



**City of Hamilton**  
**EMERGENCY & COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE**  
**ADDENDUM**

**Meeting #:** 24-006  
**Date:** September 19, 2024  
**Time:** 1:30 p.m.  
**Location:** Council Chambers  
Hamilton City Hall  
71 Main Street West

Loren Kolar, Legislative Coordinator (905) 546-2424 ext. 2604

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**5. COMMUNICATIONS**

**\*5.2 Correspondence respecting a Recommendation to Support Mohawk Sports Park Feasibility Study**

Recommendation: Be received and referred to Item 6.1, Delegation Request from Kevin Gonci, respecting the Mohawk Sports Park Council.

- \*a. Kevin Daley, President, 91st Highlanders Athletic Association  
Note: Item 5.2(a) to 5.2(g) posted here
- \*b. Paul Challen and Ahmed Khalif, Co-Founders, PACK Running Club
- \*c. Mathieu Gentes, CEO, Athletics Canada
- \*d. Richard Roberts, Head Coach, Special Olympics Ontario Athletics
- \*e. Donna Pickering, Program Coordinator, Southwestern Ontario Military Family Resource Centre, Hamilton Region
- \*f. Krystn Orr, Chair, Hamilton Accessible Sports Council
- \*g. Garfield Reid, Vice-Chairman, Golden Horseshoe Track and Field Council

- \*h. Medora Uppal, CEO, YWCA
- \*i. James Murphy, Executive Director, Parasport Ontario
- \*j. Vincent Kuber, Executive Director, Steeltown Athletics Club (STAC)
- \*k. Stuart McReynolds, Associate Vice-President, Programs, Canadian Tire Jumpstart Charities
- \*l. Patrick Cloutier, Societe Economique Ontario
- \*m. Julie Jardel, Executive Director, Centre Francophone Hamilton
- \*n. James T. Kryger, Director of Athletics, Redeemer University
- \*o. Ranjit Chandri, President, Hamilton District Cricket League
- \*p. William Redgate, President, Hamilton Hornets Rugby Football Club
- \*q. Scott Davidson, President, Hamilton Olympic Club
- \*r. Hamilton Challenger Baseball Board of Directors
- \*s. Paul Osland, Athletics Ontario
- \*t. Myles Spencer, CEO, Rugby Ontario

*Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders of Canada (Princess Louise's)*



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5.2(a) to 5.2(g)

August 3, 2024

Hamilton City Council,  
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**LETTER OF SUPPORT: MOHAWK SPORTS PARK FEASIBILITY STUDY**

Members of Council:

The 91<sup>st</sup> Highlanders Athletic Association has been organizing and operating an indoor track and field meet (the Hamilton Indoor Games) since 1908. Those indoor games have been held annually, excepting years around the two world wars and KOVID, since then, such that our 2024 games were the 96<sup>th</sup> edition. The games were held in John Weir Foote (James Street) Armoury from 1908 to 1985. They have taken place at First Ontario Centre/Copps Coliseum since 1986 and are likely to be back at the armoury in 2025 as the arena is renovated.

We enthusiastically support the efforts of the Mohawk Sports Park Council as they complete a comprehensive feasibility study which will lead to the development of a more inclusive and accessible public space which will accommodate the needs of several community organizations and equity-deserving groups in our community.

We have problems with our current situation. Our track, 145 metres, 4 lanes, which was once state of the art and designed to fit inside the arena ice surface, is old and near the end of its life. The erection, dismantling, transport and storage of the track are very expensive and continuing.

In addition, while fifty years ago elite athletes were pleased to compete on this track, only some elementary and high school athletes will now race on it. Elite and university (and even some high school) athletes expect a 200 metre, 6 lane banked track.

Therefore, the 91<sup>st</sup> Highlanders Athletic Association is pleased that the plans include a 200 metre, 6 lane banked track that is capable of hosting competitions.

Sincerely;

Kevin Daley,  
President



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September 1, 2024

**Re:** Letter of Support - Mohawk Sports Park Feasibility Study

Members of Council:

PACK Running Club is a Hamilton-based, long- and middle-distance running club. We work with young runners aged 13-20 on a high-performance model to prepare them for competition and academics at a post-secondary level. Importantly, PACK is focused on supporting athletes and families who may be facing financial and logistical barriers in participating in competitive sports. If necessary, we support families with the full cost of participation including equipment, registration fees, transportation, and other areas.

PACK is pleased to support the efforts of the Mohawk Sports Park (MSP) Council towards the completion of a comprehensive feasibility study. We understand this study will support the development of a more inclusive and accessible public space at MSP, and in particular, will support the needs of several community organizations and equity-deserving groups across our community.

Like all running and track and field clubs in the Greater Hamilton Area, PACK's main interest in the enhancement of facilities at MSP lies in the potential for the development of an indoor track complex. We struggle to find suitable indoor training venues during the 4-month window (December-March) when outdoor training becomes difficult. Again, like many clubs in the GHA, we find it unfortunate that in a city with as rich a running history as Hamilton, and in an area that produces so many top runners, there is not a single public-use indoor track. As well, since our mandate goes beyond simply sporting achievements and into community involvement and increased access to sport for all, we support any developments at MSP that would lead to additional facilities for the wider community.

We have supported the efforts of the MSP Council for some time now and are active participants in the consultations and outreach efforts they are undertaking. With that in mind, we wholeheartedly support the proposed feasibility study under consideration and hope Hamilton City Council will do likewise.

Thank you.  
Paul Challen  
Co-Founder and Coach

*Paul Challen*

Ahmed Khalif  
Co-Founder and Coach

*Ahmed Khalif*



Hamilton City Council  
71 Main Street West  
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August 10, 2024

Re: Letter of Support – Mohawk Sports Park Feasibility Study

To whom it may concern,

This letter serves to support the Mohawk Sports Park Council's efforts in completing a detailed feasibility study which will assess the proposed park-wide improvements and Community Hub development that will support the diverse needs of Hamilton residents.

A major strategic objective of Athletics Canada is the development and support of new and improved facilities and equipment to properly service the athletics community on a local, provincial, and national level. Indoor facility and equipment investments are especially significant as these can be used year-round for day-to-day training and competition.

Thank you for considering this project and I am available to discuss further.

Yours in sport,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mathieu Gentès".

Mathieu Gentès  
Chief Executive Officer



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August 1, 2024

LETTER OF SUPPORT - MOHAWK SPORTS PARK FEASIBILITY STUDY

Members of Council:

The Hamilton Special Olympics Ontario Athletics team has enjoyed using the Mohawk track and the support offered to our group by all those involved.

As we continue to build our team with athletes and coaches, we are pleased to support the efforts of the Mohawk Sports Park Council towards the completion of a comprehensive feasibility study which will support the development of a more inclusive and accessible public space and support the needs of several community organizations and equity-deserving groups across our community.

This location is not only easily accessible for our entire group but also provides a safe area for them to meet, practice, and enjoy themselves.

In conclusion, after being fortunate to be a Head coach with the SOO organization, our team is happy to support the efforts of the Mohawk Sports Park Council as it continues to add to the well-being of those in Hamilton.

Sincerely,

*Richard Roberts*

Richard Roberts  
Head coach  
Special Olympics Ontario Athletics



## Southwestern Ontario Military Family Resource Centre

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### Centre de ressources pour les familles des militaires du Sud-Ouest de l'Ontario

Hamilton City Council  
71 Main Street West  
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August 12, 2024

LETTER OF SUPPORT - MOHAWK SPORTS PARK FEASIBILITY STUDY

Members of Council:

The Southwestern Ontario Military Family Resource Centre Hamilton Regional office is an organization committed to providing a wide range of programs and services that foster the health and general well-being of military families and to address the unique needs facing the military community in a supportive, caring, and confidential environment.

From community engagement and orientation to education and employment services, the SWOMFRC is focused on meeting the changing needs of military families throughout Southwestern Ontario. Support programs are also available in the areas of family separation and reunion, crisis and intervention, positive parenting, caregiving, and veteran support.

Our organization is pleased to support the efforts of the Mohawk Sports Park Council toward the completion of a comprehensive feasibility study. This will support the development of a more inclusive and accessible public space and support the needs of several community organizations and equity-deserving groups across our community.

We believe that by establishing a dedicated community hub, we can effectively address the diverse needs of our military families holistically and comprehensively. This hub would serve as a physical space for programs and services but also as a symbol of our commitment to building stronger and a more resilient military community.

In conclusion, the establishment of a community hub aligns seamlessly with our organization's values of inclusivity, openness, mental health support, and community partnerships. We are excited about the possibilities it presents and the positive impact it can have on the lives of our military community. Thank you for considering our vision, and we look forward to the opportunity to work together in making it a reality.

***Donna Pickering***

Regards, Donna Pickering – Program Coordinator  
Southwestern Ontario Military Family Resource Centre – Hamilton Region



Hamilton Accessible Sports Council  
C/O: Krystn Orr, Chair  
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Hamilton City Council  
71 Main Street West  
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August 12, 2024

## LETTER OF SUPPORT - MOHAWK SPORTS PARK FEASIBILITY STUDY

Members of Council,

The Hamilton Accessible Sport Council (HASC) is dedicated to the development and promotion of accessible sport for all in the Hamilton community. HASC helps make Hamilton a place where people with physical and cognitive disabilities will see those resolved and have full participation in a physically active lifestyle of their choice. Our goals are to (a) create awareness of sport for persons with disabilities, (b) unite disability organizations to share resources and knowledge, creating a strong voice to advocate for program and service development and accessibility throughout the local community, and (c) involve local or regional groups at the municipal level in creating sport opportunities for people with disabilities.

Our organization is pleased to support the efforts of the Mohawk Sports Park Council towards the completion of a comprehensive feasibility study which will support the development of a more inclusive and accessible public space and support the needs of several community organizations and equity-deserving groups across our community.

On behalf of the HASC board of directors, I am excited and full-heartedly support this feasibility study. Together we can ignite the fire of active and healthy lifestyles by promoting quality participation in physical activity for all Hamiltonians. If you have questions or would like to speak to me regarding this matter, I can be reached at [hasc.bod@gmail.com](mailto:hasc.bod@gmail.com). Thank you in advance for considering this application.

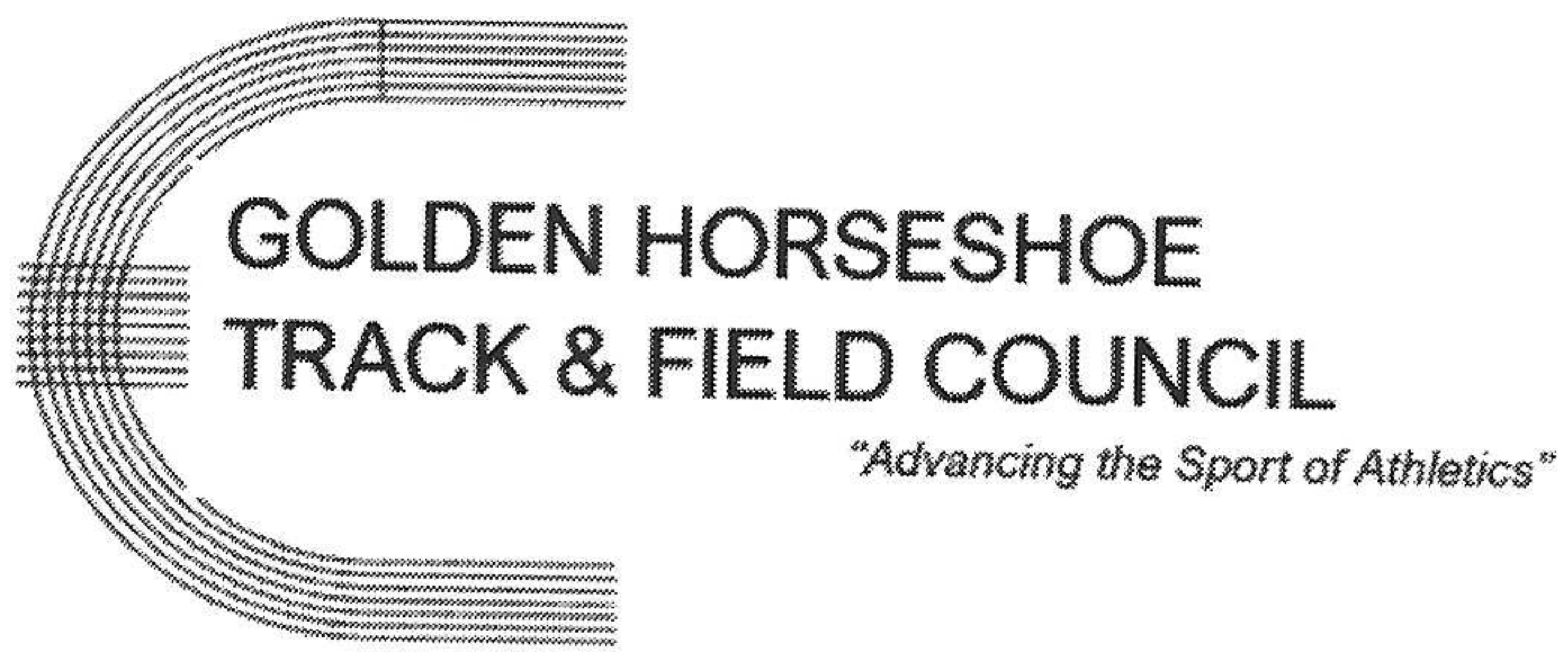




Hamilton Accessible Sports Council  
C/O: Krystn Orr, Chair  
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Sincerely,

Krystn Orr, PhD (she/her)  
Chair, Hamilton Accessible Sports Council  
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Hamilton City Council  
71 Main Street West  
Hamilton, Ontario.  
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August 11, 2024

Re: Letter of Support – Mohawk Sports Park Feasibility Study

The Golden Horseshoe Track & Field Council is pleased to provide this Letter of Support for the completion of a comprehensive feasibility study which will assess the need; benefits; and sustainability of a proposed Community Sport & Recreation Hub and park-wide revitalization plan for Mohawk Sports Park, Hamilton.

Our organization, along with several community partners (including the City of Hamilton) have successfully achieved nearly \$4 million dollars of investment at the Ray Lewis Track & Field Centre (Mohawk Sports Park) involving areas of infrastructure and accessibility improvements; acquisition of new community program equipment; implementation of new community programs & services and co-hosting a record number of major events and competitions.

The completion of a proposed feasibility study is a continuation of the successful work which we have achieved and will contribute to a collective and shared vision of creating a more inclusive and barrier-free public space which will support the diverse needs of our community. We look forward to working with the Mohawk Sports Park Council and other community partners in making this dream a reality.

Yours in Sport,  
*Garfield Reid*  
Garfield Reid  
Vice Chairman



Hamilton City Council  
71 Main Street W  
Hamilton, ON

August 12, 2024

LETTER OF SUPPORT - MOHAWK SPORTS PARK FEASIBILITY STUDY

Members of Council,

YWCA Hamilton is pleased to support the efforts of the Mohawk Sports Park Council towards the completion of a comprehensive feasibility study which will support the development of a more inclusive and accessible public space and in particular, support the needs of several community organizations and equity-deserving groups across our community.

YWCA Hamilton's mission is to provide meaningful, accessible services to create opportunities, amplify voices, and co-create gender inclusive and equitable communities. We help women, girls and gender diverse people flee violence, secure housing, find jobs, settle in Canada, enhance skills and develop confidence.

YWCA Hamilton is proud to contribute to the vision and planning of the future Mohawk Sports Park - a responsive space where much needed community services can be accessed in one location. We are especially invested in the ways that the specific needs of women, gender-diverse people and children will be met in both the design of and services offered. This type of community hub has great potential to provide an accessible location for the wide range of programs that YWCA Hamilton offers, including, but not limited to immigration and settlement services, youth services, seniors' activities, health & well-being programs, and child care opportunities.

We are happy to provide support in the form of expertise from women and gender diverse individuals (equity seeking groups) towards this important initiative. We fully endorse the Mohawk Sports Park Feasibility Study as a first step to creating more inclusive and accessible community spaces in Hamilton.

Sincerely,

Medora Uppal  
Chief Executive Officer  
YWCA Hamilton

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Sept 10, 2024

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Emergency & Community Services Committee  
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### **Letter of Support- Mohawk Sport Park Feasibility Study**

Members of Council,

As Executive Director of ParaSport® Ontario, it's a pleasure to provide this Letter of Support for the Mohawk Sport Park Feasibility Study.

ParaSport® Ontario is a provincial non-profit that provides leadership, resources, and support to connect the disability community to adapted sports and recreation opportunities across Ontario. We have done this for over 30 years and continue to remove barriers to participation for people with disabilities through many ways including our adapted equipment donation grant and promoting opportunities for participation across Ontario with our Try-It Parasports program.

We are very much in support of the Mohawk Sport Park Council and their efforts towards the completion of their thorough feasibility study as a first step in creating an accessible and community integrated public space and facility welcoming to all in the Hamilton region and neighbouring communities.

Collaboration and partnerships are very important for our organization, and we will work together with Mohawk Sport Park to ensure inclusion and accessibility features are met at all stages and that input is provided each step of the way by persons with a disability which is a massive step towards inclusive and accessible space that all can access and enjoy for positive experiences for life.

Sincerely,

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**James Murphy**  
Executive Director



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August 12, 2024

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Re: Letter of Support - Mohawk Sports Park Feasibility Study

Dear Members of Council;

STAC Hamilton is a community-focused organization dedicated to fostering social inclusion, improving accessibility, and enhancing the quality of life for residents across Hamilton. Our mission is to advocate for equitable access to community resources and to support initiatives that promote well-being and engagement among all community members. We are focused on supporting youth in the equity deserving communities of Hamilton, BIPOD youth, newcomers and immigrants. Providing the families with barrier free access to Basketball and Track training, development and competitive opportunities. With an end goal of providing post secondary opportunities for those that are far from achieving these goals.

We are pleased to offer our full support for the Mohawk Sports Park Council's efforts in completing a comprehensive feasibility study for the Mohawk Sports Park. This study represents a crucial step toward creating a public space that is both inclusive and accessible. By addressing the needs of various community organizations and equity-deserving groups, the proposed development promises to enhance opportunities for participation, recreation, and community engagement across Hamilton.

For STAC Hamilton, the benefits of this feasibility study are substantial. The development of a more inclusive and accessible Mohawk Sports Park will align with our goals of improving access to recreational facilities and supporting diverse community needs. It will also provide a valuable space for our initiatives, allowing us to better serve our 450 youth participants (June 2024 statistic, and grows approx. 150 youth annually) and contribute to the overall well-being of our community.

We strongly support the Mohawk Sports Park Council in their endeavor and encourage Hamilton City Council to endorse and support this important feasibility study. We believe that this initiative will bring significant positive changes to our community and contribute to a more inclusive and accessible environment for all. Providing life changing outcomes for our youth by creating a space that supports their needs, and encourages them to achieve higher education and careers.

Sincerely,

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Vincent Kuber  
Executive Director  
STAC Hamilton

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August 12, 2024

## LETTER OF SUPPORT - MOHAWK SPORTS PARK FEASIBILITY STUDY

Members of Council:

We are pleased to offer this letter in support of the Mohawk Sports Park Feasibility Study.

Canadian Tire Jumpstart Charities is a national charity committed to ensuring children in need have equal access to sport and recreation. Since 2005, we have been steadfast in our commitment to helping children and youth overcome financial and accessibility barriers in sport through a number of community investments ranging from community grant funding to capital infrastructure projects.

Our organization is pleased to support the efforts of the Mohawk Sports Park Council towards the completion of a comprehensive feasibility study which will support the development of a more inclusive and accessible public space and in particular, support the needs of several community organizations and equity-deserving groups across our community.

As champions of inclusive play, we are committed to collaborating with local community groups, like the Mohawk Sports Park Council, to build sport and play infrastructure that supports organized sport and casual play for equity deserving children and youth of all abilities. To date, Jumpstart has built 24 Jumpstart Inclusive Play Spaces and supported the development of an additional 19 inclusive play spaces across Canada - and we are excited to continue our engagement with the Mohawk Sport Park Council in support of this important community project.

Sincerely,

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Stuart McReynolds  
Associate Vice President, Programs



*Votre succès,  
notre réussite*

Hamilton City Council  
71 Main Street West  
Hamilton, Ontario  
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August 20, 2024

**Subject: Letter of Support for Mohawk Sports Park Feasibility Study**

Dear Members of Council,

I am writing on behalf of the Société Économique de l'Ontario (SÉO), a leading economic development organization for Ontario's Francophone and bilingual communities. Our mission encompasses enhancing employability, fostering entrepreneurship, and strengthening community economic development.

Through our various initiatives, we promote the establishment of new businesses and support the growth of existing enterprises by providing skills development services, strategic coaching, and essential resources. Additionally, we offer programs designed to assist Francophone and bilingual newcomers in securing quality employment, while also aiding employers in their recruitment efforts. Our work contributes significantly to the economic vitality of communities across Ontario.

One of our key services involves supporting projects that yield economic benefits and enhance the capacity of organizations throughout the province. In this context, we are pleased to express our support for the Mohawk Sports Park Council's efforts to complete a comprehensive feasibility study. This study aims to facilitate the development of a more inclusive and accessible public space that addresses the needs of various community organizations and equity-deserving groups within our community. We envision Mohawk Sports Park as a central hub for local socio-economic stakeholders, including the Francophone community.

The proposed facility at Mohawk Sports Park has the potential to evolve into a major multidisciplinary community center. This development would serve the Francophone and Francophile populations in the Hamilton area, who currently lack a dedicated gathering space that meets their needs. Furthermore, it would foster social connections, alleviate isolation among Francophones in the region, and enhance their sense of belonging.



This project aligns seamlessly with SÉO's strategic objectives, which include increasing economic opportunities for Francophones, directly supporting entrepreneurs through training and mentorship, and bolstering the innovation and competitiveness of the region's Francophone businesses. The anticipated outcomes of this initiative include job creation, targeted support for entrepreneurs, and an overall improvement in the quality of life for communities, particularly for Francophones.

By endorsing this project, SÉO aims to make a meaningful contribution to the economic development and enhanced living conditions of Francophones in this region of Ontario.

We are enthusiastic about our involvement in this initiative and firmly believe it will yield significant benefits for Hamilton's Francophone community while positively impacting the broader community's economic development. We are confident that the Hamilton City Council will recognize the potential significance and importance of this project for our community.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,



Patrick Cloutier  
General director  
Société Économique de l'Ontario





CENTRE **FRANCOPHONE**  
H A M I L T O N

Hamilton City Council  
71 Main Street West  
Hamilton, Ontario, L8P 4Y5

August 12, 2024

LETTER OF SUPPORT - MOHAWK SPORTS PARK FEASIBILITY STUDY

Dear Members of Council,

Centre francophone Hamilton is a multidisciplinary and inclusive non-for-profit organization that promotes the French language and nurtures a sense of belonging to the Francophone community through social, cultural, and artistic experiences. Our mandate is to contribute to the development and vitality of Hamilton's Francophone community by offering activities, programs and services that meet the needs and interests of Francophones and Francophiles in Hamilton.

Our organization is pleased to support the efforts of the Mohawk Sports Park Council towards the completion of a comprehensive feasibility study which will support the development of a more inclusive and accessible public space and in particular, support the needs of several community organizations and equity-deserving groups across our community. The new facility they plan to develop at Mohawk Sports Park has the potential to become a community hub for many local community organizations, including Francophones.

We are glad to have been included in the making of this project and strongly believe that if Francophones community organizations continue to be included in all the phases coming forward in the same fashion, it will deliver major benefits to Hamilton's Francophone community. We are genuinely hopeful that Hamilton City Council will recognize the potential impact and significance of this project on our community.

Sincerely,

Julie Jardel  
Executive director - Centre francophone Hamilton



Redeemer  
University

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August 12, 2024

LETTER OF SUPPORT - MOHAWK SPORTS PARK FEASIBILITY STUDY

Members of Council:

Redeemer University is a Christian undergraduate university offering bachelor degrees through more than 40 programs and streams. Located in Hamilton, Ontario and a member of Universities Canada (UC), Redeemer has prepared graduates committed to making a positive difference in their neighbourhoods and communities for over 40 years.

Redeemer University is pleased to support the efforts of the Mohawk Sports Park Council towards the completion of a comprehensive feasibility study which will support the development of additional public space, and, in particular, support the growing need of more recreational space in our community.

For a number of years, Redeemer's hockey team has rented ice at the Mohawk 4 Ice Centre and has benefited from this fantastic recreational facility. With the new facilities proposed at the Mohawk Sports Park, Redeemer would consider new athletic opportunities, such as investing in a track and field program, which would further attract students to Hamilton (and local students to remain in Hamilton). Additionally, such a facility would offer the ability to host university track events which would be an economic benefit to the entire community.

Thank you for your consideration to this important project, as we continue to make Hamilton a great place to live, work and play.

With thanks,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "James T. Kryger".

James T. Kryger  
Director of Athletics



# HAMILTON AND DISTRICT CRICKET LEAGUE

*EST. 1921*

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### Affiliated Member Of



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Date: 10 January 2022

To Whom It May Concern,

I on behalf of Hamilton District Cricket League (HDCL) write to express my support for the City of Hamilton's campaign for the 2030 Commonwealth Games Bid Group, specifically as it pertains to a new Multi-Sport Stadium and the development of a new Multi-Sport Fieldhouse at Mohawk Sports Park. As you will no doubt be aware, multiple sports groups utilize the field house and storage area, which needs an upgrade.

Mohawk Sports Park is an important part of the City of Hamilton's sports scene and holds a special place in our heart and in the HDCL's history. We use MSP for practices, play league cricket games for numerous years, and have always found it to be a very special experience being surrounded by other sports groups sharing the goals of a healthy, safe, and supportive community.

We are aware of the economic benefits that the Commonwealth Games would bring, as they are not just limited to local sports organizations, but community engagement, collaboration, and pride of our city, province, and country.

We are requesting you to, please; allocate funding to update the facilities at Mohawk Cricket Park, as proposed by Kevin Gonci, Chairman of the Golden Horseshoe Track and Field Club. By allocating those resources, it will increase Mohawk Cricket Park's professional contemporary standard so it can host international women teams in preparation for medal sport of cricket as well to grow and further promote ever-increasing local demand for the game of cricket in city of Hamilton.

Sincerely Yours,

Ranjit Chaudhri  
*President*

**Hamilton and District Cricket League**

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**Hamilton Hornets Rugby Football Club**

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RE: Letter of Support - Mohawk Sports Park Feasibility Study

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I am writing this letter on behalf of the Hamilton Hornets Rugby Club, which has been representing the City of Hamilton for 70 years, and have been a fixture at Mohawk Sports Park for well over 30 years.

Our organization is pleased to support the efforts of the Mohawk Sports Park Council towards the completion of a comprehensive feasibility study which will support the development of a more inclusive and accessible public space and in particular, support the needs of several community organizations and equity-deserving groups across our community.

Our organization is and always has been extremely supportive of growing and expanding Mohawk Sports Park, as we are directly aware of how much of a staple it is in the community, for our organization and for all. We hope to be at MSP for another 30 years, and this is only possible if the park continues to grow and revitalize.

If you have any other questions or concerns, I can be reached at my information below.

**Yours in Rugby,**



**William Redgate**

President - Hamilton Hornets Rugby Football Club

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August 12, 2024

LETTER OF SUPPORT - MOHAWK SPORTS PARK FEASIBILITY STUDY

Members of Council:

The Hamilton Olympic Club is a Track & Field Club with programs running from grade 2 to grade 12, a post secondary program and a Para Program. The HOC has around 200 registered athletes, and we are the oldest track club in Canada. We will be celebrating our centennial anniversary come 2026. We are the anchor tenant at the Ray Lewis Track & Field Centre (Mohawk Sports Park).

The HOC is pleased to support the efforts of the Mohawk Sports Park Council towards the completion of a comprehensive feasibility study which will support the development of a more inclusive and accessible public space and in particular, support the needs of several community organizations and equity-deserving groups across our community.

This feasibility study is an important undertaking in supporting the business case and community hub project.

The HOC fully supports this study that ultimately will support next steps in the process that we are hoping comes to life. Our club over the winter months has athletes travelling all over for training. A few of our groups commute to the University of Guelph 2x week.

Sincerely,

**Scott Davidson**

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**President – Hamilton Olympic Club**



*Hamilton Challenger Baseball*  
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July 30, 2024

Hamilton City Council  
 71 Main Street West  
 Hamilton, Ontario.  
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Re: Letter of Support – Mohawk Sports Park Feasibility Study

Dear City Council,

Hamilton Challenger Baseball is privileged to be included in the planning committee for the proposed Mohawk Sports Park Feasibility Study and Community Hub project.

2024 is HCBA's 34th year in operation. We provide athletic and social activities for 260 special needs youth and adults. Along with our year-round recreational and (adapted) competitive-level sports, we participate in tournaments and host a variety of social activities. One highlight is the amazing fun, joy, and social connections between the participants, caregivers, and volunteers.

HCBA leaders are responding to the need for sustainable sports and rec programs, including Para Sports, for people with disabilities, and the proposed creation of a more accessible public space for people of all ages, abilities, and backgrounds, aligns with our organization's long-term strategic plan.

We fully support the efforts of the Mohawk Sports Park Council and other community partners who share in our vision of creating a more inclusive and accessible public space which will be determined through the proposed feasibility study and community engagement process.

*Mike Moore* for:

Sincerely,  
 Jen Gallupe  
 Kerri Peters  
 Mike Moore  
 Hamilton Challenger Baseball Board of Directors

HCBA provides the opportunity for challenged youth and adults to enjoy the physical and social benefits and the challenges of participating in team sports at recreational or competitive skill levels

For additional information, view our website at <https://www.hcba.on.ca/>, email us at [hcba.connect@outlook.com](mailto:hcba.connect@outlook.com) or call our voicemail service @ 905-521-5141 Canadian Charitable Corporation Number 88761 2968 RR0001



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Re: Letter of Support – Mohawk Sports Park Feasibility Study

To whom it may concern,

Athletics Ontario is the Provincial Sport Governing Body for Athletics and supports the efforts of the Mohawk Sports Park Council towards the completion of a comprehensive feasibility study as part of a park-wide vision of creating a more inclusive and accessible public space.

Our interest in supporting this most recent initiative is a continuation of our involvement in support of the past achievements at the Ray Lewis Track & Field Centre and collaborating on a recent Government of Canada Tourism Growth Grant which will cover a portion of the costs for the feasibility study.

If I can answer any questions for you, or provide further information, please do not hesitate to reach out.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Paul Osland".

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September 16, 2024

Hamilton City Council  
71 Main Street West  
Hamilton, ON  
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**RE: Letter of Support – Mohawk Sports Park Feasibility Study**

Dear Members of Council,

I am writing to you on behalf of Rugby Ontario, the provincial governing body for the sport of rugby in Ontario. Our organization's mission is to lead, support and promote Rugby for All from communities to clubs to province. Our club membership of nearly 70 member rugby organizations represents over 14,000 registered players, coaches, match officials and volunteers across the province.

Our organization is pleased to support the efforts of the Mohawk Sports Park Council towards the completion of a comprehensive feasibility study which will support the development of a more inclusive and accessible public space and in particular, support the needs of several community organizations and equity-deserving groups across our community.

Rugby in the City of Hamilton is vibrant and has a storied history dating back well over 100 years. Some of the earliest rugby clubs in Ontario originated in Hamilton, which provided the foundation for the sport to remain a fixture in the community all these years later. With rugby clubs now located in Hamilton, Burlington, Stoney Creek, Grimsby, Brantford, Niagara, Oakville, North Halton and many nearby and surrounding communities, we are proud to say rugby continues to provide opportunities for people of all ages. As a longstanding tenant partner at Mohawk Sports Park, we are aligned with and support the Hamilton Hornets Rugby Football Club's ambition to see their facilities upgraded and enhanced as part of this study. Further, Rugby Ontario presently facilitates various levels of participation-based and competitive rugby programs and initiatives, many of which could be delivered at a modernized facility at Mohawk Sports Park.

We are encouraged by the work of Mohawk Sports Park Council as they set out to build upon the legacy of the current facilities. This feasibility study will provide necessary information that will undoubtedly support local, regional, provincial and national sport organizations as the growing demand for adequate and modern sport and recreation facilities rises.

Should your Council require any additional information from our organization, I would be happy to speak to the appropriate representatives.

Sincerely,

**Myles Spencer**  
Chief Executive Officer  
Rugby Ontario

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