



September 16, 2024

Hamilton City Council
71 Main Street West
Hamilton, ON
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RE: Letter of Support – Mohawk Sports Park Feasibility Study

Dear Members of Council,

I am writing to you on behalf of Rugby Ontario, the provincial governing body for the sport of rugby in Ontario. Our organization's mission is to lead, support and promote Rugby for All from communities to clubs to province. Our club membership of nearly 70 member rugby organizations represents over 14,000 registered players, coaches, match officials and volunteers across the province.

Our organization is pleased to support the efforts of the Mohawk Sports Park Council towards the completion of a comprehensive feasibility study which will support the development of a more inclusive and accessible public space and in particular, support the needs of several community organizations and equity-deserving groups across our community.

Rugby in the City of Hamilton is vibrant and has a storied history dating back well over 100 years. Some of the earliest rugby clubs in Ontario originated in Hamilton, which provided the foundation for the sport to remain a fixture in the community all these years later. With rugby clubs now located in Hamilton, Burlington, Stoney Creek, Grimsby, Brantford, Niagara, Oakville, North Halton and many nearby and surrounding communities, we are proud to say rugby continues to provide opportunities for people of all ages. As a longstanding tenant partner at Mohawk Sports Park, we are aligned with and support the Hamilton Hornets Rugby Football Club's ambition to see their facilities upgraded and enhanced as part of this study. Further, Rugby Ontario presently facilitates various levels of participation-based and competitive rugby programs and initiatives, many of which could be delivered at a modernized facility at Mohawk Sports Park.

We are encouraged by the work of Mohawk Sports Park Council as they set out to build upon the legacy of the current facilities. This feasibility study will provide necessary information that will undoubtedly support local, regional, provincial and national sport organizations as the growing demand for adequate and modern sport and recreation facilities rises.

Should your Council require any additional information from our organization, I would be happy to speak to the appropriate representatives.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Myles Spencer".

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