

Form: Request to Speak to Committee of Council

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==Committee Requested==

Committee: General Issues Committee

==Requestor Information==

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Reason(s) for delegation request:

Concerned about the negative impact that the Trans-Pacific Partnership Agreement [TPPA] will have on the City of Hamilton regarding: DRUG COSTS AND HEALTH CARE: The TPPA will lengthen the time that life saving drugs can be patented by allowing pharmaceutical companies patented term extensions for regulatory delays and loosing the criteria by which existing drugs can be re-patented for new uses [evergreening]. Prescription drug costs will escalate and will have serious cost implications for the City's Employees Benefit Plans, local health providers and for citizens, especially seniors who require medications. The TPPA can protect food, alcohol and cigarette companies' ability to freely

market products that are harmful to health. The Investor-State Dispute Settlement [ISDS] provision will grant corporations the right to sue TPP governments/municipalities over public policy decisions perceived as damaging to their investments and business operations. COPYRIGHT: Copyright rules in the TPPA related to books, audio records and other publications will have additional costs for the City's libraries. INVESTOR-STATE DISPUTE SETTLEMENT [ISDS]: The ISDS mechanism will put pressure on the City to avoid making decisions that might attract a lawsuit [e.g; with respect to permits for project within the municipality]. RESOLUTION: The Hamilton Chapter of the Congress of Union Retirees requests the City of Hamilton to adopt the following resolution: That the Mayor of the City of Hamilton and Councillors express their opposition to the Trans-Pacific Partnership Agreement in its present form and communicate this decision to Prime Minister Trudeau, Federal Minister Freeland and area MPs'; andThat the resolution be sent to the Federation of Canadian Municipalities and the Association of Municipalities of Ontario for consideration and support. Hopefully permission will be granted to make the presentation to the General Issues Committee on January 18, 2017, at the latest. A package of resource materials will be forwarded to council members prior to the presentation to the General Issues Committee.

Will you be requesting funds from the City? No

Will you be submitting a formal presentation? Yes