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Hamilton City Council
71 Main Street West
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Re: Letter of Support - Mohawk Sports Park Feasibility Study

Dear Members of Council;

STAC Hamilton is a community-focused organization dedicated to fostering social inclusion, improving accessibility, and enhancing the quality of life for residents across Hamilton. Our mission is to advocate for equitable access to community resources and to support initiatives that promote well-being and engagement among all community members. We are focused on supporting youth in the equity deserving communities of Hamilton, BIPOD youth, newcomers and immigrants. Providing the families with barrier free access to Basketball and Track training, development and competitive opportunities. With an end goal of providing post secondary opportunities for those that are far from achieving these goals.

We are pleased to offer our full support for the Mohawk Sports Park Council's efforts in completing a comprehensive feasibility study for the Mohawk Sports Park. This study represents a crucial step toward creating a public space that is both inclusive and accessible. By addressing the needs of various community organizations and equity-deserving groups, the proposed development promises to enhance opportunities for participation, recreation, and community engagement across Hamilton.

For STAC Hamilton, the benefits of this feasibility study are substantial. The development of a more inclusive and accessible Mohawk Sports Park will align with our goals of improving access to recreational facilities and supporting diverse community needs. It will also provide a valuable space for our initiatives, allowing us to better serve our 450 youth participants (June 2024 statistic, and grows approx. 150 youth annually) and contribute to the overall well-being of our community.

We strongly support the Mohawk Sports Park Council in their endeavor and encourage Hamilton City Council to endorse and support this important feasibility study. We believe that this initiative will bring significant positive changes to our community and contribute to a more inclusive and accessible environment for all. Providing life changing outcomes for our youth by creating a space that supports their needs, and encourages them to achieve higher education and careers.

Sincerely,

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**Executive Director** 

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