

**HAMILTON COMMUNITY FOUNDATION
TPT II: Building Strong Communities
COMMUNITY SELF ASSESSMENT TOOL**

In Tackling Poverty Together Phase II, Hamilton Community Foundation is interested in supporting “neighbourhood hubs”. Neighbourhood hubs are defined as “local collaboratives that centralize community work to reduce poverty, and which have a strong resident voice.” Hubs are place based (geographical) and characterized by: serving an entire community (all ages); having an established or developing governance structure that includes residents; and have multi-organizational involvement.

Hamilton is fortunate to have some neighbourhood hubs which are well developed. While we anticipate potentially providing support for these hubs, we are also interested in supporting the development of new and emerging neighbourhood hubs. We anticipate choosing a number of hubs at varying levels of development for support.

The following is a basic tool to help you reflect on the level of development of your neighbourhood hub.

	Beginning	Intermediate	Developed
Community Engagement	Small number of involved residents	Significant number of volunteers but not involved in decision making	Significant number of volunteers active in decision making roles
Collaboration between existing service providers	Services/programs offered by individual organizations. Collaboration does not extend beyond referrals.	Informal agreements between community partners	Formalized protocols/agreements between community partners may be evidenced in shared space, financial contributions by partners.
Governance Structure	Interested parties but no formalized structure	Governance structure exists but needs stronger stakeholder involvement	Existing governance structure with strong resident involvement and other key stakeholders
Existing Programs/ Services	Little to no programs/services offered within geographical neighbourhood	Limited programs offered or programs only address one age group	Centralized site – numerous programs offered to all age groups
Information/Data Collection and Planning	No formal data gathering has occurred	Some data collection has occurred – no community plan exists	Community has completed community mapping/needs assessment which has been used to develop a community plan

Overall our community’s stage of development is:

Beginning ___ Intermediate ___ Developed ___