

Mohawk Sports Park

Sports Council

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Funding Announcement - Community Feasibility Study for Mohawk Sports Park

Hamilton, ON – A newly formed community non-profit organization plans to build on the recent success of collaborative efforts between local track & field groups and the City of Hamilton which has resulted in nearly \$4 million dollars of investment at the Ray Lewis Track & Field Centre at Mohawk Sports Park, Hamilton. These improvements have included areas related to infrastructure and accessibility improvements, acquisition of new community program equipment, implementation of new community programs and services and collaborative hosting of major events and competitions.

The Mohawk Sports Park Council was founded in 2023 and operates through a strategic lens involving Health & Wellness, Equity and Conservation. Their most recent initiative followed consultations with government leaders, municipal staff and over 30+ community organizations which have expressed support for the completion of a comprehensive feasibility study which will assess the need, benefits and sustainability of a proposed Community Sport & Recreation Hub and park-wide revitalization strategy which will contribute to a more inclusive and accessible public space.

“Sport brings Ontarians together and strengthens communities,” said Neil Lumsden, MPP for Hamilton East-Stoney Creek. “Whether its to stay physically active, develop new social relationships or cheer on family and friends, local sport infrastructure plays a critical role in enabling people of all ages to realize the benefits of leading healthy and active lifestyles. I am proud that community organizations like the Mohawk Sports Park Council are working with other service providers to replace aging sport infrastructure with modern recreation facilities that will enable more Hamiltonians to thrive.”

- The Honourable Neil Lumsden, Member of Provincial Parliament, Minister of Tourism, Culture and Sport.

The cost of the feasibility study will be assumed by local community stakeholder organizations which includes a \$30,000 contribution from the Canadian Tire Jumpstart Foundation and a recent Government of Canada contribution of \$90,000 from the Federal Development Ontario Tourism Growth Program.

We see this initiative as an opportunity to support both the needs of the local community combined with the provision of city-wide benefits which will result in the creation of a destination for residents of all ages and backgrounds to participate in sport, wellness and play.

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