

Emergency and Community Services Committee
City of Hamilton
71 Main Street West
Hamilton, Ontario.
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March 29, 2025

Re: MOHAWK SPORTS PARK FEASIBILITY STUDY

Chair and Members,

The Accessibility Hamilton Alliance (AHA!) is dedicated to promoting accessibility and inclusion in Hamilton, Ontario and beyond. Our mission is to identify and implement solutions that remove barriers for persons with disabilities, ensuring equal opportunities for all community members. We envision a Hamilton that is barrier-free, welcoming, and equitable for all taxpayers.

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.

The efforts of the Mohawk Sports Park Council for completion of a comprehensive feasibility study to support the development of a more inclusive and accessible public space strongly aligns with the goals of AHA!. By prioritizing accessibility in the park's redesign—such as wheelchair-friendly infrastructure, sensory-inclusive features, and adaptive sports facilities—the project aligns with AHA!'s mission to eliminate barriers for persons with disabilities. This initiative provides AHA! with a real-world example of inclusive urban planning, reinforcing our advocacy for similar improvements across Hamilton. The project's engagement with equity-deserving groups, including persons with disabilities, also creates opportunities for AHA! to collaborate with new partners, amplify community voices, and

promote broader awareness of accessibility needs.

To conclude, AHA! supports the efforts of the Mohawk Sports Park Council without reservation as Mohawk Sports Park's transformation into an inclusive hub not only supports AHA!'s goals but also sets a precedent for future accessible developments in the city and beyond.

Kind regards,

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On behalf of the Accessibility Hamilton Alliance (AHA!)

