



July 30, 2020

His Worship Mayor Fred Eisenberger
City of Hamilton
Hamilton City Hall
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Hamilton, Ontario.
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Re: Hamilton Multi-Sport Facility Proposal

Dear Mayor Eisenberger,

As the Provincial Sport Governing Body, Athletics Ontario recognizes the recent efforts and achievements made by the Hamilton track & field community. We also recognize the immense need for a suitable indoor facility space, and the many benefits it would bring to the City of Hamilton, including significant financial benefits from sport tourism.

Athletics Ontario is the Lead Applicant on the ICIP application (Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program) for the Hamilton Multi-Sport Facility proposal, and indoor facility development is part of our strategic vision as shared with the Provincial Ministry. The City of Hamilton is strategically located, being in part that Hamilton and surrounding areas have an extremely high volume of high-performance athletes. Not only would the facility benefit several surrounding regions, this will be a state-of-the-art facility that meets International competitive standards and could potentially be one of the best facilities in Canada. Athletics Ontario would be very interested in the potential to host future Provincial and even National indoor Track & Field Championships in Hamilton if this new facility is built.

Furthermore, we support the recent proposal to leverage the Hamilton Multi-Sport project to support the development of an indoor track at the Mohawk facility location as part of the 2026 Commonwealth Games project. This would enhance the Commonwealth Games bid by supporting the need for a 200m indoor warm up track and providing an indoor warmup facility would be more beneficial to the athletes than an outdoor warmup track. This would be a win for all as it would provide a very valuable indoor facility for the community, an enhanced warmup facility for the Commonwealth Games participants and an over all lower cost to the community by leveraging one project to meet multiple needs.

If I can answer any questions for you, or provide further information, please do not hesitate to reach out.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Paul Osland".

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