



De dwa da dehs nye>s Aboriginal Health Centre

We're Taking Care of Each Other Amongst Ourselves.



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Hamilton City Council
71 Main Street West
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Proposed Community Hub – Multi-Sport Facility Development Project

Members of Council,

De dwa da dehs nye>s Aboriginal Health Centre's mission is to improve the health and well-being of Indigenous individuals, families and communities through wholistic Indigenous, Traditional and Western health care. To that end, we work to ensure that Indigenous Peoples of Hamilton have access to the social determinants of health, including recreation and opportunities for "belonging".

As an organization, we feel that partnerships with the Indigenous and mainstream organizations opens up opportunities for those we serve to have access to a broader number of services and supports to meet their personal health needs and goals.

De dwa da dehs nye>s is supportive of the development of the Community Hub – Multi-Sport Facility Development Project being proposed by the Hamilton Collaborative Partnership Group. We recognize that the community-at-large would benefit from the complex, and that such a complex would give the Indigenous organizations an option to offer Indigenous specific programming, and the ability to offer both recreational, and potentially competitive sport opportunities to those we serve.

Additionally, this complex has the potential to bring Indigenous and Non-Indigenous Peoples under one roof, which will contribute to a reduction of discrimination and stigma, to and of the Indigenous community, which will lead to a more healthy and vibrant Hamilton community.

Respectfully,

Constance McKnight
Executive Director