



2015 PRELIMINARY TAX OPERATING BUDGET UPDATE

General Issues Committee

March 26, 2015



Hamilton

Recommended Budget Amendments (Proposed March 26th GIC)

		Potential Tax Impact Municipal Total	Potential Tax Impact TOTAL*
Preliminary Residential Tax Increase	\$ 40,160,480	4.4%	3.5%
GIC Amendments Approved	(\$ 1,405,310)	(0.2%)	(0.2%)
Average Residential Total Tax Impact (Approved to date)	\$ 38,755,170	4.2%	3.3%
Previously Proposed Amendments	(\$ 4,731,105)		
TABLED AMENDMENTS:			
Cap Fin Capital Requirement for Ambulances	\$ 765,000		
	(\$ 3,966,105)	(0.5%)	(0.4%)
Average Residential Total Tax Impact	\$ 34,789,065	3.7%	2.9%
Growth / Reassessment Impact		(0.4%)	(0.3%)
Average Residential Total Tax Impact (Exclusive of remaining Enhancements-Other Priorities)		3.3%	2.6%

*Total Includes Education

Note – anomalies in totals due to rounding.



Additional Ambulance – Capital Funding

2 Options to fund Land Ambulances at a cost of \$1,270,890:

- Recommended: Increase the Tax Supported Capital Levy by \$765,000
 - Equals less than 0.1% tax impact (included in 2.6%)
 - Funds 2015 & 2016 Phased In ambulance requirement
- Option 2: Fund from the Unallocated Capital Levy Reserve
 - May impact future capital funding



GIC Approved Enhancements

- Approved as of March 24th GIC

	Mar 26th GIC
Gross Impact	\$ 7,284,660
Net Impact	\$ 3,078,820
Annualized FTE	109.35
Total Tax Impact (Includes Education)	0.3%
2016 Additional Net Impact	\$ 1,770,050*

*** The 2015 impact reflects part year commencement of some initiatives with an additional pressure created in 2016 from annualization.**



2015 Total Preliminary Impact for the Average Residential Tax Bill

	2015 Impact	
	Draft	
	\$	%
Municipal Taxes		
City Departments	\$ 78	2.5%
Boards & Agencies	\$ 8	0.3%
Capital	\$ 15	0.5%
Total Municipal Taxes¹	\$ 101	3.3%
Education Taxes ²	\$ (6)	-1.1%
Total	\$ 95	2.6%

¹ Municipal tax dollar impacts based on City-wide average residential assessment of \$284,600 and growth of 1.3%

² Preliminary Education Tax Rates as of March 16, 2015

The above includes Approved Budget Amendments



Enhancements – Other Priorities (Appendix “B” to FCS15010)

- **NOT INCLUDED** in the updated budget

	Feb 27th GIC	Mar 26th GIC
Gross Impact	\$ 14,626,690	\$ 1,290,510
Net Impact	\$ 13,476,310	\$ 1,083,840
Annualized FTE	55.66	7.35
Total Tax Impact (Includes Education)	1.5%	0.1%

2016 Additional Net Impact	\$ 1,230,770*	\$ 141,805*
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*** The 2015 impact reflects part year commencement of some initiatives with an additional pressure created in 2016 from annualization.**



Reducing the Tax Impact

	Reductions	Levy Increase	Residential Tax Incr.*
PRELIMINARY BUDGET & REC. ENHANCEMENTS		\$ 34,789,065	2.6%
TOTAL REDUCTIONS OF	\$ (5,340,000)	\$ 29,449,065	2.0%
TOTAL REDUCTIONS OF	\$ (14,240,000)	\$ 15,209,065	1.0%
TOTAL REDUCTIONS OF	\$ (23,140,000)	\$ 11,649,065	0.0%

* Total Residential Tax Increase

- Includes Education
- Excludes Other Priorities
- 1% on Total Tax Increase: \$8.9M

Note – anomalies in totals due to rounding.



Tabled Capital Budget Amendments

(Item 8.1)

- On February 11th Council (Capital Budget) tabled the following Operating Impact from Capital Items:
 - The FTE impacts of the 2015 Tree Planting Program (\$101k and 1.0FTE)
 - The FTE impacts of the 2015 capital budget impacting 2016 (\$3.7m and 32.84FTE)
- The Tree Planting Program operating impact is included in current tax impact of 2.6%



- **April 8th** – Council Approval
- **April** – Tax Policies



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ENHANCEMENTS – OTHER PRIORITIES



Enhancements – Other Priorities (Appendix “B” to FCS15010)

INITIATIVE	2015 Amount		Annualized FTE
	Gross Impact	Net Impact	
B04 Provide permanent funding source and resources for Vital Services Program - Council Referred (PED10049(n)). (Book 1 pg. 76)	\$ 30,000	\$ 30,000	1.00
B08 Licensing and Permit Officers (Mobile Response). (Book 1 pg. 80) <i>*2016 additional net impact of \$24,500</i>	\$ 73,500	\$ 73,500	1.00
B10 Collections Supervisor, Hamilton Municipal Parking System. (Book 1 pg. 82) <i>*2016 additional net impact of \$23,865</i>	\$ 71,580	\$ 71,580	1.00



Enhancements – Other Priorities

(Appendix “B” to FCS15010)

INITIATIVE		2015 Amount		Annualized FTE
		Gross Impact	Net Impact	
B15	Licencing By-law review and consolidation funded from Reserve (Temp 2 years). (Book 1 pg. 87)	\$ 103,500	\$ 0	1.00
Planning & Economic Development Sub Total		\$ 278,580	\$ 175,080	4.00



Enhancements – Other Priorities (Appendix “B” to FCS15010)

	INITIATIVE	2015 Amount		Annualized FTE
		Gross Impact	Net Impact	
B18	Age Friendly City - Hamilton Municipal Senior of the Year Award ceremony. Council referred-CS13023(b). (Book 1 pg. 90) <i>*2016 additional net impact of \$16,500</i>	\$ 33,500	\$ 33,500	0.50
B19	Age Friendly City - development and implementation of Age-Friendly City plan. This resource is in conjunction with Seniors Award event. (Book 1 pg. 91) <i>*2016 additional net impact of \$16,500</i>	\$ 33,500	\$ 33,500	0.50
B20	Establish regular transfers to capital reserves to sustain infrastructure for Lodges. (Book 1 pg. 92)	\$ 500,000	\$ 500,000	0.00



Enhancements – Other Priorities

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INITIATIVE		2015 Amount		Annualized FTE
		Gross Impact	Net Impact	
B21	Recreation Support Staff - support 1:1 staffing for children and adults with special needs. (Book 1 pg. 93) <i>*2016 additional net impact of \$4,220</i>	\$ 8,580	\$ 8,580	0.30
B23	Housing Administration Officer - continuance of existing position to meet Housing Services Act obligations. (Book 1 pg. 95)	\$ 55,080	\$ 55,080	0.50
B26	Provide recreational programs at Tim Hortons field. (Book 1 pg. 98) <i>*2016 additional net impact of \$56,220</i>	\$ 34,770	\$ 28,100	1.55
Community & Emergency Services Sub Total		\$ 665,430	\$ 658,760	3.35



Enhancements – Other Priorities (Appendix “B” to FCS15010)

	INITIATIVE	2015 Amount		Annualized FTE
		Gross Impact	Net Impact	
B34	To fund the annual shortfall for the Event Road Closure Services for special event programs - Council Referred (FCS14024(b)-City Enrichment Fund). (Book 1 pg. 106) (REVISED)	\$ 64,000	\$ 0	0.00
B36	Provide ongoing funding source for 91st Highlanders Athletic Association Indoor Games - Council Referred (FCS14024(b)-City Enrichment Fund). (Book 1 pg. 108) (REVISED)	\$ 32,500	\$ 0	0.00



Enhancements – Other Priorities

(Appendix “B” to FCS15010)

	2015 Amount		Annualized FTE
	Gross Impact	Net Impact	
INITIATIVE			
B37 Adequately fund the Communities, Culture & Heritage, Community Services, Sports & Active Lifestyles and Agriculture & Environment programs - Council Referred (FCS14024(b)-City Enrichment Fund). (Book 1 pg. 109)	\$ 250,000	\$ 250,000	0.00
Corporate Services Sub Total	\$ 346,500	\$ 250,000	0.00
OTHER PRIORITIES ENHANCEMENTS TOTAL	\$ 1,290,510	\$ 1,083,840	7.35



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