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City of Hamilton  
Emergency and Community Services Committee  
71 Main Street West  
Hamilton, ON L8P 4Y5

Re: Submission from Hamilton Collaborative Partnership Group

Members of Council,

Please accept this communication as my letter of support, on behalf of Athletics Ontario, for the request being made from the Hamilton Collaborative Partnership Group towards a joint funding application with the City of Hamilton to construct a multi-purpose athletic facility in the City of Hamilton.

Athletics Ontario is the recognized sport governing body for athletics in Ontario. It is a not-for-profit organization that is athlete-centered, volunteer-based, club-structured and coach-driven.

Athletics Ontario provides competition structures and programs from grassroots to elite levels and beyond and operates under an affiliated member club system. Affiliate member clubs and several specialist groups and organizations; provide services to registered participants, including access to training venues, coaching, development opportunities and social activities.

The lack of adequate and safe facilities is a significant limiting factor, affecting communities across the Province, in being able to offer quality programs and safe environments for children and community participants looking for opportunities to develop their athletic talents and to maintain their overall health and wellness in their pursuit of active for life physical literacy.

I feel strongly that this initiative, properly nurtured and supported, will serve the community of Hamilton. Our interest, at Athletics Ontario, is to foster leadership in building multi-sport facilities, for the benefit of children, youth, masters, & Paralympic athletes.

Working collaboratively with regional groups, towards common goals of improving the health and economic life of our citizens is aligned with our core vision and mission. Together, we can help each other improve the lives of citizens of all ages and build stronger opportunities for sport development and sports tourism.

Athletics Ontario encourages you to consider all options in order to support this Multi-Sport Facility Development Project.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Paul Osland", is written over a decorative background of overlapping, wavy, light gray bands.

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