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Letter of Support – Motion on Sports Fields

Dear Your Worship and Councillors

On behalf of the Ottawa Fury Soccer Club, I write in support of the motion to be presented to Ottawa City Council on April 26, 2006 by Councillor Thompson regarding the provision of sports fields in the City of Ottawa. In his motion, Councillor Thompson identifies Bowesville as a potential site for a multi-purpose sports and recreation facility.

Soccer is the number one participatory sport in the City of Ottawa with nearly 40,000 of its residents participating as players in the game with an additional 15,000 players residing within Eastern Ontario. Unfortunately, the reality is that the City of Ottawa is impoverished with respect to the number and quality of soccer fields; a shortfall of some 200 sports fields has been identified in a recent study. This shortfall means that many young soccer players who would like to play and develop their skills are denied the opportunity due to a lack of fields on which they can play and train.

A new recreational complex such as the one proposed would help offset the field deficit as well as providing a much-needed venue for the staging of large-scale youth soccer tournaments. We urge all Councillors to fully consider the use of the Bowesville site as a multi-purpose sports and recreation facility by voting in favour of Councillor Thompson's motion.

Sincerely,

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