

# CITY OF HAMILTON

## MOTION

Public Works Committee: September 16, 2024

**MOVED BY COUNCILLOR E. PAULS .....**

**SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR M. WILSON.....**

**Inch Park Inclusive Play Space, 400 Queensdale Avenue East, Hamilton (Ward 7)**

WHEREAS, Inch Park is a community park that is 4.7 hectares in size and is located within the Inch Park neighbourhood at 400 Queensdale Avenue East, Hamilton;

WHEREAS, the existing amenities at Inch Park, 400 Queensdale Avenue East, Hamilton, include an indoor ice-skating arena with public washrooms, a fenced (pay-for-use) outdoor wading pool with beach entry and indoor changing rooms, two parking lots, two tennis courts, six ball diamonds, a batting cage, two sun shelter structures, paved pathways, and a playground;

WHEREAS, the Hamilton Challenger Baseball Association (HCBA) hosts junior and senior sports programs and social activities at Inch Park, 400 Queensdale Avenue East, Hamilton, for players with special needs, and their families and friends;

WHEREAS, the City of Hamilton has a history of investing in accessible amenities at Inch Park, 400 Queensdale Avenue East, Hamilton, with the aim of making the park inclusive for all users, with a focus on the needs of the Hamilton Challenger Baseball Association (HCBA) members;

WHEREAS, the existing playground within Inch Park, 400 Queensdale Avenue East, Hamilton, is at the end of its service life and needs to be replaced;

WHEREAS, in 2023 Landscape Architectural Services completed public and stakeholder engagement to produce a design for the new playground at Inch Park, 400 Queensdale Avenue East, Hamilton, that is “Radically Inclusive” (physically, socially and emotionally inviting for all) and a “Park Within a Park”; a carefully designed, high-quality play space with a focus on accessible amenities that will be a recreational destination both for local Inch Park residents and those travelling from farther afield in search of a fun, inclusive play experience;

WHEREAS, this “Radically Inclusive” play space will be unique in Hamilton and will be an asset to residents City-wide;

WHEREAS, the construction of the inclusive play space is planned for 2025 and is estimated to cost \$2,500,000;

WHEREAS, through the 2024 capital budget process, the Ward 7 Councillor contributed \$1,000,000 from the Ward 7 Capital Re-Investment Reserve (#108057) to support this inclusive play space project and an additional \$427,000 was allocated to the project from Development Charge reserves; and

WHEREAS, the Hamilton Challenger Baseball Association (HCBA) is a registered Canadian Charity that is actively fundraising and applying for grant funding to contribute money to the inclusive play space project.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

- (a) That the Inch Park inclusive play space project (PID No. 4402256113) receive an additional \$1,000,000 in funding from the Ward 7 Capital Re-Investment Reserve (#108057) in 2024 to support the development of an inclusive play space in Hamilton;
- (b) That any future fundraising efforts in support of this project will be used to offset the Ward 7 Capital Re-Investment Reserve Funding allotment and returned to the Ward 7 Capital Re-Investment Reserve (#108057); and
- (c) That the General Manager, Public Works or designate be authorized and directed to approve and execute any and all required agreements and ancillary documents, in a form satisfactory to the City Solicitor.