

INFORMATION REPORT

TO:	Mayor and Members General Issues Committee
COMMITTEE DATE:	January 29, 2019
SUBJECT/REPORT NO:	Ray Lewis Track and Field Centre (Mohawk Sports Park) the Golden Horseshoe Track and Field (GHTFC) Council Phase 3 Initiative (PW19010) (Ward 7)
WARD(S) AFFECTED:	Ward 7
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Council Direction:

At the September 17, 2018 Public Works Committee meeting, Kevin Gonci, Golden Horseshoe Track & Field Council, provided a presentation respecting a next phase renewal proposal for the Mohawk Sports Park Outdoor Track and Field Facility (Ray Lewis Track and Field Centre). The presentation was received by the Committee and further directed staff to report to the 2019 General Issues Committee Budget Process regarding this initiative.

Information:

The Golden Horseshoe Track and Field Club (GHTFC) has an established history of fund raising with capital improvements made to the Ray Lewis Track and Field Centre. In early 2018 Parks and Cemeteries staff worked with the Club to implement initial phases of work at the track and field facility, including:

- a) The addition of new accessible pathways
- b) New and improved fencing around the track and field facility
- c) The installation of new equipment storage areas and storage improvements

Staff worked diligently to complete the work quickly to allow for the grant funding to be approved within delegated grant timelines.

Through 2018, GHTFC representatives met with City of Hamilton's Recreation, Parks, and Facilities staff to discuss their fundraising plans and the phasing of work for 2019.

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These representatives indicated that they were actively pursuing grant money to provide for accessibility improvements to the Ray Lewis Track and Field Centre.

The proposed 2019 objectives requested by the club at the September 17, 2018 Public Works Committee meeting include, the procurement of accessible spectator seating/installation and an accessible gazebo. Recreation staff has been working with this group and generally support the Club requests, particularly the need for spectator seating.

The presentation has also provided estimated costs and unconfirmed grant application funding as follows:

Part 1: Accessible Spectator Seating (\$187,000)
Part 2: Accessible Gazebo Structure (\$65,000)
Part 3 Accessible Spectator Seating (\$187,000)

Total Estimated costs \$439,000 - \$450,000

Grant submissions to: Government of Canada *Enabling Accessibility Grant*, Ontario Trillium Foundation Capital Grant, Jumpstart Foundation Enabling Accessibility Grant, Hamilton Future Fund Grant

While there is no available block funding within the Parks and Cemetery budget to allocate to these improvements, staffing resources to project manage the work may be available, subject to existing work plan priorities, should grant funding be approved.

The grant funding would be required to be approved and transferred to the City accounts prior to initiating any works. As such, with the grant allocation timeline extending to August 2019, as per the GHTFC presentation, the project initiation could extend into Q4 2019.

It should be noted that the estimated costs for the requested accessible seating and gazebo have not been confirmed by staff. Any work completed by or on behalf of the City will be required to follow the City of Hamilton procurement policies and processes.

Appendices and Schedules Attached

N/A