

Date: November 15, 2024

To: Mayor & Members of Council

From: Councillor Hamilton

Subject: **Proposed Budget Amendment** – Installing a half-court basketball net in Greengate Park to support local youth and encourage neighbourhood prosperity

Mover: Councillor Hamilton

Seconded: Councillor Earnshaw

Proposed Budget Amendment for Council to Consider:

That Council approve Installation of a half-court basketball net in Greengate Park to support local youth and neighbourhood prosperity and that the cost of this court and net at a cost estimated at \$50,000 would be drawn from the Capital Works Reserve.

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Rationale for Proposed Amendment:

The population of south-east Cambridge is rising substantially, fueled by new subdivisions and secondary plans encouraging greater housing stock and density. As such, south-east Cambridge is expected to become larger than Preston and Hespeler in a few short years.

As such, due to the drastic increase in population, families and youth surrounding Greengate park, the increased interest and popularity of basketball in Ontario and Cambridge, the repeated and increasing requests from neighbours for a secure and permanent basketball net, and considering the benefits to neighbourhood togetherness and tranquility a permanent net would provide, the installation of a half-court basketball net in Greengate Park is an investment in people, place, and prosperity, that would benefit Cambridge and its youth today, and for many years to come.

Budget Impact:

\$50,000

- Budget Additions

Other information related to budget impact:

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Approved by the City Clerk