

Heated Rivalry Filming Tour (Hamilton Edition)

Hamilton was one of the main filming hubs for *Heated Rivalry*, with several **recognizable on-screen locations actually shot in real, publicly accessible spaces across the city**. This self-guided tour takes you through the exact spots used in the series so fans can literally walk the same streets and set locations seen on screen.

Stop 1: McMaster University – Burridge Gym (First Meeting Scene)

 1280 Main St W

One of the most iconic scenes in the series — Shane and Ilya's first meeting — was filmed outside **Burridge Gym at McMaster University**. The surrounding campus walkways were also used for training montages and character interactions, making this one of the most important real-world locations in the show.

Stop 2: Pink Tunnel (Corktown – Emotional Monologue Scene)

 Corktown / Shamrock Park area

The distinctive **Pink Tunnel graffiti passage** appears in one of Ilya's emotional phone call scenes. This tunnel is a real pedestrian underpass in Hamilton and has become one of the most instantly recognizable filming locations from the series due to its bold colour and gritty atmosphere.

Stop 3: Relay Coffee Roasters (James Street North – Café Scene Stand-in)

 27 King William St

Relay Coffee Roasters was used as a filming location for café-style scenes and city-life moments in the series. The surrounding James Street North corridor was also heavily used for street walking shots and character transitions throughout the show.

Stop 4: King William Street (City Walking & Lifestyle Shots)

 Downtown Hamilton


Multiple scenes featuring character movement through city nightlife and everyday life were filmed along **King William Street**, one of Hamilton's most visually cinematic corridors. The area's restaurants, bars, and lighting made it ideal for urban narrative scenes.

Stop 5: Dundurn Castle Grounds (Russia Stand-In Scene)

 610 York Blvd

One of the most surprising transformations in the series — **Dundurn Castle** was used as a stand-in for Russia in exterior scenes, including jogging sequences. The historic estate and surrounding grounds provided the upscale, international visual contrast used in the show.

Stop 6: Winchester Arms (Dundas Bar Scene)

 Dundas, Hamilton


A real local pub, **Winchester Arms**, was used for key bar and social scenes in the series. The interior setting appears in character-driven moments and is one of the most “unchanged from screen to real life” locations fans can visit.

Stop 7: Le Tambour Tavern (Downtown Hamilton Scene)

 24 Hess St S

Le Tambour Tavern appears briefly in the series and was used for local social / nightlife atmosphere shots. It's part of Hamilton's growing reputation as a flexible filming city for grounded, real-world interiors.

Stop 8: FirstOntario Concert Hall (Event Scene Location)

 1 Summers Ln

This major downtown venue was used for a large-scale event sequence in the series, doubling as a stylized interior space for a high-profile scene involving public gathering and performance atmosphere.

Optional Bonus Stop: Mansion Nightclub (Featured Night Scene)

 Downtown Hamilton

A nightclub setting used for a major party sequence was filmed at **Mansion Nightclub**, one of Hamilton's real nightlife venues frequently used for TV and film production due to its dramatic lighting and layout.

Tour Notes

- Most locations are within **walkable downtown distance** or a short transit ride
 - Some interior scenes were filmed on private sets, but all stops above are confirmed real-world filming locations
 - Be respectful of active businesses and campus spaces when visiting
 - Best experience: late afternoon into evening for lighting that matches the show's tone
-

Why Hamilton Works for Film

The production of *Heated Rivalry* leaned heavily on Hamilton because of its rare mix of **heritage architecture, gritty urban corridors, university campuses, and industrial texture** — all

within a compact, walkable city core. That versatility is what makes these locations feel so authentic on screen.