



TOWN OF HAMILTON
APPLICATION FOR
COMMUNITY PRESERVATION ELIGIBILITY

Date: 1/5/24

Project Title: Railroad Ave Pocket Park
Name of Applicant: Rick Mitchell
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CPA Category (underline all that apply): Open Space Historic Preservation
Recreation Community Housing

CPA Funding Requested: \$ 50,000 Total Project Cost: \$ 150,000

Project Description: Please provide a brief project description below. Include a brief description of how your project accomplishes the goals of the CPA and include an estimated budget. Please include supporting materials as necessary.

The HDC is investing in redeveloping the small plot of land at the corner Railroad Ave and Bay Rd into a public pocket park designed to beautify the downtown and provide a public open space gathering spot for Hamilton residents. The HDC has commissioned preliminary design and gained approval of the landowner to convert the land into a public park. Budget estimate to complete is \$150,000.

NOTE: This application enables the CPC to review the request to ensure eligibility and offer guidance. If eligible, an Application for Funding must be completed.

Please be sure to read through the CPA Guidelines for Project Submission prior to completing this application.



RAILROAD AVE.

PARKING

TO BANK ENTRANCE →

GRANITE BOLLARDS @ ALL ENTRY POINTS

CROSS WALK

PRELIMINARY SKETCH
SCALE 1/4" = 1'-0"
4 APRIL 2023

BAY ROAD

Laurie Wilson

From: Thomas McEnaney <TMcEnaney@k-plaw.com>
Sent: Monday, February 5, 2024 4:48 PM
To: Laurie Wilson; Joe Domelowicz
Cc: Michael D'Ortenzio, Jr.; Thomas McEnaney; Shirin Everett
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Laurie:

It is our understanding that the Hamilton Development Corporation submitted an application for CPA funds to create a "pocket park" on a small piece of property at Bay Road and Railroad Avenue. The pocket park will be located on a portion of the premises owned by Depot Square Common Condominium ("Depot Square"). HDC is proposing to lease the premises from Depot Square. In our opinion, the use of CPA funds to create a pocket park is allowable. In our opinion, it would be preferable to either require Depot Square to convey the portion of the property that will include the pocket park to the Town or HDC, or alternatively, to require Depot Square to grant the Town a deed restriction requiring that the pocket park portion of the property be dedicated to park purposes so that Depot Square or any subsequent owner of the premises cannot change the use after public funds have been invested to construct the park. I have copied my colleague, Shirin Everett, who is one of our real estate experts. Shirin can provide further advice or assist in preparing the restriction if the Town and CPC wish to proceed with this proposal.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Thanks.

Tom

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Tom,

Any update if the CPC can consider this project for a grant?