



City of Hamilton

AUDIT, FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE ADDENDUM

Meeting #: 21-004

Date: March 25, 2021

Time: 9:30 a.m.

Location: Due to the COVID-19 and the Closure of City Hall

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6. DELEGATION REQUESTS

- *6.1. Larry Pomerantz, RainBarrel.ca, respecting the rain barrel program and a 10.8% increase due to supply chain cost increases (For a future meeting)

Request to Speak to Committee of Council

Submitted on Monday, March 22, 2021 - 12:58 pm

==Committee Requested==

Committee: Audit, Finance & Administration Committee

==Requestor Information==

Name of Individual: Larry Pomerantz

Name of Organization: RainBarrel.ca

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Reason(s) for delegation request: We were recently awarded a contract to sell rain barrels directly to Hamilton residents. Our supplier has since implemented a 10.8% increase due to supply chain cost increases driven by COVID. Overseas shipping rates have since tripled due to supply and demand for shipping containers. Based on the contract price, we now lose money on every rain barrel sold. Procurement states that it would not be fair to permit a pandemic related cost increase, even though the product is sold to residents and therefore has no influence on City budgets. Force Majuere is not accepted for cost increases, but it is the pandemic that driving these increases. I hope the Committee and Council can provide direction to the Procurement Department. I don't believe it is fair to have to subsidize the program when circumstance completely out of our control have change so significantly.

Will you be requesting funds from the City? No

Will you be submitting a formal presentation? Yes