11.75		
<i>Rental of Ironwood for School Lunch</i>	\$10.40	\$11.75		
Full Day Program Per Student	\$10.40	\$11.75	\$11.00	\$12.43
Ironwood Lunch Room Rental			\$40.00	\$45.20

Westfield Heritage Village Conservation Area

	2025	2025	2026	2026
Special Programs - with Director approval	Before HST	After HST	Before HST	After HST
Ticketed Event, Program, Workshop, Guided Activity				
Per Ticket	\$10-\$75	\$11.30-\$84.75	\$10-\$75	\$11.30-\$84.75

Room and Building Reservations - Fee Based on Event Date

Ironwood Hall (Special occasion permits are required)

2026	2025	2025	2026	2026
Full Day	\$2,033.00	\$2,297.29	\$2,085.00	\$2,356.05
Weekdays (Mon - Thurs)	\$603.00	\$681.39	\$615.00	\$694.95
Early Set up (3 - 7pm)	\$440.00	\$497.20	\$450.00	\$508.50

Mountsberg Church Rental

Per 2 hour intervals	\$555.00	\$627.15	\$555.00	\$627.15
Additional Hour Rental Fee (after 7pm)	\$77.00	\$87.01	\$77.00	\$87.01

Guided Tours - 2 hours (Regular entry fee applies)

Minimum	\$63.00	\$71.19	\$70.00	\$79.10
Per additional person beyond 6 people			\$10.00	\$11.30

Photo Permits

Wedding Photos Per session (reservation needed if not packaged)	\$310.00	\$350.30	\$310.00	\$350.30
Family/Engagement Photo Permit	\$105.00	\$118.65	\$105.00	\$118.65

Cancellation Policy and Deposits

A non-refundable reservation deposit of \$250.00 is required. The balance due one month before rental. Special occasion permits and insurance required or personal insurance liability is required and to identify the serving of alcohol. Deposit of \$150.00 is required for a wedding ceremony rental and a deposit of \$400.00 is required for the rental of Ironwood.

Returned Cheques administration fee

Honorariums

For use of town crier, etc. (min. fee)

Wild Waterworks
680 Van Wagners Beach Road Hamilton, Ontario L8E 3L8 Phone: 905-547-6141 Email: wildww@conservationhamilton.ca

	2025	2025	2026	2026
Day Admission	Before HST	After HST	Before HST	After HST
General (11-64 yrs. of age)	\$33.63	\$38.00	\$34.96	\$39.50
Children (3-10yrs of age)	\$22.13	\$25.00	\$23.45	\$26.50
Senior (65+ yrs. of age)	\$29.21	\$33.00	\$30.53	\$34.50
Person with Disability	\$22.13	\$25.00	\$23.45	\$26.50
Attendant for Person with Disability Access 2 Program	FREE	FREE	FREE	FREE
Toddler (0-2 yrs of age)	FREE	FREE	FREE	FREE
Sunset Special (After 4pm)	Before HST	After HST	Before HST	After HST
General (11-64 yrs. of age)	\$27.44	\$31.00	\$28.76	\$32.50
Children (3-10yrs of age)	\$17.70	\$20.00	\$19.03	\$21.50
Senior (65+ yrs. of age)	\$23.46	\$26.50	\$24.78	\$28.00
Person with Disability	\$17.70	\$20.00	\$19.03	\$21.50
Attendant for Person with Disability Access 2 Program	FREE	FREE	FREE	FREE
Toddler (0-2 yrs of age)	FREE	FREE	FREE	FREE
Wristband Only Group, no pavilion rental	Before HST	After HST	Before HST	After HST
Minimum of 25 paying guests, paid on one transaction to receive group discount. Must be pre-booked within 24 hours and a \$200 deposit prior to arrival. \$4.50 discount applied to wristband only group.				
General (11-64 yrs. of age)	\$29.21	\$33.01	\$30.46	\$34.42
Children (3-10yrs of age)	\$17.26	\$19.50	\$18.95	\$21.41
Senior (65+ yrs. of age)	\$24.56	\$27.75	\$26.03	\$29.41
Person with Disability	\$17.26	\$19.50	\$18.95	\$21.41
Attendant for Person with Disability Access 2 Program			FREE	FREE
Toddler (0-2 yrs of age)			FREE	FREE
Group Picnic	Level 1 (25-250ppl)	Level 2 (251-500)	Level 3 (501-1000)	Level 4 (1000+)
Minimum of 25 paying guests to receive group discount. Must be pre-booked a minimum of 5 days in advance and \$500 deposit prior to arrival. Renting a pavilion + BBQ required.	Discount of \$4.75 from general admission	Discount of \$5.25 from general admission	Discount of \$5.75 from general admission	Discount of \$6.25 from general admission
*Shipping fees applied, if wristbands are shipped out	Before HST	Before HST	Before HST	Before HST
General (11-64 yrs. Of age)	\$30.21	\$29.71	\$29.21	\$28.71
Children (3-10yrs of age)	\$18.70	\$18.20	\$17.70	\$17.20
Senior (65+ yrs. of age)	\$25.78	\$25.28	\$24.78	\$24.28
Person with Disability	\$18.70	\$18.20	\$17.70	\$17.20
Attendant for Person with Disability Access 2 Program	FREE	FREE	FREE	FREE
Toddler (0-2 yrs of age)	FREE	FREE	FREE	FREE

Contact for price

Wild Waterworks

	2025	2025	2026	2026
	Before HST	After HST	Before HST	After HST
Day Camp				
One Supervisor free with every 10 paying campers. Minimum of 25 paying guests, paid on one transaction to receive the daycamp discount. Must be pre-booked within 24 hours and a \$200 deposit prior to arrival. \$4.50 discount applied to wristband only group				
*Shipping fees applied, if wristbands are shipped out				
General (11-64 yrs. Of age)				
Children (3-10yrs of age)	\$29.21	\$33.01	\$30.46	\$34.42
Senior (65+ yrs. of age)	\$17.26	\$19.50	\$18.95	\$21.41
Person with Disability	\$24.56	\$27.75	\$26.03	\$29.41
Attendant for Person with Disability Access 2 Program	\$17.26	\$19.50	\$18.95	\$21.41
Toddler (0-2 yrs of age)	FREE	FREE	FREE	FREE
	2025	2025	2026	2026
	Before HST	After HST	Before HST	After HST
Season Passes				
Unlimited entry into Wild Waterworks				
Unless closed for special event or park has reached max capacity				
Valid for current summer season. Early Entry at 10:30am				
Single Season Pass				
Individual Season Pass (Ages 3+)	\$118.15	\$133.50	\$121.50	\$137.30
Replacement pass	\$9.29	\$10.50	\$10.00	\$11.30
Four Pack Season Pass				
Four Pack Season Pass (Four season passes)	\$365.27	\$412.75	\$368.50	\$416.41
Additional Pack Member Pass	\$95.14	\$107.50	\$98.50	\$111.31
* must be purchased with Pack Season Pass, maximum of 3 additional Pack				

Wild Waterworks

	2025	2025	2026	2026
Rentals	Before HST	After HST	Before HST	After HST
Pay And Go Lockers (located in washrooms)	\$0.89	\$1.00	\$0.89	\$1.00
Day Use Lockers				
Small	\$11.95	\$13.50	\$12.25	\$13.84
Medium	\$16.95	\$19.15	\$17.25	\$19.49
Large	\$21.95	\$24.80	\$22.50	\$25.43
Day Use Lockers - Sunset Special				
Small	\$7.08	\$8.00	\$7.25	\$8.19
Medium	\$11.95	\$13.50	\$12.25	\$13.84
Large	\$16.82	\$19.01	\$17.50	\$19.78
BBQ's				
Medium - commercial (6 hrs)	\$180.09	\$203.50	\$180.00	\$203.40
Large - commercial (6 hrs)	\$265.05	\$299.51	\$265.00	\$299.45
Tubes				
All tubes require a \$5.00 deposit in addition to cost of rental. Deposit refundable				
Tube - Full Day Rental	\$4.43	\$5.01	\$4.42	\$5.00
Tube - Sunset Rental (after 4:00pm)	\$2.66	\$3.01	\$2.65	\$3.00
Pavilions				
Available to catered and non-catered groups. Must be pre-booked, pre-ordered				
Weekend Pavilion 1 or 2	\$275.00	\$310.75	\$275.00	\$310.75
Weekend Pavilion 3	\$225.00	\$254.25	\$225.00	\$254.25
Weekday Pavilion 1 or 2	\$75.00	\$84.75	\$75.00	\$84.75
Weekday Pavilion 3	\$50.00	\$56.50	\$50.00	\$56.50

For Catered Groups with Private Caterers:
Insurance of \$5 million is required 2 weeks before event date from catering

Wild Waterworks					
		2025	2025	2026	2026
Cabanas (Online Booking Only, subject to service fee)		Before HST	After HST	Before HST	After HST
Regular Cabana Rental	Mon - Fri	\$114.83	\$129.75	\$118.50	\$133.91
	Sat/Sun/Holiday	\$134.96	\$152.50	\$138.50	\$156.51
Cabana Rental, 1 all day locker rental, 4 tube rentals and wait service.					
Deluxe Pool Side Cabana Rental	Mon - Fri	\$229.87	\$259.75	\$236.75	\$267.53
	Sat/Sun/Holiday	\$249.96	\$282.45	\$256.75	\$290.13
Cabana Rental, 1 all day locker rental, 4 tube rentals and wait service. 4 park admission.					
Sunset Package (after 4pm - Walk up Only)	Mon - Fri	\$38.94	\$44.00	\$40.25	\$45.48
	Sat/Sun/Holiday	\$77.92	\$88.05	\$79.25	\$89.55
Cabana Rental and 1 all day locker rental and 4 tube rentals.					
Regular Cabana All Day Family Rental	Mon - Fri	\$212.96	\$240.64	\$219.50	\$248.04
	Sat/Sun/Holiday	\$232.96	\$263.24	\$239.50	\$270.64
Cabana Rental, 2 all day locker rental, 8 tube rentals and wait service, 4 Wild Waterworks Tumblers					
Poolside Cabana All Day Family Rental	Mon - Fri	\$419.96	\$474.55	\$432.50	\$488.73
	Sat/Sun/Holiday	\$439.96	\$497.15	\$452.50	\$511.33
Cabana Rental, 2 all day locker rental, 4 tube rentals and wait service. 8 park admission. 8 Wild Waterworks Tumblers					
Administration fee for any returned cheque		\$50.00	\$56.50	\$50.00	\$56.50
Other Items					
Staff Discounts					
20% off in Waves					
Discounts					
10% off purchases in Waves for Season Passholders					
100% discount for prize winners (season pass giveaways, cabana giveaways)					
20% off end of season sale in Waves for patrons					
40% off end of season sale in Waves for staff					
\$10 off season pass renewal if reusing previous season pass wristbands					
\$2 off full day admissions when purchased online					

HCA Plan Review & Permit Fees				
	2025	2025	2026	2026
Plan Review Service Fees	Before HST	After HST	Before HST	After HST
Subdivision and Condominiums				
Minor	\$1,658.00	\$1,873.54	\$1,691.16	\$1,911.01
Intermediate	\$6,629.00	\$7,490.77	\$6,761.58	\$7,640.59
Major	\$11,962.00	\$13,517.06	\$12,201.24	\$13,787.40
Applicant Driven Revision	\$4,204.00	\$4,750.52	\$4,288.08	\$4,845.53
Clearance Fees				
Per Phase Charge (on top of Major clearance fee above)	\$1,180.00	\$1,333.40	\$1,203.60	\$1,360.07
Consents				
Minor	\$1,092.00	\$1,233.96	\$1,113.84	\$1,258.64
Major	\$2,923.00	\$3,302.99	\$2,981.46	\$3,369.05
Minor Variances				
Minor	\$606.00	\$684.78	\$618.12	\$698.48
Major	\$1,318.00	\$1,489.34	\$1,344.36	\$1,519.13
Official Plan Amendments				
Minor	\$1,480.00	\$1,672.40	\$1,509.60	\$1,705.85
Major	\$5,056.00	\$5,713.28	\$5,157.12	\$5,827.55
Zoning By-law Amendments				
Minor (including H-Zone Removal)	\$1,480.00	\$1,672.40	\$1,509.60	\$1,705.85
Major	\$4,895.00	\$5,531.35	\$4,992.90	\$5,641.98
Site Plan Approval Application				
Minor	\$1,977.00	\$2,234.01	\$2,016.54	\$2,278.69
Intermediate	\$6,501.00	\$7,346.13	\$6,631.02	\$7,493.05
Major	\$7,964.00	\$8,999.32	\$8,123.28	\$9,179.31
Resubmission - 15% of full application fee				
Formal Consultation	\$661.00	\$746.93	\$674.22	\$761.87
Niagara Escarpment Plan Amendments - Applicant-Driven	\$3,823.00	\$4,319.99	\$3,899.46	\$4,406.39
Niagara Escarpment Plan Development Permits	\$1,592.00	\$1,798.96	\$1,623.84	\$1,834.94
Complex Applications	\$11,967.00	\$13,522.71	\$12,206.34	\$13,793.16
The application fee will be paid at the time of filing an application to the municipality. All subdivisions, vacant land condominiums, major and complex site plans (i.e. Community living projects, golf courses, cemeteries, etc.) continue to be circulated to the Hamilton Conservation Authority.				
Aggregate Extraction Applications	\$29,623.00	\$33,473.99	\$30,215.46	\$34,143.47
The application fee will be paid at the time of filing an application to the municipality. This fee relates to large aggregate extraction applications.				

HCA Plan Review & Permit Fees

Notes and Definitions:

1. Subdivisions/Condominiums/Site Plans:

Major – The area is equal to or greater than 4.5 hectares in size and technical studies (i.e. SWM, EIS or Geotechnical) are required.

Intermediate – The area is less than 4.5 hectares in size and technical studies (i.e. SWM, EIS or Geotechnical) are required.

Minor – In the area of interest to the HCA.

2. Other Applications:

Major – Technical studies (i.e.. SWM, EIS or Geotechnical) are required.

Minor – In the area of interest of the CA.

3. Area of Interest – Natural Heritage, Natural Hazard areas on a CA screening map, checklist, OP and/or ZB.

4. Complex Applications are Planning Act (e.g.. OPA/ZBA) and/or Site Plan applications for commercial/industrial/residential applications equal to or greater than 4.5 hectares in size, golf courses, trailer parks, campgrounds, and cemeteries, etc., that involve complex policy considerations and/or the review of extensive multi-disciplinary technical studies.

5. Combined Applications - Combined applications will be charged at 100% of the highest fee rate and 50% of the combined fee rate for other review categories.

6. Refunds may be provided directly to the applicant if it is found that an application charged at the "major" rate only required the level of review normally associated with the minor or intermediate rates. In such cases, the minor or intermediate rate will be retained and the difference refunded.

7. Additional Fees may be charged directly to the applicant if it is determined that an application requires a greater level of review effort than normally associated with the application type and fee collected at the time of submission. HCA may also charge additional fees based on current fee schedule rates for applications that have been inactive for two years or more.

8. Subdivision Revision Fees will be paid directly to the HCA and must be paid prior to issuance of revised draft conditions. A draft plan revision fee will be applicable to developer driven amendments to a subdivision or condominium application.

9. Resubmission Fees will be charged directly to the applicant for the review of technical studies and plans, drawings, models, etc., beyond the first submission and two resubmissions. A fee will be charged for each resubmission and will be based on 15% of the original application fee.

10. Formal Consultation fees will be charged to provide preliminary preconsultation comments on all proposed planning applications circulated as part of the City's Formal Consultation process. This fee will be deducted from the application fee when a formal application is submitted.

HCA Plan Review & Permit Fees

Development, Interference With Wetlands, Alterations to Shorelines & Watercourses

Pursuant to Hamilton Conservation Authority Development, Interference with Wetlands, and Alterations to Shorelines and Watercourses Regulation 161/06 under Ontario Regulation 97/04, within HCA regulated areas, a permit is required for:

- Development
- Interference with Wetlands
- Alteration to Shorelines and Watercourses

1. Minor Development:

Is considered to be minor landscaping works and minor filling and grading activities, (between 0.05 m and 0.3 m in depth) OR minor additions to an existing structure (including decks) that involves less than a 50% increase in size of the original ground floor area or accessory structure to a maximum area of 28m².

	2025	2025	2026	2026
	Before HST	After HST	Before HST	After HST
Basic applications (no technical studies required)	\$730.00	\$824.90	\$744.60	\$841.40
Applications involving review of technical studies	\$1,344.00	\$1,518.72	\$1,370.88	\$1,549.09

2. Major Development:

Is considered to be the construction, reconstruction, and erection of a new building or structure, OR the construction of an addition to an existing structure that involves a 50% or greater increase in size of the original ground floor area, OR any change to an existing building or structure that would have the effect of altering the use or potential use of the building or structure or increase the number of dwelling units, OR site alterations involving the temporary or permanent placing, dumping or removal of fill material resulting in significant grade changes.

Basic applications (no technical studies required)	\$2,164.00	\$2,445.32	\$2,207.28	\$2,494.23
Applications involving review of technical studies.	\$4,702.00	\$5,313.26	\$4,796.04	\$5,419.53

3. Fill Placement:

The temporary or permanent placing, dumping or removal of any material, originating on the site or elsewhere, and the placement of material/fill is the primary activity.

Minor - Less than 500 m3 and no technical studies required	\$464.00	\$524.32	\$473.28	\$534.81
Intermediate - Less than 500 m3 and technical studies required	\$2,963.00	\$3,348.19	\$3,022.26	\$3,415.15
	plus \$0.50/m3		plus \$0.50/m3	
Major - Greater than 500 m3	\$5,901.00	\$6,668.13	\$6,019.02	\$6,801.49
	plus \$0.50/m3		plus \$0.50/m3	

HCA Plan Review & Permit Fees

4. Interference with Wetlands, Alterations to Watercourses and Shorelines:

Alteration to Watercourse includes: straightening, changing, or diverting a watercourse channel, installation or replacement of culverts and bridges, bank re-grading or stabilization.

Alteration to Shoreline includes: installation or replacement/repair of retaining walls, other slope stabilization works and bank regrading.

Interference with Wetlands includes: buildings and structures to be located within 120 meters of a Provincially Significant Wetland or within 30 meters of all other wetlands; vegetation removal, grading, filling, and hydrological changes.

		2025	2025	2026	2026
		Before HST	After HST	Before HST	After HST
Minor - works not requiring supportive technical studies such as minor repairs or adjustments to existing shoreline protection/watercourse structures, simple culvert replacements, small full-span pedestrian bridges, buildings and structures, fill placement, jack and bore and directional drill activities.		\$1,353.00	\$1,528.89	\$1,380.06	\$1,559.47
Intermediate - works limited in scope/extent which may require supportive technical studies such as moderate-scale repairs to shoreline protection works, localized watercourse alterations and stream bank stabilization, buildings and structures, fill placement.		\$3,800.00	\$4,294.00	\$3,876.00	\$4,379.88
Major - works requiring supportive technical studies such as channel re-alignments and natural channel design, major shoreline protection works, new large-scale bridge crossings, buildings and structures, fill placement.		\$5,532.00	\$6,251.16	\$5,642.64	\$6,376.18
5. Multi-lot/Unit Development (10 or more lots or units) and Major Infrastructure Works: Infrastructure works (storm water management ponds, services, roads, bridges, etc.), new golf courses and major alterations to existing golf courses.		\$6,253.00	\$7,065.89	\$6,378.06	\$7,207.21
6. Violation Surcharge 75% surcharge will be applied when activities which require a permit under Regulations are undertaken without a permit.					
7. Minor Revisions to Permits		\$382.00	\$431.66	\$389.64	\$440.29
8. Expired Permits		\$317.00	\$358.21	\$323.34	\$365.37
9. Letter Of Permission	With Site Visit	\$329.00	\$371.77	\$335.58	\$379.21
	No Site Visit	\$227.00	\$256.51	\$231.54	\$261.64
10. Resubmissions (per hour of review time)		\$108.32	\$122.40	\$110.49	\$124.85

HCA Plan Review & Permit Fees

NOTES:

- Permits are issued for a two (2) year period. Significant alteration or changed ownership subject to new permit application. All fees are to be made payable to the Hamilton Region Conservation Authority.

- Permit extensions and/or renewals will not be granted. Where a permit has expired and the same applicant re-applies for a new permit within 6 months of the expiry of the original permit, and there have been no changes to the proposed works, HCA may issue a new permit for an administrative fee of \$323.34 +HST.

- Resubmission fees will be charged directly to the applicant for the review of technical studies and plans, drawings, models, etc., beyond the first submission and two resubmissions. A fee will be charged for each resubmission and will be based on total staff review time at the hourly review rate charged by the HCA.

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Service/Reforestation/Planning Fees/Misc. Fees				
Natural Areas Inventory Database Private Requests				
Per hour preparation time	\$110.00	\$124.30	\$112.20	\$126.79
Reforestation Tree Planting Service				
The Authority provides a Reforestation Tree Planting Service to private landowners who own a minimum of 2 ha (5 acres) free of buildings. To recover the cost of this service, a charge to the private landowner applies. Landowner pays cost of trees in addition to planting costs. Replanting at same terms and conditions. This charge is based on full cost recovery of crew, equipment materials, benefits + 22% administration. Estimates are prepared on request.				
Fees for Seed Collection and Cuttings				
All work to be performed by purchaser and must satisfy authority environmental criteria. Volumes for uncleaned seed as collected.				
Cuttings per cubic meter	\$19.30	\$21.81	\$19.69	\$22.25
Seed Collections by weight per lb.				
Grass seed	\$45.00	\$50.85	\$45.90	\$51.87
Wildflower seed	\$65.25	\$73.73	\$66.56	\$75.21
Conifer seed	\$33.35	\$37.69	\$34.02	\$38.44
Walnut, Hickory, Oak seed	\$7.80	\$8.81	\$7.96	\$8.99
Other deciduous tree and shrub seed	\$2.95	\$3.33	\$3.01	\$3.40
Seed Collections by volume per litre				
Conifer cones	\$0.60	\$0.68	\$0.61	\$0.69
Walnut, Hickory, Oak seed	\$1.45	\$1.64	\$1.48	\$1.67
Other deciduous tree and shrub seed	\$1.00	\$1.13	\$1.02	\$1.15

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GIS Mapping					
Colour Printing (includes ortho photo or area fill)	per sq.ft.	\$15.50	\$17.52	\$15.81	\$17.87
Colour printing (no ortho photo or area fill)	per sq.ft.	\$5.30	\$5.99	\$5.41	\$6.11
(any size up to 40" wide)					
Digital files (email)					
Ortho photography 1km X 1km (ecw, jpg or geotiff) per file		\$37.75	\$42.66	\$38.51	\$43.51
- Ortho photography available for 2002, 2010, 2015					
Custom maps (including HCA scanned maps) based on size	per sq.ft.	\$5.85	\$6.61	\$5.97	\$6.74
Vector Data (high detail e.g. Contours, dem)	per sq.km.	\$57.85	\$65.37	\$59.01	\$66.68
Vector Data (low detail e.g. Watercourse etc.)	per hour	\$110.50	\$124.87	\$112.71	\$127.36
Custom Map Preparation (plus printing or digital file cost)		\$111.00	\$125.43	\$113.22	\$127.94
Photocopies					
per sheet		\$0.27	\$0.31	\$0.28	\$0.31
Stream Flow/Weather/Fishery Data					
Per hour staff time		\$110.50	\$124.87	\$112.71	\$127.36
Stream flow Discharge measurement, per hour + mileage		\$110.50	\$124.87	\$112.71	\$127.36
Technical Data staff time relates to hourly engineering, Ecology, IT and GIS staff time to prepare data as requested.					
Tables/Charts/Plans/Maps					
Computer Disc		\$35.90	\$40.57	\$36.62	\$41.38
Electronic Files		\$26.70	\$30.17	\$27.23	\$30.77
Solicitor and Real Estate Agent Requests RE:Property					
A. Solicitor, Real Estate, Consultant Request, and Property Reports (requiring a site visit)					
		\$310.00	\$350.30	\$316.20	\$357.31
B. Solicitor, Real Estate, Consultant Request, and Property Reports (no site visit)					
		\$270.00	\$305.10	\$275.40	\$311.20
Property Reports include building permit inquiries and input to general inquires as to development constraints on a property. All requests are payable in advance. In all cases, this fee includes a written reply to the landowner/agent/consultant. The municipal building department will be copied, when building permits are being sought.					
Administration Fee For Returned Cheques					
Administration fee per cheque		\$52.35	\$59.16	\$53.40	\$60.34
Borrowed Reports					
Deposits are normally held for borrowed reports until returned in good condition. Amount is based on 2 x value of report.					