Mohawk Sports Park

Revitalization Project Vision



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Land Acknowledgement

The City of Hamilton is situated upon the traditional territories of the Erie, Neutral, Huron-Wendat, Haudenosaunee, and Mississaugas. This land is covered by the Dish With One Spoon Wampum Belt Covenant, which was an agreement between the Haudenosaunee and Anishinaabek to share and care for the resources around the Great Lakes. We further acknowledge that this land is covered by the Between the Lakes Purchase, 1792, between the Crown and the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation.

Today, the City of Hamilton is home to many Indigenous people across Turtle Island (North America). We recognize that we must do more to learn about the rich history of this land so that we can better understand our roles as residents, neighbours, partners, and caretakers.



Mohawk Sports Park

Location: 1100 Mohawk Road East, Hamilton, Ontario. L8T 2S4.

Size: 39.66 hectares (98 acres).

Features

Football Fields, Playground, Ray Lewis Track & Field Centre, Soccer Fields, Ball Diamonds, Batting Cage, Skateboard Ramp, Cricket Pitch, Bernie Arbour Stadium, Rugby Fields, Mohawk Four Pad Ice Arena, Rail Trail, Nearby Waterfalls.

History

This park was formerly known as the Upper King's Forest Sports Park and Commonwealth Park. This site became known as Mohawk Sports Park in 1971 when it was recommended that reference be made to the old Mohawk Trail, which had once been part of the property. This park is considered the area's finest major sports facility.



Project Vision

Our proposed hub is grounded in sport and guided by the community's needs. It enhances Mohawk Sports Park's existing identity as a destination for outdoor sports and adds new, diverse, and complementary uses. The hub will produce extensive social outcomes and benefits for the city through the mediums of sport and play, providing an otherwise seasonal park with year-round vitality.



Inclusion

Inclusion involves creating cultures and environments where individuals with diverse identities feel they belong and can participate meaningfully as part of the whole while maintaining their authenticity, uniqueness, and autonomy.

Diversity

We aim to embody a diverse and inclusive mindset that takes into account an individual's spectrum of identities, characteristics, qualities, and experiences, shaping who we are. This leads to the varied perspectives and approaches we contribute in our interactions with others.

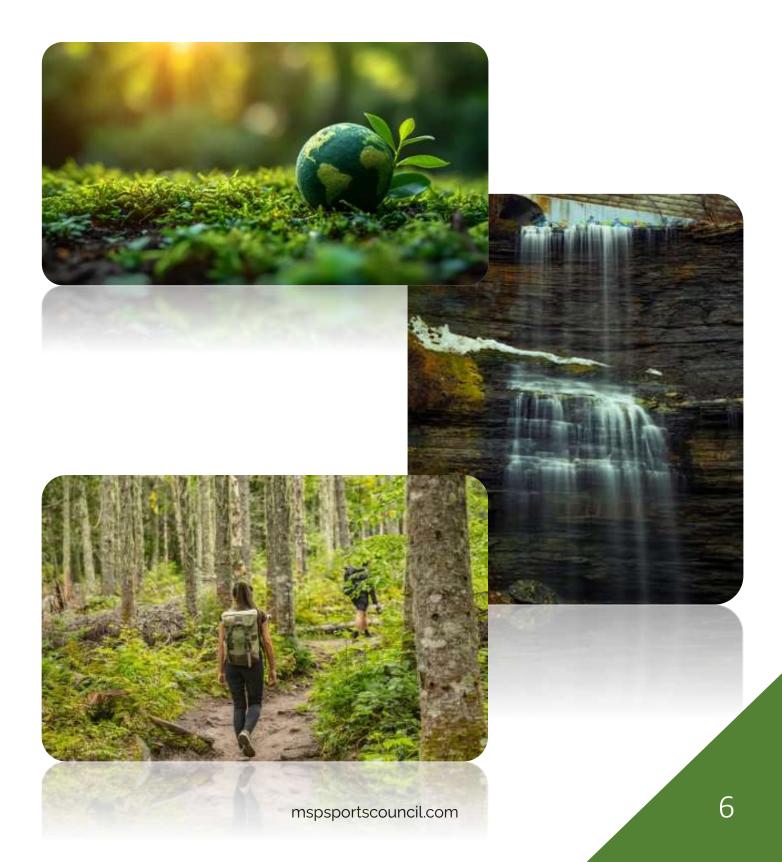
Equity

We believe that creating equitable access to programs and services begins with recognizing and acknowledging the presence of systemic social inequalities and taking proactive measures to reduce or eliminate barriers to opportunities and inclusion. Equity involves providing more support to those who require it, based on their circumstances, to ensure that everyone has equal opportunities and receives the assistance they need to succeed.

Accessibility

We strive to ensure accessibility is at the core of our work. This involves designing products, communications, services, and environments that are usable by people with diverse abilities without barriers. We aim to offer equal opportunities for everyone to have autonomy and self-direction in all aspects of life.

Our Commitment





The Canada Healthy Communities Initiative was established to assist communities in adapting to the COVID-19 pandemic and to create safe ways for residents to access services and enjoy the outdoors.

Public spaces benefit physical and mental health by offering places to be active and connected. They also present opportunities to support local economic growth.

To continue delivering these benefits amid COVID-19 restrictions and beyond, local governments, Indigenous communities, and not-for-profit community partners must reconsider public spaces and how to provide services safely and equitably.

From community gardens and activity areas to digital infrastructure, the Canada Healthy Communities Initiative enables organizations to modify programs and services to keep residents safe and healthy, support economic recovery, create jobs, and foster vibrant, resilient communities.

We are pleased to embody the principles of the Canada Healthy Communities Initiative within our Project Strategic Vision.



The 17 Sustainable Development Goals represent a global call to action to tackle today's most urgent social, economic, and environmental challenges.

The Government of Canada is actively working to advance these Goals through dialogue, participation, and collaboration. Progress is a shared responsibility, requiring a whole-of-government and whole-of-society approach to create stronger, safer, and more inclusive communities that leave no one behind.

We commit to adopting the guiding principles of Canada's Sustainable Development Goals to demonstrate our dedication to the community and society as a whole.







Vision
7,700 Square Foot Child Care Centre.

Vision Women & Sports Development Program.



More than 1 in 5 girls leave sport during adolescence.

Vision
Seniors Active Living Centre.







Vision
3,000 Square Foot
Sports Medicine & Physiotherapy Clinic.



Welcoming Francophone Communities initiative

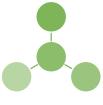


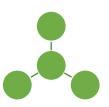


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Regional High-Performance Training Centre

- ➤ Multi-Sport Model.
- ➤ Individual & Team Support.
- > Coaching Development.
- Fitness & Conditioning Space.
- ➤ Officiating Certification.
- ➤ Sport Capacity Support.
- Volunteer Recruitment, Training and Retention System.



















Culture & Heritage



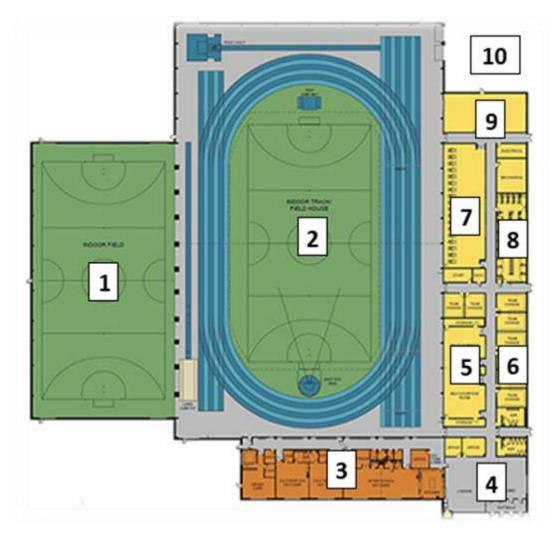
Mohawk Trail

The original Mohawk Trail began as a First Nations footpath that spanned from the Brant Region to Upper New York State and is believed to have existed since prehistoric times.

It represents one of the earliest transportation routes across our region and in turn, supported many of our earlier settlers which is reflective of many of today's landmarks (Hess, Rymal, James, Ryckman, Terry Berry, Mount Albion) and historical sites involving homes, Inns, Churches, Schools, and Parks.

The Trail saw significant development under Governor Simcoe's term of office, 1792-96, as a matter of strategic importance and later supported industry growth/commerce and the development of a modern highway system (King's Highway 8) across the region.

In 1953, the Mohawk Trail was renamed Mohawk Road, and today's Mohawk Sports Park was officially named in 1971 in recognition of the Mohawk Trail system.



Floorplan Concept

- 1. Optional Turf Field (24,864 SF).
- 2. Infield Area (17,444 SF).
- 3. Child Care Centre (7,730 SF).
- 4. Main Lobby.
- 5. Multi-purpose Rooms (1,972 SF).
- 6. Team Changerooms.
- 7. Fitness Centre (3,168 SF).
- 8. Washrooms.
- 9. Storage Room.
- 10. Sports Medicine & Physiotherapy Clinic (3,000 SF).
- 11. Track Area (70,384 SF).

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