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### 91<sup>ST</sup> HIGHLANDERS ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION – PROGRESS REPORT

Earlier this year, on July 12, 2019, the 91<sup>st</sup> Highlanders Athletic Association was granted funding in the amount of \$150,000 from the Hamilton Future Fund for the installation of spectator bleachers and an outdoor gazebo structure at the Ray Lewis Track & Field Centre (Mohawk Sports Park). The proposed workplan included Phase 3 of a four-part renewal project involving over a dozen community groups/organizations and school boards in partnership with the City of Hamilton. To date, our collaborative efforts have resulted in over a \$1 million dollar investment towards the development of safe, inclusive and accessible public space which will serve as the host venue for the 2020 Royal Canadian Legion District and Provincial Track & Field Championship events.

We are pleased to confirm that in addition to the \$150,000 secured from the Hamilton Future Fund, we have received a further \$63,000 from the Government of Canada, Enabling Accessibility Fund for a total of \$213,000 which will allow us to complete much of the proposed work detailed within our original application. As further detailed, we have forwarded project funds to the applicable City of Hamilton project account and our project has been listed on the City of Hamilton tendering system and scheduled to be completed in April/May 2020, weather permitting.

Our Project Planning Committee would like to take this opportunity to thank our various community partners, including the Hamilton Accessible Sports Council, 91<sup>st</sup> Highlanders Athletics Association, Ward 6 City Councillor, Tom Jackson and in particular members of the Hamilton Future Fund Board of Governors for supporting our application.

In addition to submitting our final project report at the conclusion of the work, we look forward to hosting an opening ceremonies event in the Spring and extending an invitation to members of the Board to participate in the festivities.

Kind regards.

*Kevin Gonci*

Mr. Kevin Gonci  
Project Chairman  
On behalf of the 91<sup>st</sup> Highlanders Athletic Association