











**Hamilton City Council** 71 Main Street W Hamilton, ON

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LETTER OF SUPPORT - MOHAWK SPORTS PARK FEASIBLITY STUDY

Members of Council.

YWCA Hamilton 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.

YWCA Hamilton's mission is to provide meaningful, accessible services to create opportunities, amplify voices, and co-create gender inclusive and equitable communities. We help women, girls and gender diverse people flee violence, secure housing, find jobs, settle in Canada, enhance skills and develop confidence.

YWCA Hamilton is proud to contribute to the vision and planning of the future Mohawk Sports Park - a responsive space where much needed community services can be accessed in one location. We are especially invested in the ways that the specific needs of women, gender-diverse people and children will be met in both the design of and services offered. This type of community hub has great potential to provide an accessible location for the wide range of programs that YWCA Hamilton offers, including, but not limited to immigration and settlement services, youth services, seniors' activities, health & wellbeing programs, and child care opportunities.

We are happy to provide support in the form of expertise from women and gender diverse individuals (equity seeking groups) towards this important initiative. We fully endorse the Mohawk Sports Park Feasibly Study as a first step to creating more inclusive and accessible community spaces in Hamilton.

Sincerely,

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Chief Executive Officer

YWCA Hamilton