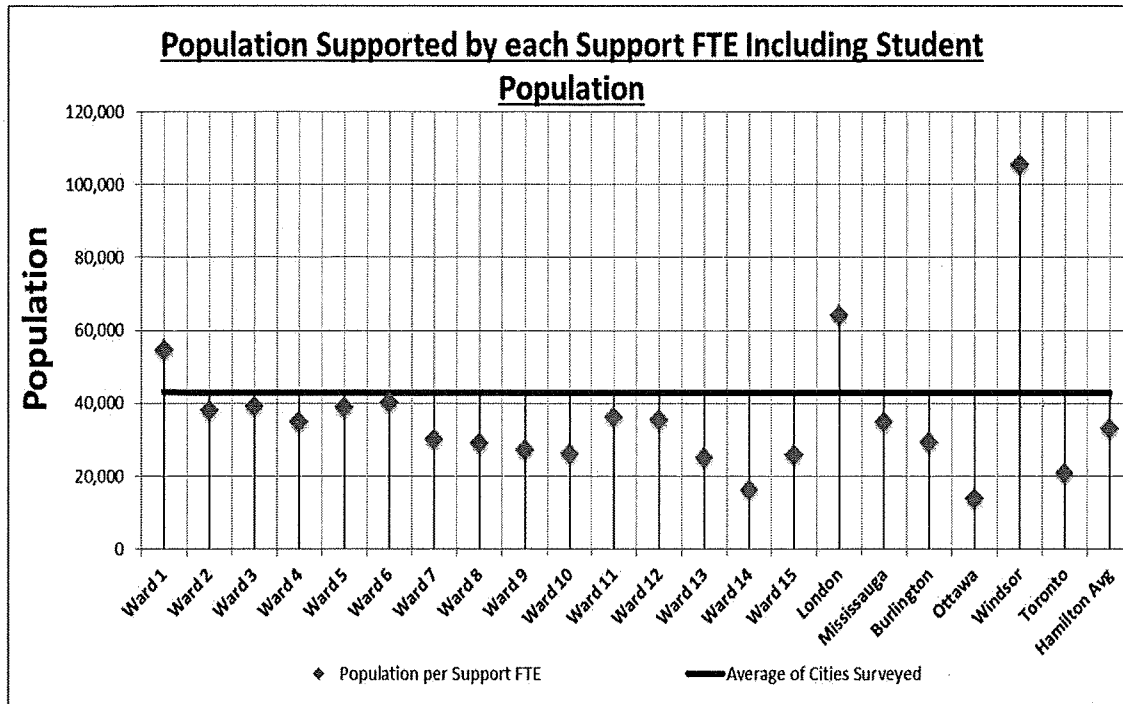


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## 1.6 WARD BUDGET NET OF SALARY AND BENEFITS

This graph represents the discretionary 2016 budgets for each Ward and the surveyed cities. Discretionary budget is defined as the budget available for each Councillor not including salary and benefits for Administrative staff, or Councillors.

Hamilton Councillors have the highest discretionary budgets of the Municipalities surveyed with a Ward average of \$46,000 versus the average of all Municipalities surveyed (including Hamilton) of \$23,560.