

# CITY OF HAMILTON

## MOTION

Public Works Committee

Date: April 13, 2026

**MOVED BY COUNCILLOR M. WILSON.....**

**SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR .....**

**Improvements to the Hamilton Amateur Athletics Association Grounds Field House (Ward 1)**

WHEREAS, Hamilton Amateur Athletics Association (“HAAA”) Grounds is a community park located at 250 Charlton Avenue West within Ward 1 that dates back to the 1870’s;

WHEREAS, HAAA Grounds is undergoing a redevelopment of the aging park amenities as part of the overall HAAA Grounds Renewal Plan;

WHEREAS, the provision of various improvements to the historic HAAA Grounds Field House is needed to enable public access and use of the Field House (the “Project”);

WHEREAS, City of Hamilton owned fieldhouse facilities in Ward 1 are maintained by the City of Hamilton’s Corporate Facilities & Energy Management (CFEM) Division, Public Works, and permitted where applicable through the Recreation Division;

WHEREAS, many of the current fieldhouses in Ward 1 require lifecycle repair and accessibility upgrades;

WHEREAS, the Recreation Master Plan (2022) identified that 74% of the survey respondents identified park washrooms as a high priority for investment and recommends providing permanent, accessible washroom facilities within Community and City-wide Parks;

WHEREAS, HAAA Park Field House is a high use, year-round facility and the addition of accessible washrooms with exterior access and indoor multi-purpose program space available throughout all seasons will draw more users to the Park;

WHEREAS, a feasibility study and detailed design was conducted for the HAAA Park Field House, with construction anticipated to begin by 2027 dependent on further funding;

WHEREAS, the Project includes required building lifecycle improvements along with four (4) newly renovated gender-neutral washrooms, including two exterior access washrooms, two (2) universal barrier free washrooms, upgrades to support public and community use, installation of a small kitchenette, and accessibility improvements consistent with AODA requirements;

WHEREAS, the construction and furniture budget for the Project is \$2.4 million dollars, with \$1.5 million dollars being allocated from the Ward 1 Capital Re-Investment Reserve and \$250,000 from the City of Hamilton (CFEM building lifecycle funds); and

WHEREAS, the City of Hamilton has been awarded a donation of \$650,000 from the Patrick J McNally Foundation to support the Project and address the identified funding shortfall.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

- (a) That the General Manager of Public Works, be authorized to negotiate, enter into and execute on behalf of the City, with content acceptable to the General Manager of Public Works and in a form satisfactory to the City Solicitor:
  - (i) all agreements and ancillary documents with the Patrick J McNally Charitable Foundation for the receipt of a donation in the amount of \$650,000 which shall be used to fund the Project; and
  - (ii) all required agreement(s) and ancillary documents necessary to give effect to the recommendations contained within this Motion,
- (b) That the donation amount of \$650,000 from the Patrick J McNally Charitable Foundation be placed into the Hamilton Amateur Athletics Association ("HAAA") Field House PID (4242109108) to be used for the Project;
- (c) That Councillor Maureen Wilson send a letter of thanks, on behalf of the City, to the Patrick J McNally Charitable Foundation for its gracious donation;
- (d) That Public Works staff be authorized and directed to retain a Contractor to undertake the construction of the Project at the Hamilton Amateur Athletic Association Park Field House, located at 250 Charlton Avenue West, Hamilton; and
- (e) That costs associated to advance the Project to construction be funded from the Ward 1 Capital Re-Investment Reserve #108051 at an upset limit, including contingency, not to exceed \$1.5M and added to existing HAAA Field House PID (4242109108)