



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

TO:	Chair and Members Audit, Finance and Administration Committee
COMMITTEE DATE:	November 21, 2016
SUBJECT/REPORT NO:	2017 Budget Submissions - Volunteer Advisory Committees (FCS16094) (City Wide)
WARD(S) AFFECTED:	City Wide
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RECOMMENDATION

That the Volunteer Advisory Committee 2017 base budget submissions be approved as follows and forwarded to the 2017 budget process (General Issues Committee (GIC)):

- (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; and
- (f) Committee Against Racism (includes Lincoln Alexander Day Celebration) in the amount of \$8,890.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

In accordance with the process for submission of budgets for the Volunteer Advisory Committees, the Corporate Services Volunteer Advisory Committee Budgets for 2017 in the amount of \$29,170 are being submitted with the recommendation that they be approved, as all of the budget requests are the same amounts as the 2016 approved budgets.

Alternatives for Consideration – See Page 3

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FINANCIAL – STAFFING – LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

Financial: The base budget requested for 2017 for six (6) of the advisory committees is the same as the budget requested and approved for 2016.

Staffing: N/A

Legal: N/A

HISTORICAL BACKGROUND

At their September, October and November 2016 meetings, the Corporate Services Volunteer Advisory Committees gave consideration to their budget needs for 2017. Their base budget submissions for the advisory committees are attached (refer to Appendices “A” to “F” to Report FCS16094 as approved.

The budgets for the Advisory Committees include both the 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 attached as Appendices “A” to “F” to Report FCS16094.

	2016 Approved	2017 Base	2017 Increase	2017 Request
Advisory Committee on Immigrants & Refugees (Appendix “A”)	\$3,500	\$3,500	-	\$3,500
Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender and Queer Advisory Committee (Appendix “B”)	\$3,890	\$3,890	-	\$3,890
Aboriginal Advisory Committee (Appendix “C”)	\$3,500	\$3,500	-	\$3,500
Hamilton Mundialization Committee (includes Kids for Kaga) (Appendix “D”)	\$5,890	\$5,890	-	\$5,890
Hamilton Status of Women Committee (Appendix “E”)	\$3,500	\$3,500	-	\$3,500
Committee Against Racism (& Lincoln Alexander Day Celebration) (Appendix “F”)	\$8,890	\$8,890	-	\$8,890
Total:	\$29,170	\$29,170	-	\$29,170

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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 purposes. This possibility gives the Committees the chance to plan ahead to undertake specific projects or initiatives, in future years, while minimizing increases in their budgets. Some of the Committees have not yet determined all of their activities for 2017. Should additional funding for any of the Advisory Committees be required in 2017 and be available in the volunteer advisory committee reserves, requests for reserve funding will be made at the appropriate time.

RELEVANT CONSULTATION

Each of the Volunteer Advisory Committees discussed their budget submissions at their September, October and/or November 2016 meetings.

ANALYSIS AND RATIONALE FOR RECOMMENDATION

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

ALTERNATIVES FOR CONSIDERATION

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 2016 – 2025 STRATEGIC PLAN Strategic Priority #1

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.

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APPENDICES AND SCHEDULES ATTACHED

Appendix "A" to Report FSC16094 – Advisory Committee on Immigrants & Refugees Budget Submission

Appendix "B" to Report FSC16094 – Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender and Queer Advisory Committee Budget Submission

Appendix "C" to Report FSC16094 – Aboriginal Advisory Committee Budget Submission

Appendix "D" to Report FSC16094 – Hamilton Mundialization Committee (includes Kids for Kaga) Budget Submission

Appendix "E" to Report FSC16094 – Hamilton Status of Women Committee Budget Submission

Appendix "F" to Report FSC16094 – Committee Against Racism (includes Lincoln Alexander Day Celebration) Budget Submission

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