



**CITY OF HAMILTON**  
**CORPORATE SERVICES DEPARTMENT**  
**Customer Service Access & Equity Division**

<b>TO:</b>	Mayor and Members General Issues Committee
<b>COMMITTEE DATE:</b>	March 24, 2015
<b>SUBJECT/REPORT NO:</b>	2015 Budget Submissions - Volunteer Advisory Committees (FCS15033) (City Wide)
<b>WARD(S) AFFECTED:</b>	City Wide
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**RECOMMENDATION**

That the Volunteer Advisory Committee 2015 base budget submissions be approved as follows, contingent upon the reports of Advisory Committees being submitted to the respective Standing Committees:

- (a) Advisory Committee on Immigrants & Refugees in the amount of \$3,500;
- (b) Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender and Queer (LGBTQ) Advisory Committee in the amount of \$3,890;
- (c) Aboriginal Advisory Committee in the amount of \$3,500;
- (d) Hamilton Mundialization Committee in the amount of \$5,890;
- (e) Hamilton Status of Women Committee in the amount of \$3,500;
- (f) Committee Against Racism in the amount of \$3,890; and
- (g) Seniors Advisory Committee in the amount of \$1,500.

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

In accordance with the process for submission of budgets for Volunteer Advisory Committees, the Corporate Services Volunteer Advisory Committee Budgets for 2015 in the amount of \$25,670 are being submitted with the recommendation that they be approved, as the budget requests are the same amounts as the 2014 approved budgets.

When the Advisory Committees' budget submissions are approved at their respective committees, the reports will be submitted to the Audit Finance & Administration Committee for items (a) to (f) and to Emergency and Community Services Committee for item (g).

**Alternatives for Consideration – See Page 3**

**FINANCIAL – STAFFING – LEGAL IMPLICATIONS (for recommendation(s) only)**

Financial: The base budget requests for 2015 for seven (7) of the advisory committees are the same as the budget requested as approved for 2014. Therefore, there are no budget implications.

Staffing: N/A

Legal: N/A

**HISTORICAL BACKGROUND (Chronology of events)**

The Corporate Services Volunteer Advisory Committees are giving consideration to their budget needs at their March 2015 committee meetings. The base budget submissions for the Advisory Committees (a) to (f) will be forwarded to Audit Finance & Administration Committee and item (g), the Seniors Advisory Committee's budget, will be forwarded to Emergency & Community Services Committee for approval. Once the budget submissions are approved at their respective Council Committees, the budgets will be released to the appropriate Advisory Committee.

The budgets for the Advisory Committees include incidental costs to support the committees, as well as, additional costs for specific events, programs and initiatives. The following is a summary of the requests and detailed requests will be provided in the Advisory Committees budget submissions to be attached as Appendices to the reports to Audit Finance & Administration Committee, items (a) to (f) and Emergency and Community Services Committee, item (g).

	<b>Volunteer Advisory Committee</b>	<b>2014 Approved</b>	<b>2015 Base</b>	<b>2015 Increase</b>	<b>2015 Request</b>
(a)	Advisory Committee on Immigrant & Refugees (Appendix A)	\$3,500	\$3,500	--	\$3,500
(b)	Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender and Queer Advisory Committee (Appendix B)	\$3,890	\$3,890	--	\$3,890
(c)	Aboriginal Advisory Committee (Appendix C)	\$3,500	\$3,500	--	\$3,500
(d)	Hamilton Mundialization Committee (includes Kids for Kaga) (Appendix D)	\$5,890	\$5,890	--	\$5,890
(e)	Hamilton Status of Women Committee (Appendix E)	\$3,500	\$3,500	--	\$3,500
(f)	Committee Against Racism (Appendix F)	\$3,890	\$3,890	--	\$3,890
(g)	Seniors Advisory (Appendix G)	\$1,500	\$1,500	--	\$1,500

## **POLICY IMPLICATIONS AND LEGISLATED REQUIREMENTS**

The Volunteer Advisory Committees are able to put surplus funds from one year into a reserve for future purposes and request the use of those funds, in future years, for specific activities. The possibility gives the Committees the chance to plan ahead to undertake specific projects or initiatives, in future years, while minimizing increases in their budgets. Several of the Committees have not yet determined all of their activities for 2015. Should additional funding for any of the Advisory Committees be required in 2015 and be available in the volunteer committee reserves, requests for reserve funding will be made at the appropriate time.

## **RELEVANT CONSULTATION**

Each of the Committees is discussing their budget submissions at their March 2015 meetings.

## **ANALYSIS AND RATIONAL FOR RECOMMENDATION (Include Performance Measurement/Benchmarking Data if applicable)**

The recommendation will provide funding of the operation of the Advisory Committees so that they are able to continue to fulfill their terms of reference. The Committees are not asking for increased base budgets.

## **ALTERNATIVES FOR CONSIDERATION**

**(Include Financial, Staffing, Legal and Policy Implications and Pros and Cons for each alternative)**

The alternative would be not to fund the operations of the Advisory Committees. This is not recommended as these Advisory Committees provide valuable linkages to the community, especially at the grassroots level as well as providing valuable service and advice to the City, both to Council and to staff. The Advisory Committees also assist in bringing voices and lived experiences to our deliberations that might otherwise not be heard and included.

## **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**

1.6 Enhance Overall Sustainability (financial, economic, social and environmental).

**Strategic Priority #2**

Valued & Sustainable Services

*WE deliver high quality services that meet citizen needs and expectations, in a cost effective and responsible manner.*

**Strategic Objective**

2.2 Improve the City's approach to engaging and informing citizens and stakeholders.

**APPENDICES AND SCHEDULES ATTACHED**

N/A

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