

# YOUTH STRATEGY



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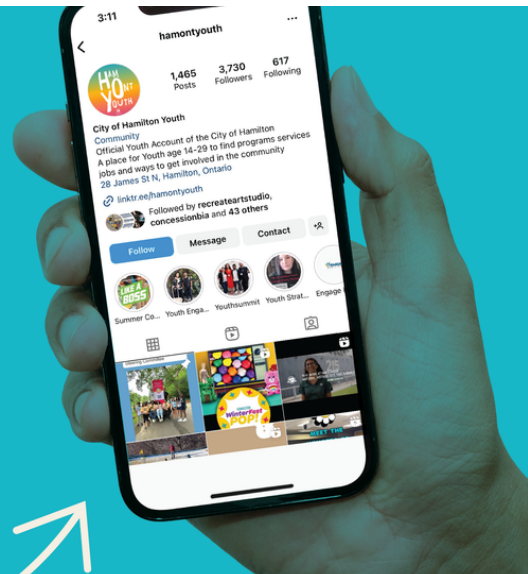
## This Week in the World of Youth

Latest news and updates for the month of February

**Looking to stay up to date on events and initiatives happening for youth in Hamilton? We've got you covered.**



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## From the Youth Engagers

Embarking on our role as Youth Engagers, we didn't know what to expect. Naturally, this came with some nerves. However, the warmth and inclusivity of the staff and community members dissipated any sense of anxiety! It's been an amazing experience witnessing the diversity of cases across the city. Each case presented a new learning opportunity, broadening our perspectives on municipal community engagement.

Exploring Hamilton beyond the confines of an office has been a highlight; appreciating the city's unique character. Every Monday, we visit the Saltfleet Library to meet with students from Newman High School. These sessions are more than just discussions; they're about building connections with the youth and guiding them toward the diverse opportunities in the HamOntYouth programs. The interactions have been enlightening, allowing us to understand their perspectives and needs.

This job has not only allowed us to tangibly contribute to the community but also grow and understand the city. It's a role that continues to surprise and inspire us, and we look forward to seeing the positive impact it brings forward in our community!



# SENSE OF INCLUSION

## HAMILTON BLACK HISTORY COUNCIL

Black History Month



February marks Black History Month. Events are ongoing throughout the month to profile, celebrate and raise awareness of Black Hamiltonians who have significantly contributed to our city.

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## PINK SHIRT DAY

Wednesday February 28



Pink Shirt Day is an initiative promoting kindness and taking a stand against bullying. Wearing pink symbolizes solidarity and support for those who have been bullied. This day encourages everyone to create a safer, more inclusive community.

Join Youth Serving Agencies across Hamilton on February 28 by wearing a pink and standing up to bullies

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# HEALTH AND WELLNESS

## UNFILTERED FACTS

Vaping - The Unfiltered Facts



Join Unfiltered Facts to resist youth-targeted nicotine marketing, protecting health and brain development. Advocate change in your community. Learn more on their website and follow them on Instagram @unfiltered\_facts.

[CHECK OUT THEIR WEBSITE](#)

## ABRAR MENTAL HEALTH

FREE Drop-In Mental Health Services



Free trauma counseling and peer support for newcomer youth aged 16-30 every Tuesday at McMaster Centre, 1 James St. N. Safe space for mental health support and community connections.

[FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT  
ADMIN@ABRARMH.CA](#)

# EMPLOYMENT

## CITY OF HAMILTON

### Summer Student Employment



Apply now to work for the City of Hamilton as Summer Supie, Camp, Wading Pool, Parks, and Museums programs! Don't miss this opportunity – applications close on March 31.

Exciting summer experiences await!

**LEARN MORE AND APPLY**

## WORKFORCE PLANNING HAMILTON

### Employer One Survey



Help shape the future of work! Participate in the Employer One survey to voice your experience and insights. Your input is vital to improving employment strategies and policies.

Register now.

**LEARN MORE AND TAKE THE SURVEY**

## WILD WATERWORKS

### Now Hiring for summer



Wild Waterworks outdoor waterpark has begun accepting applications for the 2024 summer season. Experience huge waves of Wild Waterworks' amazing employee perks and benefits to make your summer even more thrilling!

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## HAMILTON BUSINESS CENTRE

### Summer Company



The Hamilton Business Centre is now open for Summer Company 2024 applications, offering students aged 15-29 training, mentorship, and up to \$3000 to start their businesses. Apply by May 3, 2024, via the Hamilton Business Centre website, following an easy application process with a new direct submission system.

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# YOUTH ENGAGEMENT AND LEADERSHIP

## HAMILTON BLACK HISTORY COUNCIL

Rev. John C Holland Awards



Celebrate the achievements of Hamilton's Black Youth at the Reverend John C Holland Awards Gala on Feb 24 at Liuna Station. Since 1996, this gala has been honouring local Black youth and offering scholarships.

The event is sold out for 2024! Want to still support it? Consider being an award sponsor!

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## GOLF CANADA

RBC Canadian Open Student Program



Join the team at Golf Canada for the RBC Canadian Open taking place at Oakdale Golf and Country Club. Be part of a prestigious golf event. Enjoy unique perks while supporting a world-class sports experience from May 27 – June 2.

Registration is now open!

[LEARN MORE AND REGISTER](#)

# ENTERTAINMENT

## RECREATION DIVISION

Family Day Public Skating

**Free Family Day Skates** Monday, February 19, 2024  
Open Skate sessions available at select arenas across the City of Hamilton.

Arenas / Rinks	Monday, February 19, 2024
Bill Friday/Lawfield Arena	Open Skate 1:00 - 3:00pm
Beverly Arena	Open Skate 1:00 - 3:00pm
Chedoke Arena	Open Skate 1:00 - 3:00pm
Coronation Arena	Open Skate 1:00 - 3:00pm
Glanbrook Arena	Open Skate 1:00 - 3:00pm
Harry Howell Arena	Open Skate 1:00 - 3:00pm
JL Grightmire Arena	Open Skate 1:00 - 3:00pm
Morgan Firestone Arena	Open Skate 1:00 - 3:00pm
Rosedale Arena	Open Skate 1:00 - 3:00pm
Pat Quinn Parkdale Arena	Open Skate 1:00 - 3:00pm
Saltfleet Arena	Open Skate 1:00 - 3:00pm
Stoney Creek Arena	Open Skate 1:00 - 3:00pm
Valley Park Arena	Open Skate 1:00 - 3:00pm
Outdoor Ice Rinks	Weather Dependent

We are accepting canned good and non-perishable food items at all locations. Donations will be given to a local food bank.

For drop-in skate schedules, visit: [hamilton.ca/skating](https://hamilton.ca/skating) and for outdoor rinks, visit: [hamilton.ca/outdoorice](https://hamilton.ca/outdoorice)

Hamilton

Family Day skating sessions will be available at select arenas on Monday February 19 across the City of #HamOnt! We will be accepting canned good and non-perishable food items at all locations. Donations will be given to a local food bank

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## HAMILTON FARMERS MARKET



Established in 1837, the Hamilton Farmers' Market offers over 50 vendors year-round. Located downtown next to Jackson Square, find a diverse mix of local and international foods, artisan products, and more.

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## LIVING ROCK YOUTH RESOURCES

### Soupfest



Join Soupfest 2024 at Hamilton Convention Centre on Feb 27th. Support Living Rock Youth Centre with a \$20 ticket, enjoying diverse soups from local restaurants. A delightful way to aid youth programs.

[LEARN MORE AND GET TICKETS](#)

## TORONTO ROCK

### Saturday Night Lacrosse



Catch Toronto Rock lacrosse games at First Ontario Centre on Feb 10th and 24th. Great match ups this month against the Calgary Roughnecks and Vancouver Warriors, with tickets from \$35. This is must-see Lacrosse action

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# FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

## MINISTRY OF FRANCOPHONE AFFAIRS

### Francophone Community Grants Program



The Ministry of Francophone Affairs invites applications for the 2024-25 Francophone Community Grants Program. Organizations and businesses serving Francophone communities can apply from January 23 to March 11, 2024, for funding that supports socio-economic and cultural growth in Ontario's Francophonie.

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## TD CANADA

### Park Peoples Grants



Support community and green spaces through the TD Park People Grants. Apply by February 27 to fund unique environmental events in local parks across Canada, fostering inclusivity and sustainability.

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