



Hamilton Collaborative Partnership Group

Community Hub/Multi-Sport Indoor Facility Project

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**SUBJECT: REQUEST APPROVAL FOR JOINT FUNDING APPLICATION**

Mr. Johnson:

The Hamilton Collaborative Partnership Group is a non-profit organization which represents over thirty-five community groups and organizations who have expressed an interest and need for a new sport & recreation facility in the City of Hamilton.

We anticipate that our proposed Community Multi-Sport Facility development will have a significant impact on the quality of life for Hamilton residents in addition to providing major economic benefits to our entire region. This project also has the potential for addressing the need for future recreation facility infrastructure in areas of community growth & expansion.

As you are aware, we appeared before the *Emergency and Community Services Committee* on February 21, 2019 at which the following direction was issued - *“That staff be directed to meet the Hamilton Collaborative Partnership Group and report back to the Emergency and Community Services Committee with any and all options being explored including the feasibility of the City of Hamilton partnering with this group”*.

Please note that our formal proposal submission will be made to City Staff on September 24<sup>th</sup> and we anticipate that our request/proposal will take approximately six to eight weeks to process before Council review takes place.

There is a time-sensitive funding opportunity available which has the potential of covering most (if not all) of the estimated project costs of our proposed facility and we anticipate that we will not be capable of meeting the application submission date of **Tuesday November 12<sup>th</sup>** based on the projected timeline for vetting our formal partnership request.

The Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program (Community, Culture and Recreation Funding Stream) is a federal program designed to create long-term benefits to Ontario communities by providing up to \$11.8 billion dollars towards cost-share projects including Multi-Purpose facility development. We anticipate that there will only be one intake period for this funding (November 12<sup>th</sup>) and final projects have until 2027 to be completed. Joint applications are highly recommended and in particular submissions made by multiple sectors and demographics in conjunction with local municipalities. We feel strongly that a joint-submission by the Hamilton Collaborative Partnership Group and the City of Hamilton will result in a very favourable outcome that will tremendously benefit City of Hamilton residents

On behalf of our Project Organizing Committee, we would like to formally request Hamilton City Council to consider approval of one of two possible options towards making an application to the Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program:

- **Option 1** - City of Hamilton as the “Lead Applicant”/Hamilton Collaborative Partnership Group & Community Partners as “Joint-Applicants” or
- **Option 2** - Hamilton Collaborative Partnership Group & Community Partners as the “Lead Applicant”/City of Hamilton as a “Joint-Applicant”.

Your time in consideration of our request would be greatly appreciated.

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