



City of Hamilton

AUDIT, FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE ADDENDUM

Meeting #: 21-012

Date: August 12, 2021

Time: 9:30 a.m.

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

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5. COMMUNICATIONS

- *5.2. Gabriel Nicholson, respecting Ward Specific Funding Initiatives Update as of December 31, 2020 (FCS21064) (City Wide) - Item 7.3.

Recommendation: Be received and referred to consideration of Item 7.3, Ward Specific Funding Initiatives Update as of December 31, 2020 (FCS21064) (City Wide).

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Subject: Aug 12 AFA 7.3 - Ward Slushies
Date: August 9, 2021 5:53:41 PM

Hello,

Concerning the Special Capital Reinvestment Levy, could we just dispense with the whole notion that in Hamilton there is an 'infrastructure deficit' or that anyone cares. Just give us our money back or replace it with a new special tax that can have a policy that allows for

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Donations to charities

Things the city doesn't actually need but definitely makes people with good lives have much better lives.

Could staff run a report tallying the amount of operating costs that have been added to the general levy through this funding, contrary to the policy?

It's amazing that the guy leading the dark money campaign for 'better leadership' named his project as Infrastructure, yet on today's report there is the city giving \$220,000 to a private charity, which we did at his behest.

They don't want better leadership. They want you to say yes to all their craziness. And that craziness usually involves everyone else paying more.

Have the auditor run the Special Capital Reinvestment Levy against the policy and when they come back with a report showing that a majority of expenditures have nothing to do with Capital Reinvestment, perhaps then you will reconsider this slush fund.

As for Ward Specific Non Property Tax Revenue, I thought we were all one city? It's time to pool this money and divide it equally amongst the wards to ensure fairness.

The list of expenditures just looks like a lot of gladhanding.

Maybe another ward would like to donate to a Club 30 or pay a rental contract or sponsor a football team.

Maybe if we spent less making good lives greater, we could address some of the real issues in this city.

regards,
Gabriel Nicholson