



CITY OF HAMILTON
CORPORATE SERVICES DEPARTMENT
Customer Service, Access & Equity

TO:	Chair and Members Emergency & Community Services Committee
COMMITTEE DATE:	February 8, 2016
SUBJECT/REPORT NO:	2016 Budget Request - Seniors Advisory Committee (FCS16016) (City Wide)
WARD(S) AFFECTED:	City Wide
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RECOMMENDATION

That the Seniors Advisory Committee's (SAC) 2016 base budget submission in the amount of \$1,500 be approved and forwarded to the 2016 budget process.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

In accordance with the process for submission of budgets for the Volunteer Advisory Committees, the Seniors Advisory Committee budget for 2016, in the amount of \$1,500, is being submitted with the recommendation that it be approved as there is no increase requested from the 2016 budget.

Alternatives for Consideration – See Page 2

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

Financial: As the budget request is the same as was provided in 2015, there are no budget implications

Staffing: N/A

Legal: N/A

HISTORICAL BACKGROUND (Chronology of events)

At their November 2015 meeting, the Seniors Advisory Committee gave consideration to their budget needs for 2016. Their budget submission is attached as Appendix A to Report FCS16016. The budget includes both incidental costs to support the Committee, as well as, additional costs for specific events, programs and initiatives. The Seniors Advisory Committee is requesting the same budget they had in 2015 (\$1,500).

In accordance with the volunteer committee budget process, the budget is recommended for approval.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS AND LEGISLATED REQUIREMENTS

The Volunteer Advisory Committees are able to put surplus funds from each 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. The Seniors Advisory Committee has not yet determined all of their activities for 2016. Should additional funding be required in 2016 and be available in the Seniors Advisory Committee reserves, requests for reserve funding will be made at the appropriate time.

RELEVANT CONSULTATION

The Seniors Advisory Committee discussed their 2016 budget needs at their November 2015 Committee meeting.

ANALYSIS AND RATIONAL FOR RECOMMENDATION

(Include Performance Measurement/Benchmarking Data if applicable)

The recommendation will provide funding of the operations of the Seniors Advisory Committee, to enable them to continue to fulfil their terms of reference. The Seniors Advisory Committee is not asking for an increase in their base budget.

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 Committee. This is not recommended as they provide valuable service and advice to both Council and staff of the City, and bring voices to our deliberations that might otherwise not be heard.

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 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

Appendix "A" to Report FCS16016 – Seniors Advisory Committee