



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

<b>TO:</b>	Chair and Members Emergency & Community Services Committee
<b>COMMITTEE DATE:</b>	November 21, 2016
<b>SUBJECT/REPORT NO:</b>	2017 Budget Submission - Seniors Advisory Committee (FCS16095) (City Wide)
<b>WARD(S) AFFECTED:</b>	City Wide
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**RECOMMENDATION**

That the Seniors Advisory Committee (SAC) 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 Volunteer Advisory Committees, the Seniors Advisory Committee budget for 2017, 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**

Financial: As the budget request is the same as was provided in 2016, there are no budget implications.

Staffing: N/A

Legal: N/A

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### **HISTORICAL BACKGROUND**

At their September 2, 2016 meeting, the Seniors Advisory Committee gave consideration to their budget needs for 2017. Their budget submission is attached as Appendix "A" to Report FCS16095. 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 2016 in the amount of \$1,500.00.

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 2017. Should additional funding be required in 2017 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 2017 budget needs at their September 2, 2016 Committee meeting.

### **ANALYSIS AND RATIONALE FOR RECOMMENDATION**

The recommendation will provide funding for 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**

The alternative would be not to fund the operations of the Advisory Committees. 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.

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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 FCS16095 – Seniors Advisory Committee Budget Submission

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