

## Delegation Request

Hamilton Artists Inc. requests the opportunity to present in front of the General Issues Committee.

Specifically we would like the General Issues Committee to consider waiving the \$1489 the City of Hamilton is charging the organization for the real estate assessment of 161 James Street North, a property that is in a legal agreement between the City of Hamilton and Hamilton Artists Inc., and is being sold to raise additional capital funds to complete our renovation and building of our new facility at 155 - 159 James Street North.

Further, the organization has endured considerable extra expense to update 155 - 159 James Street North to current infrastructural code requirements, including the installation of 2 new catch basins to deal with water drainage on the properties.

The only reason we come forward, is that the organization is struggling with these extra additional costs and is looking for any resources to assist with expense reduction. The Board of Directors feels the new facility at 155 - 159 James Street North is an outstanding contribution to downtown revitalization and development and would appreciate the City's ability to waive this expense.

Sincerely

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Hamilton Artists Inc.

**Please note that this delegation was referred by the General Issues Committee, and was subsequently approved by the Audit, Finance & Administration Committee on June 22, 2011.**