



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

<b>TO:</b>	Mayor and Members General Issues Committee
<b>COMMITTEE DATE:</b>	November 16, 2016
<b>SUBJECT/REPORT NO:</b>	2017 Budget Submission - Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities (FCS16093) (City Wide)
<b>WARD(S) AFFECTED:</b>	City Wide
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**RECOMMENDATION**

That the Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities (ACPD) 2017 base budget submission in the amount of \$1,500 be approved and forwarded to the 2017 budget process (General Issues Committee (GIC)).

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

In accordance with the process for submission of budgets for the sub-committees of Council, the 2017 budget for the Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities, in the amount of \$1,500, is being submitted with the recommendation that it be approved.

***Alternatives for Consideration – See Page 2***

**FINANCIAL – STAFFING – LEGAL IMPLICATIONS**

Financial: The base budget request for 2017 for the Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities is the same as the budget requested for in 2016. Therefore, there are no budget implications.

Staffing: N/A

Legal: N/A

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## **HISTORICAL BACKGROUND**

The Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities is a sub-committee of Council providing advice and making recommendations to Council and City staff regarding City policies, procedures and guidelines that address the needs and concerns of persons with disabilities, including providing input regarding the preparation, implementation and monitoring of the *Ontarians with Disabilities, 2001 Act* and the *Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act* and their regulations.

At their October 11, 2016 meeting, the Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities gave consideration to their budget needs for 2017. The budget includes the costs for one or two committee members to attend an accessibility conference or seminar that is relevant to the work of the Committee.

## **POLICY IMPLICATIONS AND LEGISLATED REQUIREMENTS**

There are no policy implications and legislated requirements.

## **RELEVANT CONSULTATION**

The Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities discussed their 2017 budget needs at their October 11, 2016 meeting.

## **ANALYSIS AND RATIONALE FOR RECOMMENDATION**

The recommendation will provide funding for one or two members of the Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities to attend a yearly accessibility conference and thus enable them to fulfil their terms of reference.

## **ALTERNATIVES FOR CONSIDERATION**

The alternative would be not to fund the request made by the ACPD. However, this is not recommended. The ability for two members each year to attend an accessibility conference has a multitude of benefits to the advisory Committee members and the Committee's work overall. By attending, the members are accessing and engaging in educational, networking and knowledge exchange opportunities. By participating in these conferences, Committee members bring their voices and lived experiences to the table that might otherwise not be heard.

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**ALIGNMENT TO THE 2016 – 2025 STRATEGIC PLAN**

**Community Engagement & Participation**

*Hamilton has an open, transparent and accessible approach to City government that engages with and empowers all citizens to be involved in their community.*

**Culture and Diversity**

*Hamilton is a thriving, vibrant place for arts, culture, and heritage where diversity and inclusivity are embraced and celebrated.*

**APPENDICES AND SCHEDULES ATTACHED**

Appendix “A” to Report FCS16093 – Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities  
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