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City of Hamilton
Emergency and Community Services Committee
Hamilton, Ontario L8P4Y5
Re: Submission being made by the Hamilton Collaborative Partnership Group

Dear Members of Hamilton City Council,

On behalf of the Stoney Creek Rugby Club, please consider this a letter of support for the request being made by the Hamilton Collaborative Partnership Group towards a joint application with the City of Hamilton, targeting funding for a multi-sport and recreation centre facility in the City of Hamilton.

Rugby has been growing significantly in recent years. It has been added to the Olympics, Ontario now has two professional teams and locally, there are numerous players playing at the national level. The Stoney Creek Rugby Club currently has approximately 200 members. For the past 45 years we have called Saltfleet High School home. With the growth of rugby, we have currently outgrown the facilities. We run programs starting at the age 6 until the senior (adult) level. We are currently attempting to host multiple teams practicing on the same field at the same time. This is less than ideal. The Stoney Creek Rugby Club has a need for more space and facilities to help grow the game further.

Our members are actively coaching at the high school, club and provincial levels. Having a premier facility in Stoney Creek / Hamilton we can continue, year round, to develop players and showcase the City of Hamilton. The Heritage Green site would be ideal. Our members are made up of Stoney Creek residents and this site would be right in our catchment.

Please strongly consider the initiative put forward by the Hamilton Collaborative Partnership Group.

Sincerely yours,

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