

From: **"Amrolia, Armin"**

To: **"Direct to Mayor and Council - DL"**

Date: 2024-07-29 3:19:22 PM

Subject: Planetarium leak repair update

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Good afternoon Mayor and Council,

Some of you may have received a reach out from the ED of the HR MaMillan Space Centre expressing concern about a delay in water pipe repairs. Please see below for a brief summary from Facilities Management and Operational Excellence (FMOE):

- Approximately a week ago, bubbling water was observed, indicating a broken water line.
- The water line leads into and serves the whole cultural complex, which includes the Space Centre/Planetarium, MOV & the Archives.
- FMOE immediately enlisted the Engineering Water Works team and after significant investigation, they found a break buried under a magnolia tree in the garden.
- The repair was initially scheduled for today, and the cultural campus tenants were notified of the scheduled repair.
- While preparing a 12 feet excavation for the repair, the team were faced with unexpected water flow and slumping sides. The work had to pause while the shoring was reinforced for worker safety. This required reinforcement work, unfortunately, caused a delay in the overall repair schedule by one day.
- The final repair has been rescheduled for tomorrow morning at 8:00 a.m. In the meantime, FMOE is arranging for porta-potties to allow the buildings to remain open for tomorrow until the repair is complete.

We understand HRMSC's frustration given the impact on venue operations, but it is difficult to predict all site variables and we cannot proceed with work in unsafe conditions. I assure you that FMOE staff understand the importance of timely response and they are in regular contact with the management teams of the various site tenants.

If you have any further questions, please feel free to email me.

Thank you,

Armin

**Armin Amrolia** - Deputy City Manager (she/her)

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**Subject:** Re: Planetarium leak repair update.

Hi team,

Please see the message from Lorraine Lowe below from the Planetarium. Anything we can do in this time sensitive situation?

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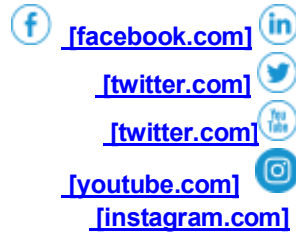
Great to see you all at the flag raising ceremony this morning. As I mentioned, the situation with the building shut off scheduled originally for this morning was canceled, but we were just told this morning that they were not prepared to do the work today and will be pushing it to tomorrow morning. Unfortunately, we cannot operate without running water and we cannot afford to close another day of operations tomorrow. I've cc'ed Mauro here from MOV as we are both stuck in this unfortunate situation.

**Lorraine Lowe Executive Director**

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Hi:

Good morning , just talked to the crew and they have a lot of prep to do , we will not shutting the water today. Water will be shut down tomorrow from 8 Am to 2 pm, sorry for any inconvenience , thank you for your understanding.

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