

City of Hamilton Emergency and Community Services Committee 71 Main St West Hamilton, Ontario L8P 4Y5

October 10, 2019

RESPONSE TO SUBMISSION BEING MADE BY THE HAMILTON COLLABORATIVE PARTNERSHIPGROUP - REQUESTING APPROVAL FOR A JOINT FUNDING APPLICATION

Members of Hamilton City Council.

The Canadian Elite Basketball League (CEBL) and one of its member clubs the Hamilton Honey Badgers advocates on behalf of the sport of basketball as the official licensed Professional Domestic League in Canada.

The CEBL supports the National Basketball Federation, all Provincial and Territorial Basketball Federations and all levels of minor and club basketball in Canada.

We are pleased to lend our support to the request being made by the Hamilton Collaborative Partnership Group towards a joint application with the City of Hamilton for the current Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program which will provide funding for a much needed community multi sport and recreation centre facility in the City of Hamilton.

It is quite evident that there is a major gap for the community at large as it pertains to indoor facilities for numerous sport programs that are in dire need of dedicated training and recreation facilities that should exist in a city as large and as diverse as ours, especially given the fact Hamilton is home to a population that puts us in the top 10 of all major cities in the country.

On behalf of the CEBL, the Hamilton Honey Badgers, and all those affiliated minor basketball groups that aspire to live out their dream to play professionally and recreationally we strongly encourage you to consider any and all possible options to support this request.

Sincerely,

Mike Morreale

Commissioner and CEO

Canadian Elite Basketball League