



BUDGET & ADMINISTRATION

August 27, 2026



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Budget & Administration Committee Meeting

Thursday, August 27, 2026 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**
 - 5.1. Approval of Budget & Administration Committee Minutes – June 25, 2026 Page 1
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7. **Staff Reports/Memorandums**

Reports for Recommendation

 - 7.1 HCA 2027 Draft Budget – Scott Fleming Page 7
 - 7.2 2027 HCA Draft Fee Schedule – Brandon Good/Liam Fletcher Page 33
8. **New Business**

9. In-Camera Items

9.1. Confidential Report – BA/Aug 01-2026
(Personnel Matter)

10. Next Meeting – Thursday, September 17, 2026 at 2:00 p.m.

11. Adjournment

Hamilton Conservation Authority

Minutes

Budget & Administration Committee

June 25, 2026

Minutes of the Budget & Administration Committee meeting held on Thursday, June 25, 2026 at 2:00 p.m., at the HCA main office, 838 Mineral Springs Road, in Ancaster, and livestreamed on YouTube.

Present: Susan Fielding, in the Chair
Brad Clark
Lisa DiCesare
Alex Wilson
Maureen Wilson

Regrets: None

Staff Present: Lisa Burnside, Gord Costie, Marlene Ferreira, Scott Fleming, Liam Fletcher, Brandon Good, Rob Gray, Matt Hall, Amanda Martin, Scott Peck, 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 was none.

BA 2615**MOVED BY: Alex Wilson
SECONDED BY: Brad Clark****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 29, 2026

6. Business Arising from the Minutes

There was none.

7. Staff Reports/MemorandaReports for Recommendation**7.1. 2025 Reserve Balances & 2025 Accumulated Surplus Allocation**

Scott Fleming provided an overview of the staff report indicating that for 2025, there was a surplus of \$913,803 which will be allocated to reserves: \$800,000 to be added to the General Land Acquisition Reserve and \$113, 803 to the Watershed Management Services Reserve.

BA 2616**MOVED BY: Brad Clark
SECONDED BY: Maureen Wilson****THAT the Budget & Administration Committee
recommend approval by the Board of Directors the
allocation of the accumulated surplus balance at
December 31, 2025 of \$913,803 as follows:**

- \$800,000 to the General Land Acquisition reserve,
- and \$113,803 to the Watershed Management Services reserve.

CARRIED**7.2. 2027 Budget Process and Year 3 Strategic Plan Initiatives**

Lisa Burnside presented a summary of the staff report, noting that the 2027 budget process has been accelerated compared to previous years due various factors affecting time and approach. These include the upcoming fall municipal election, expected provincial direction to have budgets completed by or before year end and amalgamation of conservation authorities in early 2027. The 2027 operating budget will be a maintenance budget to help ensure continuity while preparing for the transition to the regional conservation authority. The Year 3 initiatives, from the 2025 – 2029 Strategic Plan, along with overall 2027 budget funding approach, were reviewed.

BA 2617**MOVED BY: Maureen Wilson****SECONDED BY: Brad Clark**

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

THAT this report be received for information; and further,

THAT the Year 3 initiatives identified in the report that support all four priority areas in the 2025–2029 Strategic Plan be approved and incorporated into 2027 year budgeting.

CARRIED**7.3. Legislative Minimum Wage Increase to HCA Casual Wage Rates**

Marlene Ferreira provided an overview of the staff report highlighting that the HCA needs to adjust the wage within Casual/Season Wage Grid in order to comply with the legislated minimum wage increase. The wage of Level 1, Step 1 will increase to match the mandated wage rate that will come into affect on October 1, 2026. Additionally, staff recommend that Level 1, Step 2 wage be increased by seventeen cents to maintain appropriate differentiation between entry-level and returning employees.

BA 2618**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 \$17.95, effective October 1, 2026, be applied to Level 1, Step 1 positions; and**
- b) An additional increase of seventeen cents to be applied to Level 1, Step 2 positions for the 2027 hiring year.**

CARRIED

8. New Business

There was none.

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

BA 2619

**MOVED BY: Brad Clark
SECONDED BY: Alex Wilson**

THAT the Budget and Administration Committee moves *in camera* for matters of law, personnel and property.

CARRIED

During the *in camera* session, one security/legal matter and legal matter were discussed.

9.1. Confidential Report – BA/June 01-2026

Jaime Tellier provided an overview of the confidential report and answered members' questions.

BA 2620

**MOVED BY: Lisa DiCesare
SECONDED BY: Alex Wilson**

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

THAT Confidential Report BA/June 01-2026 be approved.

CARRIED

9.2 Confidential Memorandum – BA/June 02-2026

Scott Fleming provided a summary of the confidential memorandum and answered members' questions.

BA 2621

MOVED BY: Brad Clark

SECONDED BY: Maureen Wilson

THAT the memorandum entitled, BA/June 02-2026 be received

CARRIED

BA 2622

MOVED BY: Alex Wilson

SECONDED BY: Brad Clark

THAT the Budget and Administration Committee moves out of closed session.

CARRIED

10. Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Budget and Administration Committee will be held on Thursday, August 27, 2026 at 2:00 p.m. at the HCA Main Administration Office – Woodend Auditorium, 838 Mineral Springs Road, Ancaster, Ontario.

11. Adjournment

On motion, the meeting adjourned.

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HCA 2027 Draft Budget

Budget & Administration Committee – August 27, 2026



Executive Summary – 2027 Budget

- HCA's draft 2027 Budget outlines **\$23.1 million in planned operating and capital activities** to maintain programs and services, advance Board-approved priorities and support key capital investments
- **Budget Overview: \$23.1M Total Budget**
 - **\$18.3M Operating**
 - **\$4.8M Capital**
- **3.7% levy increase** in 2027 to support operating priorities
- Operating budget supported by self-generated revenue and reserve funding to maintain a cash-neutral (break-even) position
- Capital budget maintains **\$2.0M in block funding**, supplemented by **\$2.8M in grants and reserves** to advance the Saltfleet Wetland Restoration Program
- The 2027 budget has been developed in accordance with the Minister's direction under section 1.14 of the Conservation Authorities Act, applicable to conservation authorities during the transition period



Operating Budget Goals

- **Advance HCA's 2025–2029 Strategic Plan through Board-approved Year 3 priorities**, presented to the Board and Budget & Administration Committee during the 2027 budget development process
- Continue implementation across the Plan's four strategic priority areas:
 - **Water Resources Management**
 - **Organizational Excellence**
 - **Natural Heritage Conservation**
 - **Connecting People to Nature**
- **Maintain a cash-neutral operating position (break-even)**
- The 2027 budget reflects a maintenance budget approach, with no significant expansion of ongoing programs or staffing while HCA navigates organizational transition and the pending regional amalgamation. Approved Year 3 initiatives will be delivered within the available budget envelope, supported where appropriate by grants, donations and reserve funding

2027 Draft Operating Budget Summary

Table 1: Gross Revenue and Expenditures (Operating)								
	2027 Budget \$000's	2026 Budget \$000's	\$ Change	% Change	2027 Budget By Division			
					Central Support Services	Conservation Areas	Westfield Heritage Village & Conservation Area	Watershed Management Services
Gross Revenues								
Levy	5,412	5,219	193	3.7%	2,040	-	721	2,651
Admissions	3,901	3,881	20	0.5%	-	3,814	87	-
Camping/marina	3,982	3,948	34	0.9%	-	3,982	-	-
Equipment Rental	1,455	1,413	42	3.0%	1,455	-	-	-
Transfer from Reserves	125	111	14	12.6%	75	-	-	50
Other	3,498	3,631	(133)	-3.7%	1,535	823	250	891
Total Revenue	\$ 18,373	\$ 18,203	\$ 170		\$ 5,104	\$ 8,618	\$ 1,059	\$ 3,592
Gross Expenditures								
Staffing	12,629	12,496	133	1.1%	4,904	3,998	748	2,984
Equipment	789	773	16	2.1%	65	725	-	-
Utilities	767	821	(54)	-6.6%	245	458	64	-
Materials/supplies	593	556	37	6.6%	69	369	57	97
Other	3,596	3,557	39	1.1%	1,611	1,280	189	511
Total Expenditures	\$ 18,373	\$ 18,203	\$ 170		\$ 6,893	\$ 6,830	\$ 1,059	\$ 3,592

Capital Budget

Funding Sources

	2027	2026
City of Hamilton (Block Funding)	2,000,000	2,000,000
Hamilton Conservation Foundation/HGCT	2,550,000	-
HCA Reserves (Saltfleet Reserve)	250,000	500,000
Total Capital Budget Funding	<u>\$ 4,800,000</u>	<u>\$ 2,500,000</u>

Year 3 – Water Resources Management

- **Strengthen our water monitoring network**
- **Improve the connectivity and reliability of streamflow, precipitation and snowpack monitoring across the watershed, building on the 2025 system review and work completed in 2026**
- **2027 Budget Key Initiatives:**
 - **10** new tipping-bucket rain gauges
 - **3** new rain gauges
 - **1** additional snow survey



Year 3 – Organizational Excellence

- **Advance organizational and digital transformation**
- **Undertake transition activities and key initiatives from the Digital Transformation Plan to strengthen operational efficiency, information management and collaboration across HCA**

2027 Budget Key Initiatives:

- **Undertake transition activities and work** stemming from the transition plan
- **Digitize Planning & Regulation records** and complete migration to the Conservation Authority Content Management System, with improved workflows and automated records management
- **Assess finance and HR business processes** to inform the planned evaluation of an Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP) system
- **Continue development of Microsoft 365/SharePoint** to modernize information management, collaboration and internal communications, supported by staff training
- **Investment:** IT/Records Reserve funds will be required to support these initiatives



Year 3 Priorities – Natural Heritage Conservation

- **Advance wetland restoration and priority natural heritage initiatives**
- Continue restoration and monitoring efforts that protect and enhance HCA's natural areas, while advancing the Saltfleet Wetland Restoration Program

2027 Budget Key Initiatives:

- **Construct the third Saltfleet wetland at Devil's Punchbowl** and initiate design of the fourth and final wetland
- **Continue priority restoration and monitoring**, including restoration works, invasive species management and Hemlock Woolly Adelgid (HWA) treatments
- **Develop an integrated data framework** to better identify and visualize priority areas for restoration, stewardship and invasive species management



Year 3 Priorities – Connecting People to Nature

- **Improve access, inclusion and visitor experiences**
- **Implement recommendations from the 2025 Access and Amenities and Conservation Areas Program Reviews, building on work completed in 2026 to enhance accessibility and enrich visitor experiences**

2027 Budget Key Initiatives:

- **Expand accessible amenities**, including new accessible pathways and picnic table pads
- **Expand the Learn to Series**, including the new *Paint in the Park* program
- **Offer partner-led interpretive hikes** to connect visitors with nature
- **Introduce tackle share/loaner programs** to support accessible fishing opportunities
- **Promote disc golf tournaments** to encourage new and returning visitors to engage with conservation areas





Revenues & Expenses

New revenues through:

- Targeted fee increases at our conservation areas
- Levy increase
- Ongoing support from the Hamilton Conservation Foundation for environmental education
- Grant funding supporting eligible programs and initiatives

Our largest expense is staffing as a people driven organization providing programs and services. Costs to be factored in:

- COLA (1.7%)
- Increases to minimum wage (\$17.95/hr)
- Implementing job evaluation steps

A Balanced Budget (000's)

	Budget <u>2027</u>	Budget <u>2026</u>	Actual <u>2025</u>	Actual <u>2024</u>
<u>Revenues</u>				
Levy	\$ 5,412	\$ 5,219	\$ 6,052	\$ 4,909
Admissions	3,901	3,881	3,746	3,482
Camping/marina	3,982	3,948	3,879	3,552
Equipment rental	1,455	1,413	1,599	1,336
Transfer from reserves	125	111	1,891	937
Other	<u>3,498</u>	<u>3,631</u>	<u>4,008</u>	<u>4,628</u>
	18,373	18,203	\$ 21,175	\$ 18,844
<u>Expenses</u>				
Staffing	12,634	12,496	11,840	10,842
Equipment	789	773	887	910
Utilities	767	821	760	751
Materials/supplies	593	556	549	495
Other	<u>3,590</u>	<u>3,557</u>	<u>6,719</u>	<u>5,476</u>
	18,373	18,203	20,754	18,474
Net surplus	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 422</u>	<u>\$ 370</u>

Watershed Management Services (000's)

	Budget <u>2027</u>	Budget <u>2026</u>	Actual <u>2025</u>	Actual <u>2024</u>
<u>Revenues</u>				
Levy	\$ 2,651	\$ 2,574	\$ 3,014	\$ 1,783
Permits, fees	250	295	301	338
Grants	404	456	317	497
Transfer from Reserves	50	17	615	696
Other	<u>237</u>	<u>196</u>	<u>875</u>	<u>737</u>
	3,592	3,537	5,123	4,051
<u>Expenses</u>				
Staffing	2,984	2,913	2,662	2,351
Contractors	319	313	2,216	1,457
Materials/supplies	97	107	50	35
Other	<u>193</u>	<u>204</u>	<u>195</u>	<u>208</u>
	3,592	3,537	5,123	4,051
Net surplus	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>

Conservation Area Services (000's)

	Budget <u>2027</u>	Budget <u>2026</u>	Actual <u>2025</u>	Actual <u>2024</u>
<u>Revenues</u>				
Admissions	\$ 3,814	\$ 3,796	\$ 3,663	\$ 3,400
Camping	2,326	2,289	2,234	2,033
Marina	1,656	1,659	1,644	1,519
Other	<u>823</u>	<u>681</u>	<u>784</u>	<u>967</u>
	8,618	8,425	8,326	7,920
<u>Expenses</u>				
Staffing	3,998	3,952	3,892	3,664
Equipment	725	708	760	852
Materials/supplies	369	335	370	333
Utilities	458	399	459	374
Other	<u>1,280</u>	<u>1,197</u>	<u>1,338</u>	<u>1,234</u>
	6,830	6,591	6,819	6,457
Net surplus	<u>\$ 1,788</u>	<u>\$ 1,833</u>	<u>\$ 1,507</u>	<u>\$ 1,462</u>

Westfield Heritage Village & Conservation Area (000's)

	Budget <u>2027</u>	Budget <u>2026</u>	Actual <u>2025</u>	Actual <u>2024</u>
<u>Revenues</u>				
Levy	\$ 721	\$ 695	\$ 673	\$ 654
Events	129	145	107	119
School Programs	67	65	54	58
Admissions	87	85	83	82
Other	<u>55</u>	<u>53</u>	<u>36</u>	<u>91</u>
	1,059	1,043	953	1,004
<u>Expenses</u>				
Staffing	748	674	622	667
Promotion	9	92	9	36
Materials/supplies	57	45	54	48
Utilities	64	63	61	57
Other	<u>180</u>	<u>170</u>	<u>191</u>	<u>173</u>
	1,059	1,043	937	982
Net surplus	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 16</u>	<u>\$ 22</u>

Central Support Services (000's)

	Budget <u>2027</u>	Budget <u>2026</u>	Actual <u>2025</u>	Actual <u>2024</u>
<u>Revenues</u>				
Levy	\$ 2,040	\$ 1,950	\$ 2,366	\$ 2,472
Equipment	1,455	1,413	1,599	1,336
Management fees	618	600	618	571
Transfer from Resen	75	94	1,276	241
Other	<u>917</u>	<u>1,141</u>	<u>914</u>	<u>1,248</u>
	5,104	5,198	6,773	5,869
<u>Expenses</u>				
Staffing	4,904	4,957	4,664	4,160
Utilities	245	359	240	320
Contractors	178	144	231	288
Materials/supplies	69	69	75	79
Equipment	65	65	127	58
Other	<u>1,433</u>	<u>1,438</u>	<u>2,539</u>	<u>2,079</u>
	6,893	7,032	7,875	6,984
Net surplus/(deficit)	<u>\$ (1,788)</u>	<u>\$ (1,833)</u>	<u>\$ (1,101)</u>	<u>\$ (1,115)</u>

2027 Draft Operating Budget Summary

Watershed Management Services	2027 Draft Budget	2027 Draft Operating Budget Funding Sources			
		General Revenue	Municipal Levy	Provincial Grants	Reserves
Watershed Services Administration	899,920	290,000	559,920	-	50,000
Conservation Services (Ecology, Invasives & Restoration)	842,267	39,000	803,267		
Permits & Compliance	501,417		501,417		
Watershed Stewardship Program	346,083	130,800	215,283		-
Water Engineering and Prov Water Control	402,756		402,756		
Water Quality Monitoring	271,778	56,000	30,778	185,000	
Climate Change Initiatives	100,000	100,000			
Provincial Supported Water Control Program	227,956		137,960	89,996	
Total Watershed Management Services	3,592,177	615,800	2,651,381	274,996	50,000

Conservation Areas	2027 Draft Budget	2027 Draft Operating Budget Funding Sources			
		General Revenue	Municipal Levy	Provincial Grants	Reserves
Fifty Point	2,361,453	3,019,678			
Valens Lake	1,606,557	2,744,525			
Christie Lake	1,292,390	1,781,526			
Dundas Valley	916,242	824,000			
Hamilton Mountain	652,885	248,700			
Total Conservation Areas	6,829,527	8,618,429	-	-	-

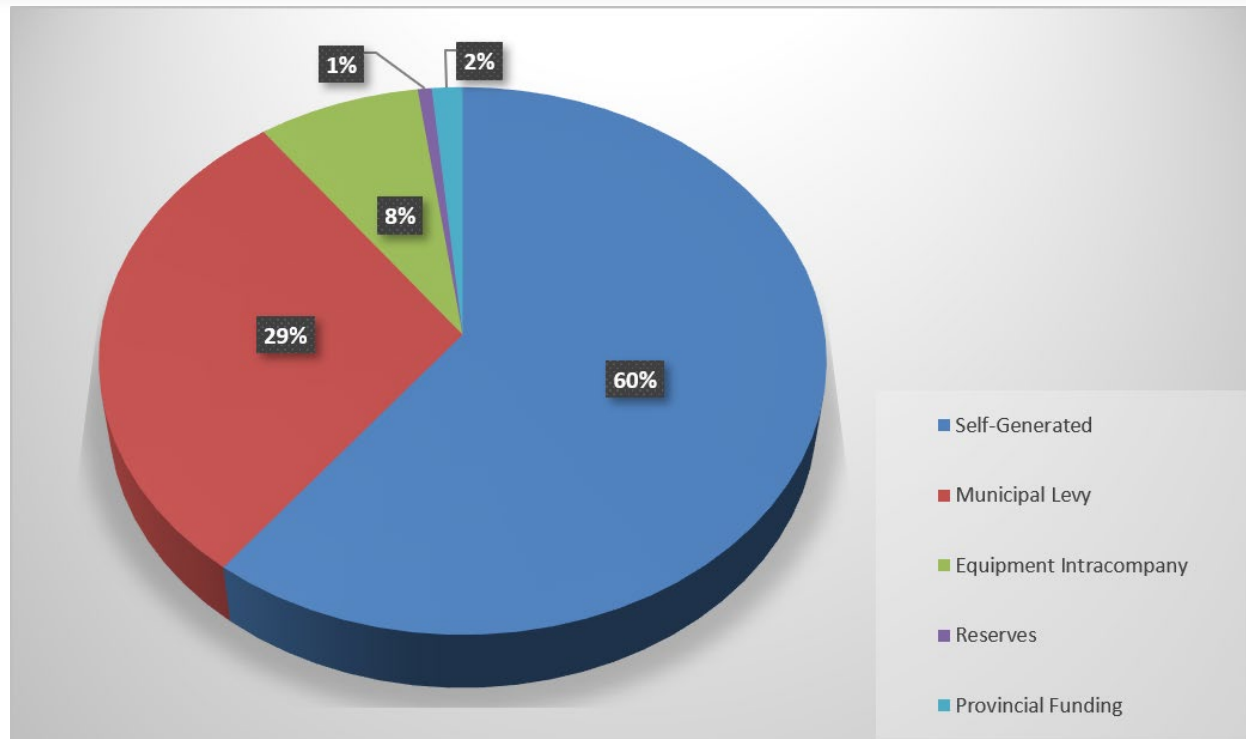
Westfield Heritage Village & Conservation Area	2027 Draft Budget	2027 Draft Operating Budget Funding Sources			
		General Revenue	Municipal Levy	Provincial Grants	Reserves
Westfield Operations	1,058,702	337,475	721,227		
Total Westfield Heritage Village & Conservation Area	1,058,702	337,475	721,227	-	-

2027 Draft Operating Budget Summary

Central Support Services	2027 Draft Budget	2027 Draft Operating Budget Funding Sources			
		General Revenue	Municipal Levy	Provincial Grants	Reserves
Administration	2,847,970	950,250	2,039,625		-
Information Technology	318,000				75,000
Equipment Pool Operation & Maintenance	806,055	1,459,500			
Central Workshop	636,518	77,250			
Marketing & Communications	618,546				
Human Resources	493,916				
Conservation Foundation	320,718	75,000			
Other (General Maintenance, Memorial Benches, Rentals)	283,230	168,000			
Millgrove Workshop	250,010				
Outdoor Environmental Education Program	222,551	259,500			
Admin Operations Trade	95,513				
Total Central Support Services	6,893,027	2,989,500	2,039,625	-	75,000
Total Operating Programs	18,373,433	12,561,204	5,412,233	274,996	125,000

2027 Sources of Operating Revenue

\$18.3M Operating budget revenue breakdown



Operating Revenue	Amount
Self-Generated	11,106,204
Municipal Levy	5,412,233
Equipment Intracompany	1,455,000
Reserves	125,000
Provincial Funding	274,996
Total	18,373,433



Operating Budget Levy Request

- This year's Operating Budget Levy increase request is: **3.7%**
- Province provides allocation percentages annually, this year
 - **City of Hamilton** **99.24%**
 - **Township of Puslinch** **0.76%**
- Total Levy for 2027 \$5,412,233 (\$5,219,125 in 2026)
 - **City of Hamilton** **\$5,376,799**
 - **Township of Puslinch** **\$35,434**
- Year over year impact on Operating Levy is an increase of **\$193,108**



Capital Budget - \$4.8M

- **The 2027 Capital Budget focuses on special projects and major maintenance**, balancing strategic investments with the ongoing need to maintain HCA's extensive infrastructure and assets
- **73% Special Projects**
Focused on priority projects across HCA's conservation areas and watershed
- **27% Major Maintenance**
Supports ongoing renewal and maintenance of HCA's extensive infrastructure and assets
- **Saltfleet Wetland Restoration:**
- **\$2.8M in grants and reserves** will support construction of the third wetland and initiation of design for the fourth and final wetland

HCA's Asset Base:

- Nearly **100 bridges**
- **15 km** of internal roadways
- **2 km** of boardwalks
- **170 buildings**
- **180 km** of trails
- Plus fencing, utilities, gates and other infrastructure

Capital Budget cont'd

<u>Specific Projects</u>					
<u>#</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>\$ Amount</u>	<u>Subtotal By Area</u>	<u>Percent of Projects</u>	<u>Percent of Total</u>
Fifty Point					
1	Dock & Boardwalk Repairs	\$ 25,000			
2	Marina Retaining Wall Repairs	100,000			
3	Boat Storage Compound Expansion	100,000			
4	H Dock Parking & Trail Connection Improvements	50,000			
5	Marina Optimization Review	25,000			
			300,000	8.6%	
Christie Lake					
6	Causeway Culvert Replacement - Phase 1	\$ 400,000			
			\$ 400,000	11.4%	
Watershed Management Services					
7	Saltfleet - initial design work of fourth wetland	\$ 250,000			
8	Saltfleet - construction of third wetland	2,550,000			
			2,800,000	80.0%	
			3,500,000	100.0%	72.9%

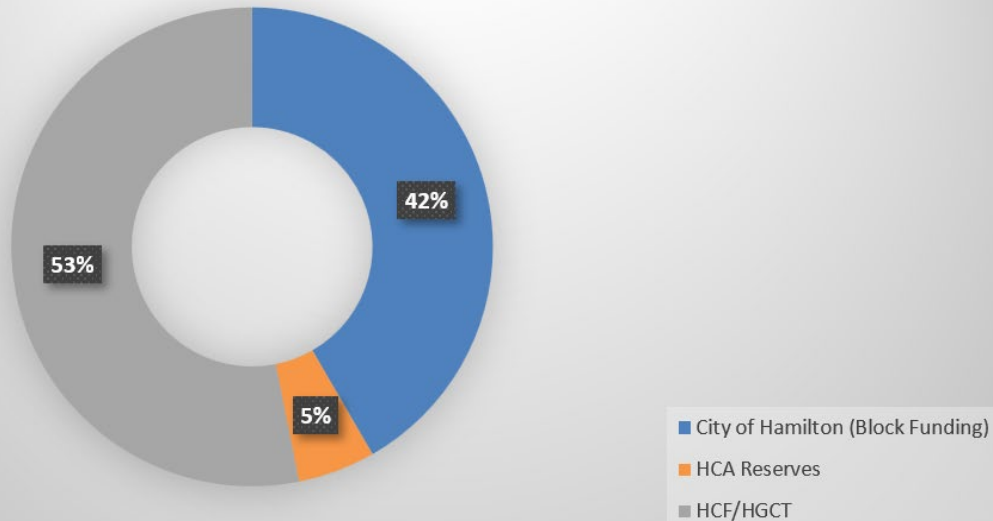
Capital Budget cont'd

<u>Specific Projects</u>		<u>\$ Amount</u>	<u>Subtotal By Area</u>	<u>Percent of Projects</u>	<u>Percent of Total</u>
<u>#</u>	<u>Location</u>				
<u>General Projects - Major Maintenance</u>					
	Building Maintenance	\$ 250,000			
	Roads & Parking	350,000			
	Trails	25,000			
	Signage	150,000			
	Bridges	250,000			
	Gates	25,000			
	Fencing	25,000			
	Utilities & Services	50,000			
	Masterplans	150,000			
	Natural Areas Management	25,000			
			<u>1,300,000</u>	<u>100.0%</u>	27.1%
Total Capital and Major Maintenance Budget			<u>\$ 4,800,000</u>	<u>100.0%</u>	

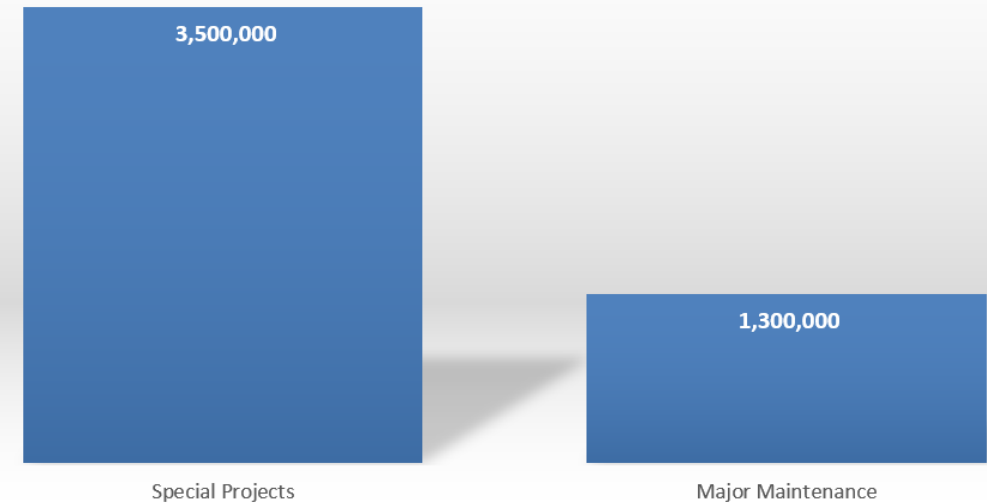
2027 Sources of Capital Budget Revenue

\$4.8M Capital budget revenue breakdown

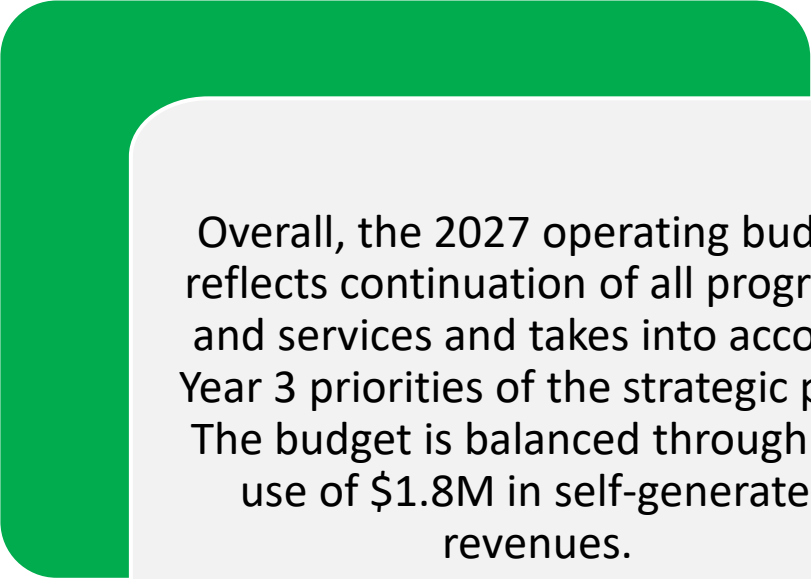
Capital Revenue Streams



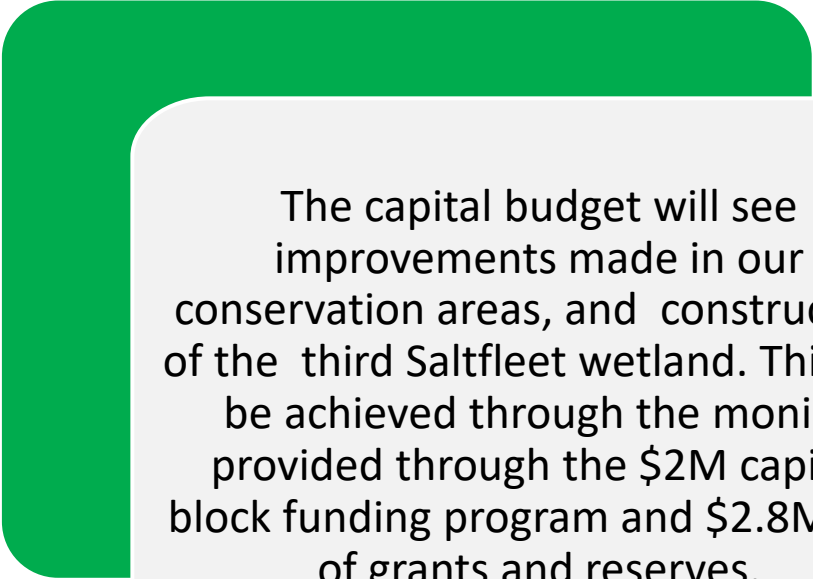
Capital Project Types



Budget Summary



Overall, the 2027 operating budget reflects continuation of all programs and services and takes into account Year 3 priorities of the strategic plan. The budget is balanced through the use of \$1.8M in self-generated revenues.



The capital budget will see improvements made in our conservation areas, and construction of the third Saltfleet wetland. This will be achieved through the monies provided through the \$2M capital block funding program and \$2.8M use of grants and reserves.



Staff Recommendation

- THAT the Budget & Administration Committee recommend to the Board of Directors:
- THAT the 2027 Draft Operating and Capital Budgets, as presented, be endorsed for approval and further;
- THAT staff be directed to circulate to our participating municipalities for comment.

Questions?



Report to: Budget & Administration Committee

**Approved for
Circulation By:** Lisa Burnside, CAO

Reviewed By: Scott Fleming, Director, Finance and Central Support Services
Gord Costie, Director, Conservation Area Services

Prepared By: Brandon Good, Senior Manager, Conservation Area Services
Liam Fletcher, Senior Manager, Conservation Area Services
Jaime Tellier, Senior Manager, Central Support Services
Mike Stone, Senior Manager, Watershed Management Services

Meeting Date: August 27, 2027

Subject: 2027 Draft Fee Schedule

Recommendation:

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

THAT effective January 1, 2027, HCA staff be directed to implement the revised fee schedule contained in this report.

Executive Summary:

Revenue generated from HCA's programs and services is an important part of the funding of the organization's operations. Staff support the 2027 fee recommendations, which are designed to maintain competitive and financially viable fees while remaining generally modest in nature.

For 2027, staff are recommending focused changes to selected fees. Key changes include no increase to the Membership Pass Program fee, \$1.00 increase to nightly camping at Fifty Point and Valens Lake; modest increases to pavilion and cabin rentals; and a \$1.00 increase to per-person daily admission fee while maintaining the current single occupant and vehicle entry fee.

Staff are also streamlining marina fee structures at Fifty Point marina by removing the 5% early-payment discount for seasonal boat docking to simplify the fee structure and help address increased operating costs without broadly increasing user fees.

Watershed Management Services fees for the review of planning applications and issuance of development permits will remain at 2026 levels in accordance with provincial fee freeze direction, and no increase is proposed for 2027.

Staff Comment / Discussion:

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 guided by 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.

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 of market comparators and inflation rates. This ensures pricing remains fair, competitive, and aligned with industry standards.

While the HCA fee policy and framework identifies a user-pay philosophy, and inflation as a consideration when establishing fees, the annual review also considers market

comparators, operating costs, affordability and the specific circumstances of individual services.

Following review by the Senior Leadership Team, staff prepare a revised fee schedule and report to the Budget & Administration Committee for their review and recommendation to the Board of Directors for their final approval.

Fee Schedule

The recommended 2027 fee increases are intended to contribute self-generated revenue to HCA's 2027 budget and support HCA's financial sustainability, program and service delivery and environmental and organizational excellence, as outlined in the 2027 Budget Assumptions and Process report.

For 2027, staff are recommending changes to specific fees rather than increasing all fees by an inflationary amount. In making these recommendations, staff considered comparable fees charged by neighbouring conservation authorities, Ontario Parks and local marinas along with inflation, operating costs, affordability and opportunities to harmonize fees across conservation areas.

The proposed fee adjustments are intended to help offset increasing operating costs, including wage pressures, and maintain the financial sustainability of HCA's programs and services.

Additionally, in the WMS division, direction from the Minister of Environment, Conservation and Parks to freeze plan review and permitting fees continues to apply. As such, no fee increases are proposed for 2027.

Key Points from 2027 Fee Schedule

Membership Pass Program:

In 2025, staff completed a comprehensive review of the Membership Pass Program to ensure the program remains current, financially sustainable, and aligned with the community's needs. Following recommendations from the program review, there is no proposed increase to the Membership Pass Program fee for 2027.

Conservation Area Services:

For the CAS division, the proposed fee schedule for 2027 represents an average 2.53% increase across all Conservation Areas.

Key aspects of the 2027 fee schedule include:

- **Daily Admission Fees to Conservation Areas:** the single occupant and vehicle entry fee will be held at current rates, while the per person entry fee will increase by one dollar (\$1.00).
- **Christie Lake Conservation Area:** Modest increase to pavilion rentals, in keeping with harmonization efforts across Conservation Areas.
- **Fifty Point Marina and Conservation Area:** Minor increase for camping of one dollar (\$1.00) per night, in keeping with harmonization efforts across Conservation Areas. The 5% discount previously offered for early payment of seasonal boat docking fees will be removed. This change is intended to streamline marina fee structures and help address increased operational costs without broadly increasing user fees.
- **Valens Lake Conservation Area:** A minor increase for camping of one dollar (\$1.00) per night, and a modest increase to cabin rental fees, in keeping with harmonization efforts across Conservation Areas.
- **Westfield Heritage Village Conservation Area:** Minor rental building rental fee increase of 2.5%. A minor increase per student fee to harmonize with Environmental Education per student fee.
- **Wild Waterworks:** Minor increase of \$1.33 on all admission to address increasing minimum wage, utilities and operational costs.

Watershed Management Services:

As per the Minister's directive, fees related to the review of planning and development proposals and issuance of permits will remain at 2026 levels for 2027.

Strategic Plan Linkage:

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

- **Strategic Priority Area – Organizational Excellence**

Agency Comments:

The Minister of Environment, Conservation and Parks issued a directive a directive March 10, 2026, that conservation authorities are not to change the amount of the fee it charges related to reviewing and commenting on planning and development related

proposals or land use planning policies, or for permits issued by conservation authorities. This Direction is consistent with the Directions that were previously in place for the 2023, 2024 and 2025 calendar years.

Legal / Financial Implications:

This Fee schedule has been prepared to satisfy the requirements 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 approved in the HCA Fee Development Framework, approved by the Board of Directors on July 3, 2025. The fees and revenues generated are intended to help cover the costs associated with administering and delivering the services on a program basis.

For the CAS division, proposed fee increases for 2027 are designed to help offset increasing operating costs, including inflation, wage pressures, job evaluation grid step increases and other cost increases.

Self-generated revenues are an important component of the overall funding model for Conservation area operations and contribute to the delivery of programs and services. The proposed fee adjustments are expected to generate additional revenue that will contribute to HCA's overall 2027 operating budget. The estimated financial impact of the proposed fee changes will be incorporated into the 2027 budget.

Related Reports and Appendices:

Appendix A – 2027 HCA Fee Schedule - Draft

Note that fees that have been changed are highlighted in yellow and items removed are shown in strikethrough.

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2027 Draft 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

Second Vehicles

Second vehicle membership passes are available to households who require 2 vehicle passes for the same household - second pass does

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

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

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.

	2026	2026	2027	2027
Passes that come with a reward	Before HST	After HST	Before HST	After HST
Regular Annual Membership Pass	\$130.00	\$146.90	\$130.00	\$146.90
Senior/Disabled Pass - New or Renewal (15% discount)	\$110.50	\$124.87	\$110.50	\$124.87
Renewal Pass (10% discount)	\$117.00	\$132.21	\$117.00	\$132.21
Family Pass Plus	\$195.00	\$220.35	\$195.00	\$220.35
2 Year Pass - New or Renewal (comes with 2 rewards)	\$234.00	\$264.42	\$234.00	\$264.42
2 Year Senior/Disabled Pass (comes with 2 rewards)	\$221.00	\$249.73	\$221.00	\$249.73

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

Second Vehicle Pass	\$65.00	\$73.45	\$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	\$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

	2026	2026	2027	2027
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%

	2026	2026	2027	2027
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

	2026	2026	2027	2027
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			
	2026	2026	2027	2027
	Before HST	After HST	Before HST	After HST
Security deposit for damage (refundable certified cheque)	\$250.00	\$282.50	\$250.00	\$282.50
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	

	2026	2026	2027	2027
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	\$5.31	\$6.00
Walk In's/Drop Off's	\$4.87	\$5.50	\$5.31	\$6.00
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	\$4.65	\$5.25	\$4.87	\$5.50
Facility Rental Fee			\$600.00	\$678.00
Bus Entry (15+ passengers) School Groups	\$185.00	\$209.05	\$200.00	\$226.00
Non School Groups	\$275.00	\$310.75	\$290.00	\$327.70
Area Rentals (Regular gate entrance fees apply)				
Group Picnic Areas	\$95.00	\$107.35	\$95.00	\$107.35
Beach Pavilion I	\$320.00	\$361.60	\$350.00	\$361.60
Beach Pavilion II	\$255.00	\$288.15	\$265.00	\$288.15
Lakeside Pavilion	\$320.00	\$361.60	\$350.00	\$361.60
McCoy Pavilion	\$255.00	\$288.15	\$265.00	\$288.15
Marina Pavilion	\$320.00	\$361.60	\$350.00	\$361.60
Additional Picnic Fees				
BBQ's/Volleyball Nets (with no pavilion rental)	\$35.00	\$39.55	\$40.00	\$45.20
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		2026	2026	2027	2027
Boat Rentals		Before HST	After HST	Before HST	After HST
2 Hour Rental		\$35.40	\$40.00	\$35.40	\$40.00
4 Hour Rental		\$61.95	\$70.00	\$61.95	\$70.00
Full Day Rentals (4hrs - 8hrs)		\$88.50	\$100.00	\$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.

	2026	2026	2027	2027
Rentals	Before HST	After HST	Before HST	After HST
Pavilions				
Willow Cove Pavilion	\$550.00	\$621.50	\$550.00	\$621.50
Edgewater Pavilion	\$975.00	\$1,101.75	\$1,050.00	\$1,186.50
300+ *Groups over 300 guests are by special arrangements with Park Superintendent* at \$3.50/Per Person + HST (\$3.96)				

NOTE:

- 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.

Group Areas

The Orchard	\$210.00	\$237.30	\$215.00	\$242.95
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Cancellations

Cancellation fee Willow Cove	\$165.00	\$186.45	\$165.00	\$186.45
Cancellation fee Edgewater	\$320.00	\$361.60	\$320.00	\$361.60
Cancellation fee for The Orchard	\$60.00	\$67.80	\$64.50	\$72.89

The Lakeview Hall

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

Confederation Beach Park

	2026	2026	2027	2027
	Before HST	After HST	Before HST	After HST
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	\$105.00	\$118.65	\$105.00	\$118.65
101-250	\$255.00	\$288.15	\$255.00	\$288.15
251-500	\$505.00	\$570.65	\$505.00	\$505.00
500+ * Groups over 500 guests by special arrangements through Marketing and Events Manager & Park Superintendent.				

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

Entrance (Attended Gate)	2026	2026	2027	2027
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	\$185.00	\$209.05	\$185.00	\$209.05
Non School Groups	\$275.00	\$310.75	\$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)	\$10.18	\$11.50	\$10.18	\$11.50
Summit Bog Parking Lot - 525 Highway #52, Jerseyville				
Pay and Display (per day)	\$10.18	\$11.50	\$10.18	\$11.50
Special/School Rates				
School Events, Cross Country, Field Days, Track Meets, etc.				
Students (all ages)	\$4.65	\$5.25	\$4.87	\$5.50
Facility Rental Fee				\$600.00

Dundas Valley Conservation Area

	2026	2026	2027	2027
	Before HST	After HST	Before HST	After HST
Area Rentals (Regular gate entrance fees apply)				
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	\$255.00	\$288.15
Ishkode Crossing (Fire Pit Area Rental)				
- 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	\$480.00	\$542.40	\$480.00	\$542.40
Stacey Meadow Pavilion				
Outdoor Ceremony (2 Hour time allotment)				
Outdoor Ceremony with Pavilion	\$800.00	\$904.00	\$800.00	\$904.00
Outdoor Ceremony and Pavilion Reception				
Hermitage Ruins				
Outdoor Ceremony	\$800.00	\$904.00	\$800.00	\$904.00
On Site Reception				
Outdoor Ceremony and On Site Reception				
Trail Centre				
Trail Centre Rental by special arrangement				
Per day				

Dundas Valley - Environmental Education

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

	2026	2026	2027	2027
	Before HST	After HST	Before HST	After HST
Public Educational Programs				
Destination Conservation Programs				
Half day Program (2 hrs, 30 person max.)	\$415.00	\$468.95	\$415.00	\$468.95
Additional person over the 30 max.	\$7.50	\$8.48		
Additional person over the 30 max. for full day program	\$11.00	\$12.43		
(2 x 2hr programs)				
Cancellation Fees (Destination Conservation) (No HST)	\$175.00		\$175.00	
If cancelled less than 15 business days (3 weeks) in advance of date.				
Summer Day Camp				
Per child (ages 7 - 11) per one week session	\$315.00	\$355.95	\$315.00	\$355.95
Membership Holder Discount 15%				
March Break Day Camp				
Per child (ages 7 - 11) per day	\$ 65.00		\$ 65.00	\$73.45
Per child (ages 7 - 11) per one week session	\$ 315.00		\$ 315.00	\$355.95
Membership Holder Discount 15%				

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

	2026 Before HST	2026 After HST	2027 Before HST	2027 After HST
Entrance (Attended Gate)				
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	\$5.31	\$6.00
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	\$15.50	\$17.52
Weekend Boat Launch (Friday to Sunday Including Holidays)				
Vehicle with boat on trailer, minimum	\$26.00	\$29.38	\$27.00	\$30.51
Month Boat Launch (30-Days from date of Purchase)	\$80.00	\$90.40	\$40.00	\$45.20
Commercial Boat/Trailer				
Vehicle with commercial trailer, minimum	\$55.50	\$62.72	\$56.00	\$63.28
Boat Launch Annual Pass				
Annual boat launch pass	\$168.00	\$189.84	\$170.00	\$192.10
Renewal boat launch pass	\$158.00	\$178.54	\$160.00	\$180.80
Senior/Disabled boat ramp pass	\$148.00	\$167.24	\$150.00	\$169.50
Triaxle/Hydraulic	\$208.00	\$235.04	\$210.00	\$237.30
Launch-sticker-with-HCA-Membership-pass	\$50.00	\$56.50	\$59.00	\$66.67
Special/School Groups				
For school groups special event x-country, field days, track meets etc.				
Per student (all ages)	\$4.65	\$5.25	\$4.87	\$5.50
Bus Entry (15+ passengers)				
School Groups	\$185.00	\$209.05	\$185.00	\$209.05
Non School Groups	\$275.00	\$310.75	\$275.00	\$310.75

Fifty Point Conservation Area				
	2026	2026	2027	2027
RV/Trailer Storage (October 1 - May 1)	Before HST	After HST	Before HST	After HST
Daily Rate	\$14.25	\$16.10	\$14.25	\$16.10
Monthly Storage				
- Must Hold a Valid Annual Membership Pass				
Minimum	\$60.00	\$67.80	\$65.00	\$73.45
25 ft or More - Per Foot	\$3.00	\$3.39	\$3.25	\$3.67
Seasonal Summer Storage			\$185.00	\$209.05
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.				
	\$14.50	\$16.39	\$15.00	\$16.95
Area Rentals (Regular gate entrance fees apply)				
Group Picnic Areas	\$95.00	\$107.35	\$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	\$22.50	\$25.43	\$22.50	\$25.43
Camping				
Recreational Vehicle Site Fee (Individual)				
Shortening Stay on Long Weekend				
Reservation Fees (Non-Refundable)	\$13.50	\$15.26	\$14.00	
Changes Fee	\$8.50	\$9.61	\$9.00	\$10.17
Cancellation Fee	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$15.00	\$16.95
Electric/Water/Sewer 30 amp	\$54.00	\$61.02	\$55.00	\$62.15
Electric/Water/Sewer 50 amp	\$57.00	\$64.41	\$58.00	\$65.54
Additional Vehicle	\$14.00	\$15.82	\$14.50	\$16.39

Fifty Point Conservation Area

	2026	2026	2027	2027
	Before HST	After HST	Before HST	After HST
R/V Sites - Seasonal Campers				
Seasonal camping May 1, 2027 to October 31, 2027 (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.				
Reservation Fees (Non-Refundable)			\$14.00	
Electric/Water/Sewer 30 amp	\$5,900.00	\$6,667.00	\$6,010.00	\$6,791.30
Electric/Water/Sewer 50 amp	\$6,200.00	\$7,006.00	\$6,310.00	\$7,130.30
Seasonal Camper Deposit	\$300.00	\$300.00	\$300.00	
Seasonal Camping Site Maintenance Fee (Charge as required)			\$25.00	\$28.25
Group Camping				
Organized groups, must be pre-approved by Area Manager				
Youth per person	\$7.00	\$7.91	\$7.50	\$8.48
Adult per person	\$12.00	\$13.56	\$12.50	\$14.13
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

	2026 Before HST	2026 After HST	2026 Before HST	2027 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.				
Late Payment Fee - Per Day Past Payment Due			\$10.00	no tax
Plan "A" For those who winter stored previous winter				
Hydro, per foot	\$102.00	\$115.26	\$103.00	\$116.39
Non-hydro, per foot	\$96.50	\$109.05	\$97.50	\$110.18
Requiring more than normal hydro and footage	\$108.00	\$122.04	\$109.00	\$123.17
Plan "B" For those who have not winter stored				
Hydro, per foot	\$128.00	\$144.64	\$130.00	\$146.90
Requiring more than normal hydro and footage	\$133.00	\$150.29	\$135.00	\$152.55
Administration fee			\$14.00	
Overnight				
Over night mooring rate includes day use admission to the area by boat				
Per foot	\$2.25	\$2.54	\$2.75	\$3.11
Minimum Fee	\$47.50	\$53.68	\$48.00	\$54.24
Reciprocal FPYC	\$47.50	\$53.68	\$48.00	\$54.24
Day Time Mooring				
Regular watercraft entry charge applies to boat/driver/passengers (April1 - Nov1)				
No discount for restaurant use				
Weekdays	\$15.75	\$17.80	\$16.00	\$18.08
Weekends (Friday, Saturday, Sunday & Holidays)	\$26.25	\$29.66	\$26.50	\$29.95
Monthly Mooring				
Subject to availability, includes trailer parking if required. Per foot per month.				
June - August	\$34.50	\$38.99	\$36.50	\$41.25
April/May and September/October	\$23.50	\$26.56	\$25.50	\$28.82
Dock "A" non-hydro docks min 20ft				
Plan "A"	\$77.00	\$87.01	\$79.00	\$89.27
Plan "B"	\$98.00	\$110.74	\$100.00	\$113.00
Replacement of south parking lot access card	\$15.00	\$16.95	\$25.00	\$28.25
Additional Guest Pass (Entrance ONLY, Not Provided for ramp use)	\$70.00	\$79.10	\$72.00	\$81.36
Reservation Fees (Non-Refundable, Overnight, Monthly Mooring)			\$14.00	

Fifty Point Marina		2026	2026	2027	2027
Marine Service		Before HST	After HST	Before HST	After HST
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.				Contact For Pricing	
2. A 5% discount will be applied to all summer moorings paid and received by April 1st with cash, debit, cheque or e-transfer.				Contact For Pricing	
3. \$300 deposit is required by December 31st to hold docks for the following year. This deposit is non-refundable after January 31st.				Contact For Pricing	
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.				Contact For Pricing	
5. Pro-rating for dockage will begin if dockage is contracted after July 1st, based on a 100 day season.				Contact For Pricing	
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.				Contact For Pricing	
7. A surcharge of double the price per foot for every foot over 40ft.				Contact For Pricing	
8. Pump out pass is only valid for boat to which it was issued.				Contact For Pricing	
9. Add Boat to Marina Wait list Deposit - non-refundable				Contact For Pricing	
Storage		2026	2026	2027	2027
Dry Sailing Summer Storage		Before HST	After HST	Before HST	After HST
Monohulls on trailer		\$575.50	\$650.32	\$577.50	\$652.58
Triaxle Trailers, Add		\$239.00	\$270.07	\$241.00	\$272.33
Catamarans (over 9ft width) on trailer, Add		\$347.00	\$392.11	\$349.00	\$394.37
Boat on Trailers under 10 Ft		\$270.50	\$305.67	\$272.50	\$307.93
Boat Trailer Storage					
Per Night		\$12.00	\$13.56	\$13.00	\$14.69
Seasonal Rate	Returning Customer	\$184.00	\$207.92	\$185.00	\$209.05
	Non Customer	\$343.05	\$387.65	\$344.05	\$388.78
Triaxle Trailers	Returning Customer	\$305.00	\$344.65	\$306.00	\$345.78
	Non Customer	\$460.40	\$520.25	\$461.40	\$521.38

Fifty Point Marina

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

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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

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\$0.00

Late Payment Fee - Per Day Past Payment Due

\$10.00

no tax

	2026 Before HST	2026 After HST	2027 Before HST	2027 After HST
Winter Storage				
Sail Boats				
Per sq. ft.	\$6.75	\$7.63	\$7.00	\$7.91
Minimum fee 200 sq ft	\$1,350.00	\$1,525.50	\$1,400.00	\$1,582.00
(For boats that require the MML40 for moving to storage)	\$6.75	\$7.63	\$7.00	\$7.91
Power Boats				
Per sq ft	\$5.75	\$6.50	\$6.00	\$6.78
Minimum fee 200 sq ft	\$1,150.00	\$1,299.50	\$1,200.00	\$1,356.00
(For boats that require the MML40 for moving to storage)	\$5.75	\$6.50	\$6.00	\$6.78
Storage only (No haul out or wash, October 1 - May 1)				
Per sq. ft.	\$4.60	\$5.20	\$4.85	\$5.48
Minimum 200 sq ft	\$950.00	\$1,073.50	\$970.00	\$1,096.10
Boat on trailer under 10' length	\$302.25	\$341.54	\$302.50	\$341.83

Fifty Point Marina				
	2026	2026	2027	2027
Boat Handling and Miscellaneous Services	Before HST	After HST	Before HST	After HST
Launch or Lift-out with mobile marine lift, per foot of boat				
Minimum fee	\$322.50	\$364.43	\$322.50	\$364.43
Up to 35ft.	\$12.00	\$13.56	\$12.25	\$13.84
36-40ft	\$14.00	\$15.82	\$14.25	\$16.10
41ft and over (restrictions may apply - up to 14' beam)	\$16.00	\$18.08	\$16.25	\$18.36
Late Launch (per week after scheduled date)	\$95.00	\$107.35	\$96.00	\$108.48
Sling Time				
Per Hour	\$158.00	\$178.54	\$158.50	\$179.11
Per Night	\$295.00	\$333.35	\$295.50	\$333.92
Boat Wash	\$65-\$135		\$66-\$136	
Cradle Storage	\$0- \$262		\$0-\$270	
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	\$265.00	\$299.45	\$267.00	\$301.71
Mast Stepping				
Per foot (min. 25ft)	\$7.50	\$8.48	\$8.00	\$9.04
Minimum extra fee	\$175.25	\$198.03	\$175.75	\$198.60
(For those masts with special handling and/or require additional crane time)				
Mast Storage				
Per foot	\$6.75	\$7.63	\$8.75	\$9.89
Minimum	\$110.00	\$124.30	\$112.00	\$126.56
Dockside Pump out (per tank)				
Weekday	\$18.75	\$21.19	\$19.25	\$21.75
Weekend	\$22.75	\$25.71	\$23.25	\$26.27
Emergency Spill Response Fee	\$350.00	\$395.50	\$350.00	\$395.50
Emergency Response	\$877.50	\$991.58	\$877.50	\$991.58
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	no tax

Fifty Point Marina				
	2026	2026	2027	2027
	Before HST	After HST	Before HST	After HST
Cradle Rental Minimum Fee	\$153.00	\$172.89	\$155.00	\$175.15
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)	\$200.50	\$226.57	\$202.50	\$228.83
Cradle Pick up/Load				
Per hour man/vehicle	\$158.00	\$178.54	\$160.00	\$180.80
Load/Unload	\$26.75	\$30.23	\$27.75	\$31.36
Hydraulic Trailer Use				
Per hour	\$196.00	\$221.48	\$198.00	\$223.74
Minimum Charge	\$98.00	\$110.74	\$100.00	\$113.00
Labour - Hourly rate				
Standard charge for each staff	\$97.50	\$110.18	\$98.00	\$110.74
Minimum	\$49.00	\$55.37	\$50.00	\$56.50
Boat Towing - Fee Range				
In harbor	\$100.00	\$113.00	\$105.00	\$118.65
Land Storage				
Summer Months - Per sq ft	\$1.25	\$1.41	\$1.50	\$1.70
Summer Seasonal (equal to rate for Winter storage-Storage Only)	\$4.60	\$5.20	\$4.85	\$5.48
Contractor Pass	\$178.00	\$201.14	\$180.00	\$203.40
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

	2026	2026	2027	2027
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	\$8.41	\$9.50
Devil's Punchbowl Conservation Area - 185 Ridge Road				
Auto Gate (per entry)	\$7.52	\$8.50	\$8.41	\$9.50
Saltfleet Conservation Area - 444 First Road East				
Pay and Display (per entry)	\$7.52	\$8.50	\$8.41	\$9.50
Chippawa Rail Trail Parking Lot - 55 Dartnall Road				
Pay and Display (per entry)	\$7.52	\$8.50	\$8.41	\$9.50
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

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	2026	2026	2027	2027
	Before HST	After HST	Before HST	After HST
Lakeland Pool - Day Pass				
General (11 - 64 yrs)	\$7.96	\$9.00	\$8.19	\$9.25
Child (3 - 10 yrs)	\$5.75	\$6.50	\$5.97	\$6.75
Toddler <3	Free		Free	
Seniors/Disabled Seniors (65 yrs +)	\$5.75	\$6.50	\$5.97	\$6.75
Persons with Disabilities	\$5.75	\$6.50	\$5.97	\$6.75
Family Ticket (1 Adult (16 yrs+) and 2 Children)	\$16.60	\$18.75	\$16.81	\$19.00
Family Ticket (2 Adult (16 yrs+) and 4 Children)	\$34.30	\$38.75	\$34.51	\$39.00
Sunset Special - Adults	\$5.09	\$5.75	\$5.31	\$6.00
Sunset Special - Children/Seniors/Disabled	\$4.42	\$5.00	\$4.65	\$5.25
Organized Group rates (schools/day care)	\$4.64	\$5.25	\$4.87	\$5.50
Lakeland Pool - Season Pass *				
Seasons Pass (Adult) General (11 - 64 yrs)	\$81.42	\$92.00	\$81.64	\$92.25
Seasons Pass (Child) Child (3 - 10 yrs)	\$59.29	\$67.00	\$59.51	\$67.25
Seniors (65 yrs +)	\$59.29	\$67.00	\$59.51	\$67.25
Persons with Disabilities	\$59.29	\$67.00	\$59.51	\$67.25
Family Season Pass				
1 Adult (12+) and 2 Children or 2 Adults and 1 child	\$166.16	\$187.75		
2 Adults and 4 Children	\$303.99	\$343.50		
Group Rate				
General (11-63 yrs)	\$7.08	\$8.00	\$7.19	\$8.12
Child (3-10)	\$4.87	\$5.50	\$4.98	\$5.62
Senior (65yrs+)	\$4.87	\$5.50	\$4.98	\$5.62
Person with Disabilities	\$4.87	\$5.50	\$4.98	\$5.62

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

	2026	2026	2027	2027
Entrance (Attended Gate) Reservations Required During Certain Periods	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	\$5.31	\$6.00
Walk In's/Drop Off's	\$4.87	\$5.50	\$5.31	\$6.00
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	\$275.00	\$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

	2026	2026	2027	2027
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	\$5.31	\$6.00
Walk In's/Drop Off's	\$4.87	\$5.50	\$5.31	\$6.00
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	\$22.50	\$24.86
Bus Entry (15+ passengers)		School Groups	\$185.00	\$209.05
		Non School Groups	\$275.00	\$310.75
Area Rentals (Regular gate entrance fees apply)				
Powell Pavilion (Glassed In)		Whole	\$360.00	\$406.80
			\$400.00	\$406.80
Cancellation Fee for Rental Areas				
Pavilions	\$115.00	\$129.95	\$115.00	\$129.95
Boat Rentals				
4 Hour Rental	\$61.95	\$70.00	\$61.95	\$70.00
Full Day Rentals (4hrs - 8hrs)	\$88.50	\$100.00	\$88.50	\$100.00

Valens Lake Conservation Area				
	2026	2026	2027	2027
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	\$14.00	\$15.82
Shortening Stay on Long Weekend				
Changes Fee	\$8.50	\$9.61	\$9.00	\$10.17
Cancellation Fee	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$15.00	\$16.95
Non-hydro	\$47.00	\$53.11	\$48.00	\$54.24
Hydro and Water 15/30 amp	\$54.00	\$61.02	\$55.00	\$62.15
Premium Camp Site - coming soon	\$61.00	\$68.93	\$62.00	\$70.06
Additional Vehicle	\$14.00	\$15.82	\$14.50	\$16.39
Winter Program (December 1 - March 31)				
Pre Paid 20 Nights - Trailer Storage inclusive				
Non-Premium	\$985.00	\$1,113.05	\$990.00	\$1,118.70
Premium			\$1,120.00	\$1,265.60
(Must Have Valid HCA Membership, 10% per night discount applies)				
Reservation Fees (Non-Refundable)	\$13.50	\$15.26	\$14.00	\$15.82
Roofed Accommodations				
- Minimum 2 night reservation (3 nights on Long Weekends)				
- No pets allowed				
Reservation Fees (Non-Refundable)	\$13.50	\$15.26	\$14.00	\$15.82
Change Fee			\$9.00	\$10.17
Cancellation Penalty - see Cancellation Framework				
Shortening Stay				
Cancellation/Change - minimum 1 week in advance				
Cancellation/Change - less than 1 week in advance				
Drumlin Cabins (per night)	\$165.00	\$186.45	\$175.00	\$197.75
Drumlin Cabins - Deluxe (per night)	\$195.00	\$220.35	\$205.00	\$231.65
Additional Vehicle	\$14.00	\$15.82	\$14.50	\$16.39

Valens Lake Conservation Area				
	2026	2026	2027	2027
Group Sites	Before HST	After HST	Before HST	After HST
Group Area Fees				
- Per night, two night minimum plus reservation fee				
Cancellation Penalty - see Cancellation Framework				
Fox Run (maximum 15 people)	\$33.00	\$37.29	\$35.00	\$39.55
Forest Edge	\$75.00	\$84.75	\$77.00	\$87.01
Maplenook	\$145.00	\$163.85	\$147.00	\$166.11
White Tail (hydro)	\$100.00	\$113.00	\$102.00	\$115.26
Aspen Cove (hydro)	\$100.00	\$113.00	\$102.00	\$115.26
Wilderness Pavilion (no hydro)	\$90.00	\$101.70	\$92.00	\$103.96
Pinegrove Pavilion (hydro)	\$90.00	\$101.70	\$92.00	\$103.96
Organized Groups & Family Groups				
Youth Per Night	\$7.00	\$7.91	\$7.50	\$8.48
Adult Per Night	\$12.00	\$13.56	\$12.50	\$14.13
RV/Trailer Storage				
Daily Storage Rate	\$13.27	\$15.00	\$14.25	\$16.10
Monthly Trailer Storage - Must Hold a Valid Membership Pass			\$70.00	\$79.10
Inside Compound				
Minimum charge	\$60.00	\$67.80	\$65.00	\$73.45
Over 20 ft - Per Foot	\$3.00	\$3.39	\$3.50	\$3.96
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	\$4.64	\$5.00	\$5.50	\$6.22

Westfield Heritage Village Conservation Area 1049 Kirkwall Road Rockton, Ontario L0R 1X0 Phone: 519-621-8851 Email: westfield@conservationhamilton.ca
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	2026	2027	2027
Entrance (Attended Gate)	After HST	Before HST	After HST
No Event Day			
Per Vehicle and Driver	\$16.50	\$14.60	\$16.50
Per Vehicle and Senior/Disabled Driver Discount	\$14.50	\$12.83	\$14.50
Per Passenger over 5 yrs of age	\$5.50	\$5.31	\$6.00
Walk In's/Drop Off's	\$5.50	\$5.31	\$6.00
Auto Gate (No Attendant)	\$16.50	\$14.60	\$16.50
Equestrians - Includes one horse, truck and trailer	\$21.50	\$19.03	\$21.50
Each additional horse with same trailer	\$2.50	\$2.21	\$2.50
Education Programs			
Full Day Program Per Student	\$12.43	\$11.50	\$13.00
Ironwood Lunch Room Rental	\$45.20	\$40.00	\$45.20

Westfield Heritage Village Conservation Area

	2026	2027	2027
Special Programs - with Director approval	After HST	Before HST	After HST
Ticketed Event, Program, Workshop, Guided Activity			
Per Ticket	\$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			
Full Day	\$2,356.05	\$2,135.00	\$2,356.05
Weekdays (Mon - Thurs)	\$694.95	\$630.00	\$694.95
Early Set up (3 - 7pm)	\$508.50	\$460.00	\$508.50
Mountsberg Church / Bandstand Rental			
Per 2 hour intervals	\$627.15	\$625.00	\$627.15
Additional Hour Rental Fee (after 7pm)	\$87.01	\$79.00	\$87.01
Guided Tours - 2 hours (Regular entry fee applies)			
Minimum	\$79.10	\$70.00	\$79.10
Per additional person beyond 6 people	\$11.30	\$10.00	\$11.30
Photo Permits			
Wedding Photos Per session (reservation needed if not packaged)	\$350.30	\$310.00	\$350.30
Family/Engagement Photo Permit	\$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.

Wild Waterworks

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 Hamilton, Ontario L8E 3L8
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	2026	2026	2027	2027		
Day Admission	Before HST	After HST	Before HST	After HST	\$ C	
General (11-64 yrs. of age)	\$34.96	\$39.50	\$36.28	\$41.00		
Children (3-10yrs of age)	\$23.45	\$26.50	\$24.78	\$28.00		
Senior (65+ yrs. of age)	\$30.53	\$34.50	\$31.86	\$36.00		
Person with Disability	\$23.45	\$26.50	\$24.78	\$28.00		
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)	\$28.76	\$32.50	\$30.09	\$34.00		
Children (3-10yrs of age)	\$19.03	\$21.50	\$20.35	\$23.00		
Senior (65+ yrs. of age)	\$24.78	\$28.00	\$26.11	\$29.50		
Person with Disability	\$19.03	\$21.50	\$20.35	\$23.00		
Attendant for Person with Disability Access 2 Program	FREE	FREE	FREE	FREE		
Toddler (0-2 yrs of age)	FREE	FREE	FREE	FREE		
	2026	2026	2027	2027		
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)	\$30.46	\$34.42	\$31.79	\$35.92		
Children (3-10yrs of age)	\$18.95	\$21.41	\$20.28	\$22.92		
Senior (65+ yrs. of age)	\$26.03	\$29.41	\$27.36	\$30.92		
Person with Disability	\$18.95	\$21.41	\$20.28	\$22.92		
Attendant for Person with Disability Access 2 Program	FREE	FREE	FREE	FREE		
Toddler (0-2 yrs of age)	FREE	FREE	FREE	FREE		
	2026	2026	2027	2027		
Group Picnic	Level 3 (501-1000)	Level 4 (1000+)	Level 1 (25-250)	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 depost prior to arrival. Renting a pavilion + BBQ required.	Discount of \$5.75 from general admission	Discount of \$6.25 from general admission	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	Before HST	Before HST
General (11-64 yrs. Of age)	\$29.21	\$28.71	\$31.53	\$31.03	\$29.53	\$29.03
Children (3-10yrs of age)	\$17.70	\$17.20	\$20.03	\$19.53	\$19.03	\$18.53
Senior (65+ yrs. of age)	\$24.78	\$24.28	\$27.11	\$26.61	\$26.11	\$25.61
Person with Disability	\$17.70	\$17.20	\$20.03	\$19.53	\$19.03	\$18.53
Attendant for Person with Disability Access 2 Program	FREE	FREE	FREE	FREE	FREE	FREE
Toddler (0-2 yrs of age)	FREE	FREE	FREE	FREE	FREE	FREE
Contact for price						

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	2026	2026	2027	2027
	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)	\$30.46	\$34.42	\$31.79	\$35.92
Senior (65+ yrs. of age)	\$18.95	\$21.41	\$20.28	\$22.92
Person with Disability	\$26.03	\$29.41	\$27.36	\$30.92
Attendant for Person with Disability Access 2 Program	\$18.95	\$21.41	\$20.28	\$22.92
Toddler (0-2 yrs of age)	FREE	FREE	FREE	FREE
	FREE	FREE	FREE	FREE
	2026	2026	2027	2027
	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+)	\$121.50	\$137.30	\$126.98	\$143.49
Replacement pass	\$10.00	\$11.30	\$10.00	
Four Pack Season Pass				
Four Pack Season Pass (Four season passes)	\$368.50	\$416.41	\$399.00	\$450.87
\$10 off season pass renewal if reusing previous season pass wristbands				
Additional Pack Member Pass	\$98.50	\$111.31	\$100.50	Remove FEE
* must be purchased with Pack Season Pass, maximum of 3 additional Pack members				

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DRAFT 2027 Fee Schedule

	2026	2026	2027	2027
Rentals	Before HST	After HST	Before HST	After HST
Pay And Go Lockers (located in washrooms)	\$0.89	\$1.00	\$0.89	\$1.01
Day Use Lockers				
Small	\$12.39	\$14.00	\$12.39	\$14.00
Medium	\$16.81	\$19.00	\$16.81	\$19.00
Large	\$22.12	\$25.00	\$22.12	\$25.00
Day Use Lockers - Sunset Special				
Small	\$7.08	\$8.00	\$7.08	\$8.00
Medium	\$11.50	\$13.00	\$11.50	\$13.00
Large	\$16.81	\$19.00	\$16.81	\$19.00
BBQ's				
Medium - commercial (6 hrs)	\$180.00	\$203.40	\$185.00	\$209.05
Large - commercial (6 hrs)	\$265.00	\$299.45	\$270.00	\$305.10
Tubes				
All tubes require a \$5.00 deposit in addition to cost of rental. Deposit refundable upon return of tube and matching wristband.				
Tube - Full Day Rental	\$4.42	\$5.00	\$4.42	\$5.00
Tube - Sunset Rental (after 4:00pm)	\$2.65	\$3.00	\$2.65	\$3.00
Pavilions				
Available to catered and non-catered groups. Must be pre-booked, pre-ordered with 50% deposit upon booking. Group discounts on paid admission and pre-paid bulk sales may apply.				
Weekend Pavilion 1 or 2	\$275.00	\$310.75	\$277.00	\$313.01
Weekend Pavilion 3	\$225.00	\$254.25	\$227.00	\$256.51
Weekday Pavilion 1 or 2	\$75.00	\$84.75	\$77.00	\$87.01
Weekday Pavilion 3	\$50.00	\$56.50	\$52.00	\$58.76

For Catered Groups with Private Caterers:

Insurance of \$5 million is required 2 weeks before event date from catering company listing Hamilton

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	2026	2026	2027	2027
	Before HST	After HST	Before HST	After HST
Cabanas (Online Booking Only, subject to service fee)				
Regular Cabana Rental	\$118.50	\$133.91	\$125.00	\$141.25
	\$138.50	\$156.51	\$145.00	\$163.85
Cabana Rental, 1 all day locker rental, 4 tube rentals and wait service.				
Deluxe Pool Side Cabana Rental	\$236.75	\$267.53	\$243.25	\$274.87
	\$256.75	\$290.13	\$263.25	\$297.47
Cabana Rental, 1 all day locker rental, 4 tube rentals and wait service. 4 park admission.				
Sunset Package (after 4pm - Walk up Only)				
	\$40.25	\$45.48	\$42.25	\$47.74
	\$79.25	\$89.55	\$81.25	\$91.81
Cabana Rental and 1 all day locker rental and 4 tube rentals.				
Regular Cabana All Day Family Rental				
	\$219.50	\$248.04	\$226.00	\$255.38
	\$239.50	\$270.64	\$246.00	\$277.98
Cabana Rental, 2 all day locker rental, 8 tube rentals and wait service, 4 Wild Waterworks Tumblers				
Poolside Cabana All Day Family Delux Rental				
	\$432.50	\$488.73	\$439.00	\$496.07
	\$452.50	\$511.33	\$459.00	\$518.67
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				
	2026	2026	2027	2027
Plan Review Service Fees	Before HST	After HST	Before HST	After HST
Subdivision and Condominiums				
Minor	\$1,691.16	\$1,911.01	\$1,691.16	\$1,911.01
Intermediate	\$6,761.58	\$7,640.59	\$6,761.58	\$7,640.59
Major	\$12,201.24	\$13,787.40	\$12,201.24	\$13,787.40
Applicant Driven Revision	\$4,288.08	\$4,845.53	\$4,288.08	\$4,845.53
Clearance Fees				
Per Phase Charge (on top of Major clearance fee above)	\$1,203.60	\$1,360.07	\$1,203.60	\$1,360.07
Consents				
Minor	\$1,113.84	\$1,258.64	\$1,113.84	\$1,258.64
Major	\$2,981.46	\$3,369.05	\$2,981.46	\$3,369.05
Minor Variances				
Minor	\$618.12	\$698.48	\$618.12	\$698.48
Major	\$1,344.36	\$1,519.13	\$1,344.36	\$1,519.13
Official Plan Amendments				
Minor	\$1,509.60	\$1,705.85	\$1,509.60	\$1,705.85
Major	\$5,157.12	\$5,827.55	\$5,157.12	\$5,827.55
Zoning By-law Amendments				
Minor (including H-Zone Removal)	\$1,509.60	\$1,705.85	\$1,509.60	\$1,705.85
Major	\$4,992.90	\$5,641.98	\$4,992.90	\$5,641.98
Site Plan Approval Application				
Minor	\$2,016.54	\$2,278.69	\$2,016.54	\$2,278.69
Intermediate	\$6,631.02	\$7,493.05	\$6,631.02	\$7,493.05
Major	\$8,123.28	\$9,179.31	\$8,123.28	\$9,179.31
Resubmission - 15% of full application fee				
Formal Consultation	\$674.22	\$761.87	\$674.22	\$761.87
Niagara Escarpment Plan Amendments - Applicant-Driven	\$3,899.46	\$4,406.39	\$3,899.46	\$4,406.39
Niagara Escarpment Plan Development Permits	\$1,623.84	\$1,834.94	\$1,623.84	\$1,834.94
Complex Applications	\$12,206.34	\$13,793.16	\$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	\$30,215.46	\$34,143.47	\$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 pre-consultation 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

Permit Fees

Pursuant to the Conservation Authorities Act and Ontario Regulation 41/24: Prohibited Activities, Exemptions and Permits, within HCA regulated areas, a permit is required for:

- Development activities and;
- Interference with Wetlands 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.

	2026	2026	2027	2027
	Before HST	After HST	Before HST	After HST
Basic applications (no technical studies required)	\$744.60	\$841.40	\$744.60	\$841.40
Applications involving review of technical studies	\$1,370.88	\$1,549.09	\$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)	\$2,207.28	\$2,494.23	\$2,207.28	\$2,494.23
Applications involving review of technical studies.	\$4,796.04	\$5,419.53	\$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	\$473.28	\$534.81	\$473.28	\$534.81
Intermediate - Less than 500 m3 and technical studies required	\$3,022.26	\$3,415.15	\$3,022.26	\$3,415.15
	plus \$0.50/m3		plus \$0.50/m3	
Major - Greater than 500 m3	\$6,019.02	\$6,801.49	\$6,019.02	\$6,801.49
	plus \$0.50/m3		plus \$0.50/m3	

HCA Plan Review & Permit Fees
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4. Interference with Wetlands and Watercourses:

Activities to straighten, change, divert or interfere in any way with the existing channel of a river, creek, stream or watercourse or to change or interfere in any way with a wetland.

		2026	2026	2027	2027
		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.					
		\$1,380.06	\$1,559.47	\$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.					
		\$3,876.00	\$4,379.88	\$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.					
		\$5,642.64	\$6,376.18	\$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.					
		\$6,378.06	\$7,207.21	\$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		\$389.64	\$440.29	\$389.64	\$440.29
8. Expired Permits		\$323.34	\$365.37	\$323.34	\$365.37
9. Letter Of Permission (Administrative Permit)	With Site Visit	\$335.58	\$379.21	\$335.58	\$379.21
	No Site Visit	\$231.54	\$261.64	\$231.54	\$261.64
10. Resubmissions (per hour of review time)		\$110.49	\$124.85	\$110.49	\$124.85

HCA Plan Review & Permit Fees

NOTES:

Permits are normally issued for a two (2) year period. Permits may be issued for a longer period, however, the maximum period of validity for any permit is five (5) years. Permit extensions may be granted, but any extension shall not exceed the total maximum allowable period of validity of five (5) years.

- Significant alteration to an activity or changed ownership will be subject to a new permit application. All fees are to be made payable to the Hamilton Region Conservation Authority.

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.

	2026	2026	2027	2027
Service/Reforestation/Planning Fees/Misc. Fees	Before HST	After HST	Before HST	After HST
Natural Areas Inventory Database Private Requests				
Per hour preparation time	\$112.20	\$126.79	\$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	\$19.69	\$22.25	\$19.69	\$22.25
Seed Collections by weight per lb.				
Grass seed	\$45.90	\$51.87	\$45.90	\$51.87
Wildflower seed	\$66.56	\$75.21	\$66.56	\$75.21
Conifer seed	\$34.02	\$38.44	\$34.02	\$38.44
Walnut, Hickory, Oak seed	\$7.96	\$8.99	\$7.96	\$8.99
Other deciduous tree and shrub seed	\$3.01	\$3.40	\$3.01	\$3.40
Seed Collections by volume per litre				
Conifer cones	\$0.61	\$0.69	\$0.61	\$0.69
Walnut, Hickory, Oak seed	\$1.48	\$1.67	\$1.48	\$1.67
Other deciduous tree and shrub seed	\$1.02	\$1.15	\$1.02	\$1.15

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		2026	2026	2027	2027
		Before HST	After HST	Before HST	After HST
GIS Mapping					
Colour Printing (includes ortho photo or area fill)	per sq.ft.	\$15.81	\$17.87	\$15.81	\$17.87
Colour printing (no ortho photo or area fill)	per sq.ft.	\$5.41	\$6.11	\$5.41	\$6.11
(any size up to 40" wide)					
Digital files (email)					
Ortho photography 1km X 1km (ecw, jpg or geotiff) per file		\$38.51	\$43.51	\$38.51	\$43.51
- Ortho photography available for 2002, 2010, 2015					
Custom maps (including HCA scanned maps) based on size	per sq.ft.	\$5.97	\$6.74	\$5.97	\$6.74
Vector Data (high detail e.g. Contours, dem)	per sq.km.	\$59.01	\$66.68	\$59.01	\$66.68
Vector Data (low detail e.g. Watercourse etc.)	per hour	\$112.71	\$127.36	\$112.71	\$127.36
Custom Map Preparation (plus printing or digital file cost)		\$113.22	\$127.94	\$113.22	\$127.94
Photocopies					
per sheet		\$0.28	\$0.31	\$0.28	\$0.31
Stream Flow/Weather/Fishery Data					
Per hour staff time		\$112.71	\$127.36	\$112.71	\$127.36
Stream flow Discharge measurement, per hour + mileage		\$112.71	\$127.36	\$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		\$36.62	\$41.38	\$36.62	\$41.38
Electronic Files		\$27.23	\$30.77	\$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)					
		\$316.20	\$357.31	\$316.20	\$357.31
B. Solicitor, Real Estate, Consultant Request, and Property Reports (no site visit)					
		\$275.40	\$311.20	\$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		\$53.40	\$60.34	\$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.					