



CITY OF HAMILTON
COMMUNITY AND EMERGENCY SERVICES DEPARTMENT
Housing Services Division

TO:	Chair and Members Emergency and Community Services Committee
COMMITTEE DATE:	December 15, 2014
SUBJECT/REPORT NO:	Food and Shelter Advisory Committee 2015 Budget Submission (CES14057) (City Wide)
WARD(S) AFFECTED:	City Wide
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RECOMMENDATION

That the Food and Shelter Advisory Committee 2015 base budget submission attached as Appendix "A" to Report CES14057 in the amount of \$100, be approved and referred to the 2015 budget process for consideration.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Food and Shelter Advisory Committee is a Volunteer Committee appointed by City Council. The Committee has prepared a 2015 budget submission for approval in the amount of \$100. The funding will support incidental costs for meetings, such as room, equipment, refreshments, parking and any other transportation support members may require. The Food and Shelter Advisory Committee received \$500 last year with the intention on conducting community consultations. There are no plans for community consultations at this time.

Alternatives for Consideration – Not Applicable

FINANCIAL – STAFFING – LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

Financial:

The \$100 will be used for incidental costs for meetings, such as room rentals, equipment, refreshments, parking and other transportation support members may require.

Staffing:

There are no staffing implications. Community Services Department, Housing Services Division staff will continue to act as staff liaisons to the Food and Shelter Advisory Committee.

Legal:

There are no legal implications associated with Report CES14057.

HISTORICAL BACKGROUND

The Food and Shelter Advisory Committee (FSAC) is a longstanding volunteer citizen committee that informs Council (through the Emergency and Community Services Committee) of issues or policies that impact persons or communities for whom barriers exist to income security, food security and access to safe, accessible, adequate shelter. The Committee also provides a forum for intergovernmental and community partner discussion on these matters, and ensures that the perspectives of persons (clients) and communities who are experiencing these barriers are taken into consideration in the review of relevant City policies and programs.

The objectives of FSAC also include:

- To ensure that issues, specific to people who are homeless or at risk of becoming homeless, are brought forward and recommendations are provided to the Emergency & Community Services Committee in a timely manner.
- To ensure that issues, specific to people who are experiencing hunger, are brought forward and recommendations are provided to the Emergency & Community Services Committee in a timely manner.
- To assist with the coordination and implementation of Council approved recommendations.
- To collaborate and devise innovative, preventative measures to assist in addressing homelessness or hunger issues within the community and to provide those recommendations to the Emergency & Community Services Committee.
- To identify emerging trends, potential gaps and best practices in food or emergency shelter service needs.
- To educate the community about urgent food and shelter needs through regular reporting to the Emergency & Community Services Committee.
- To respond in a timely manner to requests for advice from city staff and the Emergency & Community Services Committee.
- Recognizing the significant relationship emergency food and shelter have with other components of the housing continuum, it is important for FSAC to liaise and collaborate with other committees doing work in the areas of homelessness and

affordable housing (such as the Affordable Housing Flagship) and to keep apprised of relevant programs and initiatives.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS AND LEGISLATED REQUIREMENTS

There are no policy implications for Report CES14057.

RELEVANT CONSULTATION

The Food and Shelter Advisory Committee was consulted and concur with the recommendation contained in this report.

ANALYSIS AND RATIONAL FOR RECOMMENDATION

The Food and Shelter Advisory Committee provides Council with a perspective regarding issues of emergency food and shelter. The Food and Shelter Advisory Committee is made up of service providers with experience and interest in these issues. They are keenly aware of emerging trends in the community through their work delivering these services. The Food and Shelter Advisory Committee uses this experience to provide information to Council. It does this by providing feedback to staff regarding matters of interest to Council as well as through direct reports to the Emergency and Community Services committee. The members of Food and Shelter Advisory Committee volunteer their time.

ALTERNATIVES FOR CONSIDERATION

None

ALIGNMENT TO THE 2012 – 2015 STRATEGIC PLAN

Strategic Priority #1

A Prosperous & Healthy Community

WE enhance our image, economy and well-being by demonstrating that Hamilton is a great place to live, work, play and learn.

Strategic Objective

- 1.5 Support the development and implementation of neighbourhood and City wide strategies that will improve the health and well-being of residents.

APPENDICES AND SCHEDULES ATTACHED

Appendix A to Report CES14057: Food and Shelter Advisory Committee 2015 Budget Submission