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LETTER OF SUPPORT - MOHAWK SPORTS PARK FEASIBLITY STUDY

Members of Council:

Ron Joyce Children's Health Centre is a site of McMaster Children's Hospital that offers outpatient services for children ages 0-18 focused on child rehabilitation and developmental, behavioral and mental health. Programs of service offered through Developmental Pediatrics and Rehabilitation (DPR).

Ron Joyce Children's Health Centre 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 Mohawk Sports Park will provide significant benefits to our clientele, particularly individuals with disabilities, by promoting accessibility and inclusive recreational opportunities. Benefits include, inclusive play and social interaction, physical health and development, mental and emotional well-being, family and community engagement, and improved accessibility and safety. By implementing this project, communities not only create a fun, supportive, and engaging environment for kids with disabilities but also foster greater inclusivity and mutual respect among all children.

We are confident that this project will benefit and enrich the lives of numerous children and families in the City of Hamilton to provide a much-needed space where children with disabilities can thrive.

Sincerely,

Alex Thersidis
Therapeutic Recreationist
Ron Joyce Children's Health Centre