



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

January 7, 2019

Re: **Proposed Community Hub – Multi-Sport Facility Development Project**

Members of Council:

At CityKidz, we work hard to build hope and resilience into the lives of children and youth living in Hamilton's lowest income communities. We have a series of programs which start for children as young as 3 and continue through high school graduation. We also have a program which permits us to support graduates of our CityKidz programs as they pursue post-secondary education. Each week, we impact between 1650 and 1800 children and youth through those programs and through weekly visits to them in their homes. All our programs are provided to our "kidz" at no cost...and free door to door transportation is also provided. We know our kids and their needs well.

We are excited by the initiatives of the Hamilton Collaborative Partnership and encouraged by the support that they have already attained. Thus, it is my pleasure to express our support for the Proposed Community Hub – Multi-Sport Facility Development Project. Physical activity and fitness are essential to a healthy community and this new facility will provide opportunities and access to programs and services which will benefit the children and families of Hamilton.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Todd Bender".

Rev. Todd Bender,
 Executive Director, CityKidz Hamilton

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