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LETTER OF SUPPORT: MOHAWK SPORTS PARK FEASIBILITY STUDY

Members of Council:

The 91st Highlanders Athletic Association has been organizing and operating an indoor track and field meet (the Hamilton Indoor Games) since 1908. Those indoor games have been held annually, excepting years around the two world wars and KOVID, since then, such that our 2024 games were the 96th edition. The games were held in John Weir Foote (James Street) Armoury from 1908 to 1985. They have taken place at First Ontario Centre/Copps Coliseum since 1986 and are likely to be back at the armoury in 2025 as the arena is renovated.

We enthusiastically support the efforts of the Mohawk Sports Park Council as they complete a comprehensive feasibility study which will lead to the development of a more inclusive and accessible public space which will accommodate the needs of several community organizations and equity-deserving groups in our community.

We have problems with our current situation. Our track, 145 metres, 4 lanes, which was once state of the art and designed to fit inside the arena ice surface, is old and near the end of its life. The erection, dismantling, transport and storage of the track are very expensive and continuing.

In addition, while fifty years ago elite athletes were pleased to compete on this track, only some elementary and high school athletes will now race on it. Elite and university (and even some high school) athletes expect a 200 metre, 6 lane banked track.

Therefore, the 91st Highlanders Athletic Association is pleased that the plans include a 200 metre, 6 lane banked track that is capable of hosting competitions.

Sincerely;

Kevin Daley,
President



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September 1, 2024

Re: Letter of Support - Mohawk Sports Park Feasibility Study

Members of Council:

PACK Running Club is a Hamilton-based, long- and middle-distance running club. We work with young runners aged 13-20 on a high-performance model to prepare them for competition and academics at a post-secondary level. Importantly, PACK is focused on supporting athletes and families who may be facing financial and logistical barriers in participating in competitive sports. If necessary, we support families with the full cost of participation including equipment, registration fees, transportation, and other areas.

PACK is pleased to support the efforts of the Mohawk Sports Park (MSP) Council towards the completion of a comprehensive feasibility study. We understand this study will support the development of a more inclusive and accessible public space at MSP, and in particular, will support the needs of several community organizations and equity-deserving groups across our community.

Like all running and track and field clubs in the Greater Hamilton Area, PACK's main interest in the enhancement of facilities at MSP lies in the potential for the development of an indoor track complex. We struggle to find suitable indoor training venues during the 4-month window (December-March) when outdoor training becomes difficult. Again, like many clubs in the GHA, we find it unfortunate that in a city with as rich a running history as Hamilton, and in an area that produces so many top runners, there is not a single public-use indoor track. As well, since our mandate goes beyond simply sporting achievements and into community involvement and increased access to sport for all, we support any developments at MSP that would lead to additional facilities for the wider community.

We have supported the efforts of the MSP Council for some time now and are active participants in the consultations and outreach efforts they are undertaking. With that in mind, we wholeheartedly support the proposed feasibility study under consideration and hope Hamilton City Council will do likewise.

Thank you.

Paul Challen

Co-Founder and Coach

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August 10, 2024

Re: Letter of Support – Mohawk Sports Park Feasibility Study

To whom it may concern,

This letter serves to support the Mohawk Sports Park Council's efforts in completing a detailed feasibility study which will assess the proposed park-wide improvements and Community Hub development that will support the diverse needs of Hamilton residents.

A major strategic objective of Athletics Canada is the development and support of new and improved facilities and equipment to properly service the athletics community on a local, provincial, and national level. Indoor facility and equipment investments are especially significant as these can be used year-round for day-to-day training and competition.

Thank you for considering this project and I am available to discuss further.

Yours in sport,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mathieu Gentès".

Mathieu Gentès
Chief Executive Officer



Hamilton City Council
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August 1, 2024

LETTER OF SUPPORT - MOHAWK SPORTS PARK FEASIBILITY STUDY

Members of Council:

The Hamilton Special Olympics Ontario Athletics team has enjoyed using the Mohawk track and the support offered to our group by all those involved.

As we continue to build our team with athletes and coaches, we are 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 support the needs of several community organizations and equity-deserving groups across our community.

This location is not only easily accessible for our entire group but also provides a safe area for them to meet, practice, and enjoy themselves.

In conclusion, after being fortunate to be a Head coach with the SOO organization, our team is happy to support the efforts of the Mohawk Sports Park Council as it continues to add to the well-being of those in Hamilton.

Sincerely,

Richard Roberts

Richard Roberts
Head coach
Special Olympics Ontario Athletics



Southwestern Ontario Military Family Resource Centre

Centre de ressources pour les familles des militaires du Sud-Ouest de l'Ontario

Hamilton City Council
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August 12, 2024

LETTER OF SUPPORT - MOHAWK SPORTS PARK FEASIBILITY STUDY

Members of Council:

The Southwestern Ontario Military Family Resource Centre Hamilton Regional office is an organization committed to providing a wide range of programs and services that foster the health and general well-being of military families and to address the unique needs facing the military community in a supportive, caring, and confidential environment.

From community engagement and orientation to education and employment services, the SWOMFRC is focused on meeting the changing needs of military families throughout Southwestern Ontario. Support programs are also available in the areas of family separation and reunion, crisis and intervention, positive parenting, caregiving, and veteran support.

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

We believe that by establishing a dedicated community hub, we can effectively address the diverse needs of our military families holistically and comprehensively. This hub would serve as a physical space for programs and services but also as a symbol of our commitment to building stronger and a more resilient military community.

In conclusion, the establishment of a community hub aligns seamlessly with our organization's values of inclusivity, openness, mental health support, and community partnerships. We are excited about the possibilities it presents and the positive impact it can have on the lives of our military community. Thank you for considering our vision, and we look forward to the opportunity to work together in making it a reality.

Donna Pickering

Regards, Donna Pickering – Program Coordinator
Southwestern Ontario Military Family Resource Centre – Hamilton Region



Hamilton Accessible Sports Council
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August 12, 2024

LETTER OF SUPPORT - MOHAWK SPORTS PARK FEASIBILITY STUDY

Members of Council,

The Hamilton Accessible Sport Council (HASC) is dedicated to the development and promotion of accessible sport for all in the Hamilton community. HASC helps make Hamilton a place where people with physical and cognitive disabilities will see those resolved and have full participation in a physically active lifestyle of their choice. Our goals are to (a) create awareness of sport for persons with disabilities, (b) unite disability organizations to share resources and knowledge, creating a strong voice to advocate for program and service development and accessibility throughout the local community, and (c) involve local or regional groups at the municipal level in creating sport opportunities for people with disabilities.

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 support the needs of several community organizations and equity-deserving groups across our community.

On behalf of the HASC board of directors, I am excited and full-heartedly support this feasibility study. Together we can ignite the fire of active and healthy lifestyles by promoting quality participation in physical activity for all Hamiltonians. If you have questions or would like to speak to me regarding this matter, I can be reached at hasc.bod@gmail.com. Thank you in advance for considering this application.

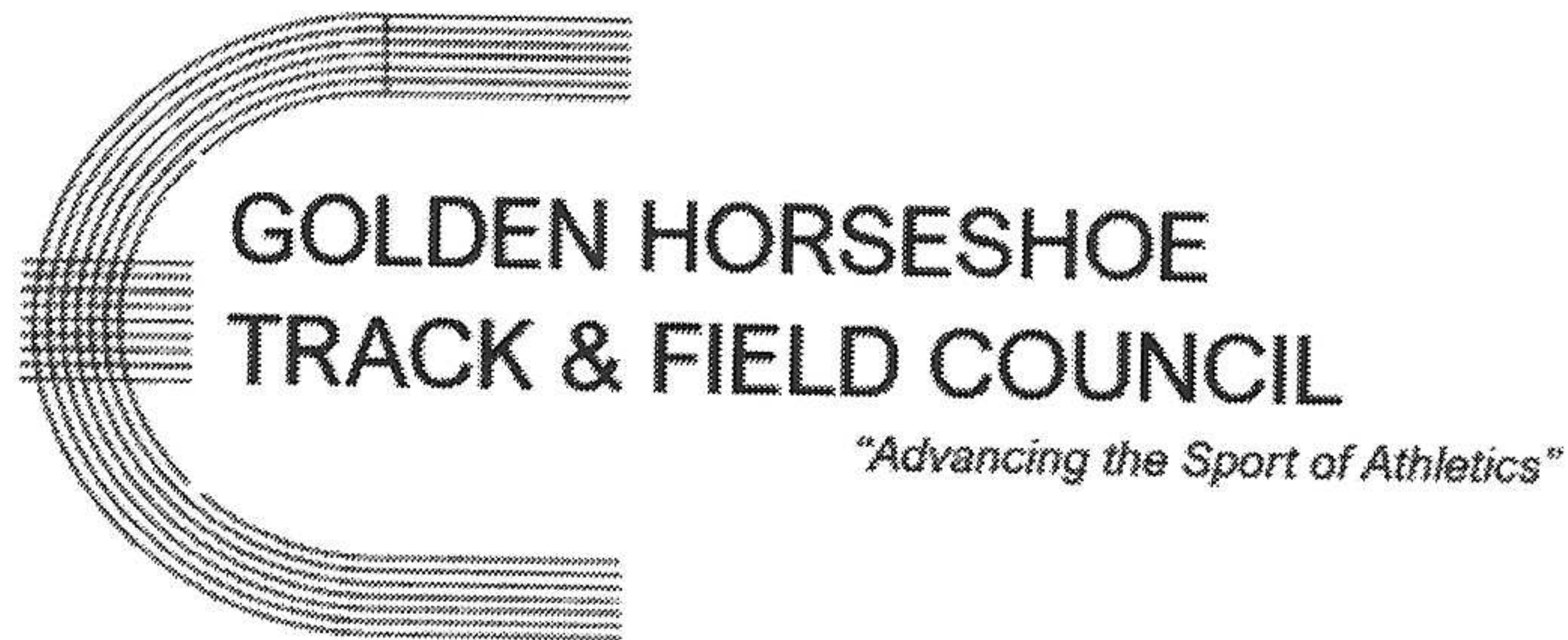


Hamilton Accessible Sports Council
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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'KO', written in a cursive style.

Krystn Orr, PhD (she/her)
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August 11, 2024

Re: Letter of Support – Mohawk Sports Park Feasibility Study

The Golden Horseshoe Track & Field Council is pleased to provide this Letter of 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 plan for Mohawk Sports Park, Hamilton.

Our organization, along with several community partners (including the City of Hamilton) have successfully achieved nearly \$4 million dollars of investment at the Ray Lewis Track & Field Centre (Mohawk Sports Park) involving areas of infrastructure and accessibility improvements; acquisition of new community program equipment; implementation of new community programs & services and co-hosting a record number of major events and competitions.

The completion of a proposed feasibility study is a continuation of the successful work which we have achieved and will contribute to a collective and shared vision of creating a more inclusive and barrier-free public space which will support the diverse needs of our community. We look forward to working with the Mohawk Sports Park Council and other community partners in making this dream a reality.

Yours in Sport,

Garfield Reid

Garfield Reid
Vice Chairman