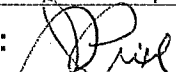




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CITY OF HAMILTON
COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT
Social Development & Early Childhood Services Division

TO: Chair and Members Emergency & Community Services Committee	WARD(S) AFFECTED: CITY WIDE
COMMITTEE DATE: December 7, 2011	
SUBJECT/REPORT NO: Hamilton Youth Advisory Committee (HYAC) 2012 Budget Submission (CS11099) (City Wide)	
SUBMITTED BY: Joe-Anne Priel General Manager Community Services Department	PREPARED BY: Rene Reid ext. 5540 Colin McMullan ext. 3538
SIGNATURE: 	

RECOMMENDATION

- (a) That the Hamilton Youth Advisory Committee 2012 base budget submission in the amount of \$3,890, be approved and forwarded to the 2012 budget process (GIC); and,
- (b) That, in addition to the base funding, that a one time budget allocation of \$2,500 funded by the Hamilton Youth Advisory Committee reserve, be approved and forwarded to the 2012 budget process (GIC).

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

As directed by Council, HYAC has prepared their 2012 Budget Submission, attached as Appendix A to Report CS11099.

Alternatives for Consideration – Not Applicable

FINANCIAL / STAFFING / LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

Financial: HYAC is requesting approval of \$3,890 for 2012, as well as an additional \$2,500 from the Volunteer Committee Reserve in order to purchase promotional items, and to provide youth development, training and other collaborative opportunities to HYAC members and other Hamilton youth.

In addition, HYAC is in the initial stages of planning Hamilton's first National Youth Week celebration to be held May 1st-7th, 2012.

Staffing: There are no staffing implications associated with the recommendations of this report.

Legal: There are no legal implications associated with the recommendations of this report.

HISTORICAL BACKGROUND

The Hamilton Youth Advisory Committee (HYAC) is comprised of a diverse group of young leaders 14 to 24 years of age who are passionate about making a difference in their community. HYAC's mandate is to ensure that youth are involved in the decisions made within the City of Hamilton and the community that affect their lives and the lives of their families and friends. HYAC provides a youth perspective on local issues and advises Council and staff through the Emergency and Community Services Committee.

Addressing issues facing youth, enhancing opportunities for youth and providing a youth voice are the goals of the committee. In addition to fostering positive collaborative relationships between youth and adults and by supporting youth oriented events and programs, HYAC aims to continue to lead by example with integrity, respect and innovation.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

None.

RELEVANT CONSULTATION

- Hamilton Youth Advisory Committee
- Corporate Services, Treasury Services, Finance and Administration Section

ANALYSIS / RATIONALE FOR RECOMMENDATION

Since its inception in 2007 by Council, HYAC continues to make significant strides, not only as an advisory committee, but also as a conduit between other youth and youth organizations in the community.

Much of HYAC's work at the end of 2010 and in 2011 has consisted of networking with youth city-wide and raising the committee's public profile. Recruitment of new members took place in December 2010 and early 2011, however, City of Hamilton Advisory Committees were not able to reconvene until April of 2011.

HYAC members supported and continued to participate in community initiatives such as:

- **Unfilteredfacts Summit:** HYAC members attended *ACTION – "Spark the movement, Ignite the change"* that featured experiential action-oriented sessions, youth facilitators, school sharing/networking, and tons of fun! The Summit armed participants with information and tools they need to tackle youth health issues in their school community.
- **Youth-In-Motion Bus Tour of Hamilton:** HYAC hosted a free guided bus tour to highlight some of Hamilton's best features, unusual places and hidden treasures. This tour was open to all youth. The objective of this event was to inspire a stronger sense of civic pride and a greater awareness of Hamilton's many gems while also providing an opportunity to network with other youth.
- **Wesley Urban Ministries' Raising the Roof Campaign:** HYAC members helped to 'put a lid' on youth poverty and homelessness, by joining Wesley Urban Ministries and the Hamilton Bulldogs to sell toques during a hockey game.
- **HYAC's first Cup 'n Run:** Committee members promoted HYAC's new website, hamiltonyouth.ca by using eco-friendly drinking cups in the chain link fence overlooking Highway 401 below, Longwood Rd. to the west and Main Street to the North behind the Hamilton Spectator (with their permission).
- **It's Alive!** The Hamilton Youth Advisory Committee's unique and youth friendly website, hamiltonyouth.ca went live July 28th 2010.

The 2011 approved budget is \$3,890. This funding was used for meeting expenses, orientation of the newly appointed advisory committee, volunteer recognition, communication and other expenses related to the work of HYAC. The newly formed committee will continue to familiarize itself with the City of Hamilton and local government, as well as identify priorities and initiatives they wish to focus on during the next term. One such initiative is National Youth Week. Hamilton is the home of an estimated 70,000 youth. Youth Week is an internationally celebrated event that aims to recognize the positive contributions youth make in their communities and to celebrate the valuable work youth and youth organizations do year round. Since its inception in

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1995, Youth Week is now celebrated in several countries. HYAC has undertaken some initial planning and would like to host Youth Week in May 2012.

ALTERNATIVES FOR CONSIDERATION

None.

CORPORATE STRATEGIC PLAN (Linkage to Desired End Results)

Focus Areas: 1. Skilled, Innovative and Respectful Organization, 2. Financial Sustainability, 3. Intergovernmental Relationships, 4. Growing Our Economy, 5. Social Development, 6. Environmental Stewardship, 7. Healthy Community

Skilled, Innovative & Respectful Organization

- ◆ A culture of excellence
- ◆ A skilled, adaptive and diverse workforce, i.e. more flexible staff
- ◆ More innovation, greater teamwork, better client focus
- ◆ An enabling work environment - respectful culture, well-being and safety, effective communication
- ◆ Council and SMT are recognized for their leadership and integrity

Social Development

- ◆ People participate in all aspects of community life without barriers or stigma

Healthy Community

- ◆ An engaged Citizenry
- ◆ Adequate access to food, water, shelter and income, safety, work, recreation and support for all (Human Services)

APPENDICES / SCHEDULES

Appendix A to Report CS11099: Hamilton Youth Advisory Committee 2012 Budget Submission

CITY OF HAMILTON

2012

VOLUNTEER COMMITTEES

BUDGET SUBMISSION

Hamilton Youth Advisory Committee

PART A: General Information

VOLUNTEER COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

Alex Fiorello	Lauren Hansen
Alex Ramirez	Margaret Chalmers
David Boruch	Michael Pratas
Don Mahleka	Michelle Leach
Fabian Ahmed	Mikayla Zolis
Fan Yang	Mohammad Nasir
Jessika Del Prete	Natascha Del Prete
Julie Ling Ma	Zil Nasir

MANDATE:

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PART B: Strategic Planning

STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES:

Goals of the HYAC Committee

- To provide direct input into government decision making processes on issues affecting youth;
- To advocate within the government on behalf of youth;
- To develop and maintain effective communications with youth and youth-serving organizations;
- To promote and recognize the abilities and contributions of youth in their communities;
- To foster initiatives for and by youth; and,
- To ensure diversity in the Council's membership, the selection process considers a number of factors including, but not limited to, geography, gender, culture, ethnicity, sexual orientation and ability.

How will the goals be achieved? The HYAC Committee will achieve its goals through:

- Building relationships and communicating with the Mayor and Council through face-to-face meetings, submitting and presenting reports, increasing their awareness of youth related issues and concerns
- Networking with other youth-serving groups and organizations, supporting them in their work and developing opportunities for collaboration
- Recruiting of committee members from all areas of the community; working to improve channels of communication
- Maintaining an up-to-date and youth-friendly website and other social media as identified

Who will Benefit

- Youth of Hamilton
- City of Hamilton Council and Staff
- Residents of Hamilton

ALIGNMENT WITH CORPORATE GOALS:

Please check off which Council approved Strategic Commitments your Volunteer Committee supports			
1) A City of Growth and Opportunity	X	4) A City Where People Come First	X
2) A Great City in Which to Live	X	5) A City that Spends Wisely and Invests Strategically	
3) A Healthy, Safe and Green City	X	6) A City of Choice for High Performance Public Servants	

PART C: Budget Request

INCIDENTAL COSTS:

Meeting/training expenses (room rental, refreshments, bus tickets etc.)	1,500.00
Communication	1,000.00
Administrative expenses	650.00
Orientation	365.00
Volunteer Recognition	375.00
SUB TOTAL	\$3,890.00

SPECIAL EVENT/PROJECT COSTS:

Youth Week Event (banner fees, printing, rentals, etc.)	1250.00
Promotional items (pens, T-shirts, etc.)	750.00
Youth Development and Training (to be determined)	200.00
Collaborative opportunities with other youth groups (eg. Leadership Quest)	300.00
SUB TOTAL	\$2,500.00

TOTAL COSTS	\$6,390.00
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Funding from Volunteer Committee Reserve (only available to Volunteer Committees with reserve balances)	\$2,500.00
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TOTAL 2012 BUDGET REQUEST (net of reserve funding)	\$ 3,890.00
PREVIOUS YEAR (2011) APPROVED BUDGET (2011 Request \$3,890.00)	\$3,890.00

CERTIFICATION:

Please note that this document is a request for a Budget from the City of Hamilton Operating budget. The submission of this document does not guarantee the requested budget amount. Please have a representative sign and date the document below.

Representative's Name: Alex Fiorello

Signature: Alex Fiorello

Date: November 22, 2011

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