



# **HAMILTON FUTURE FUND APPLICATION**

**91<sup>st</sup> Highlanders Athletic Association**

**Ray Lewis Track & Field Centre  
Mohawk Sports Park  
Phase 3  
Renewal Project**

**2019  
FIINAL REPORT**

City of Hamilton  
Hamilton Future Fund  
Board of Governors  
71 Main Street West  
Hamilton, Ontario.  
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December 14, 2020

**RE. Hamilton Future Fund Application (2019) - 91<sup>st</sup> Highlanders Athletic Association.**

On behalf of our Project Planning Committee, we are pleased to report that we have successfully completed Part One of a three-part renewal project which was in collaboration with over a dozen community, non-profit stakeholders, school boards and the City of Hamilton and was made possible through a very generous Hamilton Future Fund Grant of \$150,000.

Project funds were directed towards the installation of fully accessible spectator bleachers (500 seat capacity) which will contribute to a safe, inclusive and accessible public space for residents and user groups as well as enhance our capacity to host major events and competitions over the next several years. Please refer to the attached "before" and "after" pictures. As detailed within our application, project and fund management was overseen by City of Hamilton Staff and adhered to the current City of Hamilton procurement and tendering policies including building code and site planning standards.

As a reminder, this project was one part, of a five-year initiative which has resulted in over \$1.2 million dollars being invested into the Ray Lewis Track & Field Center (located on the East Mountain) and contributed to our group's ability to leverage an additional \$63,000 from the Government of Canada's Enabling Accessibility Fund which provided additional enhancements and resulting in the project being completed successfully on-budget.

The resulting impact of the COVID 19 pandemic had led to a significant delay in the project completion, cancellation of several-planned events and competitions as well as additional funding opportunities being cancelled. These obstacles have not deterred us in our plans for next season and we fully recognize the legacy-value that this project has contributed in recognition that this is the only public facility of its kind within our region and also the importance and historical context of having the 'Ray Lewis' name associated with this public space.

We look forward to hosting an official ribbon-cutting ceremony in the early Spring and publicly acknowledging your very kind contribution. Once again, our sincere thanks.

*Kevin Gonci*

Kevin Gonci  
Project Chairman  
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Ray Lewis Track & Field Project  
Hamilton, Ontario.

Before



After

