

HAMILTON FUTURE FUND GRANT

Progress Report



Hamilton Olympic Club

Mohawk Sports Park Track & Field Centre

Renewal Project

Introduction/Background

On behalf of the Hamilton Olympic Club and other community track & field program providers, we would like to express our appreciation to the Hamilton Future Fund Grant Committee for the approved funding for a new scoreboard which will be installed at the Mohawk Sports Park, Community Track & Field Centre, the only public facility of its kind in the City of Hamilton.

Our organization has taken several initiatives to recognize your kind contribution including the display of the Hamilton Future Fund logo on our web page; information release to our community partners, user groups and stakeholders; posting on social media; and during public events including our monthly Board of Directors and membership meeting. We are currently awaiting the completion of the proposed work and in conjunction with funding received from both provincial and federal levels of government, we plan to host an on-site, public recognition event on July 10th, 2018.

As indicated within our application, this investment will have several positive, social and economic benefits to our community which will directly result in our ability to provide long-term, sustainable programs and services to residents of Hamilton which will in turn result in a more healthy and vibrant community.

We are pleased to confirm that we have achieved our stated community contribution goal for this project by way of an Ontario Trillium Foundation, Capital Grant in the amount of \$26,000. These funds in combination with the approved Hamilton Future Fund Grant (\$35,000) will allow us to proceed with our plans to work in collaboration with City Staff towards the installation of a new scoreboard system.

Revised Installation Plan

At this time we would like to advise you of a few minor revisions to our initial plan which was decided upon following consultation with City of Hamilton Staff. As you will recall, our initial plan was to install a “fixed” installation system which would involve a permanent fixture comprised of various electronic components and wiring. It was agreed that this course of action could result in damage or vandalism being caused to this valuable equipment as has been the case of ongoing theft of electrical wiring from lighting fixtures at several outdoor park & recreation facilities across the city. Further considerations included the anticipated escalation of costs and extended period of time with having to pass through the required public tendering and capital planning process and the time sensitivity of the Provincial funding component which needs to be utilized by April 2019. In place of the fixed installation product we were originally considering, we would like permission to proceed with the purchase of two portable units (illustrated) which will provide greater durability, security and enhanced features within our established budget. This portable

unit is the same equipment used during the past PAN AM Games and will have the capability of being stored, when not in use, and utilized at other outdoor and indoor venues.

