



**CITY OF HAMILTON**  
**PLANNING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT**  
**Economic Development Division**

<b>TO:</b>	Mayor and Members General Issues Committee
<b>COMMITTEE DATE:</b>	March 23, 2016
<b>SUBJECT/REPORT NO:</b>	Main West Esplanade Business Improvement Area (BIA) Proposed 2016 Budget and Schedule of Payment (PED16041) (Wards 1 and 2)
<b>WARD(S) AFFECTED:</b>	Wards 1 and 2
<b>PREPARED BY:</b>	Carlo Gorni (905) 546-2424 Ext. 2632
<b>SUBMITTED BY:</b>	Jason Thorne General Manager Planning and Economic Development Department
<b>SIGNATURE:</b>	

**RECOMMENDATIONS**

- (a) That the 2016 Operating Budget for the Main West Esplanade Business Improvement Area (BIA), attached as Appendix “A” to Report PED16041, be approved in the amount of \$16,986;
- (b) That the levy portion of the Operating Budget for the Main West Esplanade Business Improvement Area (BIA) in the amount of \$7,848.16 be approved;
- (c) That the General Manager of Finance and Corporate Services be hereby authorized and directed to prepare the requisite By-law pursuant to Section 208, the *Municipal Act, 2001*, to levy the 2016 Budget as referenced in Recommendation (b) to Report PED16041;
- (d) That the following schedule of payments for 2016 be approved:

April	\$3,924.08
June	\$3,924.08

Note: Assessment appeals may be deducted from the levy payments.

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

This Report deals with the approval of the 2016 Budget and schedule of payments for the Main West Esplanade Business Improvement Area (BIA).

***Alternatives for Consideration – N/A***

**FINANCIAL – STAFFING – LEGAL IMPLICATIONS**

Financial: The \$16,986 is derived from the following: \$7,848.16 through levying the members of the BIA; and \$9,137.84 from current reserves.

Staffing: There are no staffing implications.

Legal: The *Municipal Act, 2001*, Section 205, Sub-section (2) dictates that City Council must approve budgets of BIAs.

**HISTORICAL BACKGROUND**

At its Annual General Meeting on February 23, 2016, the Main West Esplanade BIA Board of Management presented its proposed Budget for 2016.

The Board of Management forwarded correspondence to staff on February 23, 2016, asking that the approved Budget be forwarded to Council for its consideration.

As the Main West Esplanade BIA is in the process of being re-established, the Board of Management has not yet adopted the BIA Procedure By-law required under the City's BIA By-law. However, the process followed to approve the budget was in accordance with this BIA Procedure By-law which will be adopted shortly.

**POLICY IMPLICATIONS AND LEGISLATED REQUIREMENTS**

The *Municipal Act, 2001*, Section 205, Sub-section (2) dictates that City Council must approve budgets of BIAs.

**RELEVANT CONSULTATION**

Legal Services, City Manager's Office, was consulted in the drafting of this report.

**ANALYSIS AND RATIONALE FOR RECOMMENDATIONS**

N/A

**ALTERNATIVES FOR CONSIDERATION**

N/A

**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**

- 1.1 Continue to grow the non-residential tax base.
- 1.3 Promote economic opportunities with a focus on Hamilton's downtown core, all downtown areas and waterfronts.

**APPENDICES AND SCHEDULES ATTACHED**

Appendix "A" to Report PED16041 – Proposed 2016 Budget

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