



## Motion

Re: CK Field of Dreams

**“Whereas it is recognized that youth baseball registration numbers in Chatham continue to rise requiring additional baseball diamonds in the City of Chatham;**

**Whereas it is recognized that there is only one (1) regulation sized baseball diamond (capable of hosting events for players 14 years of age or older) in a city as large as Chatham;**

**Whereas it is recognized that there are additional teams and leagues formed in recent years in the City of Chatham and that there is an increasing demand for regulation sized baseball diamond usage as a result;**

**Whereas it is recognized that the arrival of the Intercounty Baseball League team in 2024 will reduce the field availability of Fergie Jenkins Park for the youth of Chatham Minor Baseball Association and the additional teams and leagues formed;**

**Whereas there currently exists field availability and accessibility challenges for the Challenger Baseball programs, for those players with cognitive or physical disabilities, necessitating the exploration of a fully accessible playing surface for those players;**

**Whereas the Chatham Sports Hall of Fame and Chatham Minor Baseball Association recognize this need and have formed the Chatham-Kent Community Field of Dreams Committee to work towards construction of a 2nd regulation sized baseball diamond within the City limits of Chatham but available to all communities of Chatham-Kent to use;**

**Whereas these two Community groups have well-established presences in the community and have proven to develop much-needed community assets together for the benefit of all citizens across Chatham-Kent;**

**Whereas this newly formed committee is committed to fundraising the capital required to build such a facility;**

**Whereas this project supports Chatham-Kent Council's priorities under Community Safety and Wellbeing.**

**Be it resolved that administration work to explore and assist The CK Community Field of Dreams Committee with the planning, feasibility and a potential location of the project and return to council by May 2024 with recommendations in consultation with the committee.**

Signed: Councillor Marjorie Crew

Notice Given On: December 11, 2023