

Pilon, Janet

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Hello,

In the GIC report there is a motion at item 6 from Aidan Johnson (not on the agenda) granting \$100,000 to the Locke St Library Extension, as it is has a shortfall. From the Area Rated Special Levy funds.

This motion passed at GIC.

On the same day, city staff reported to the Hamilton Public Library board regarding the status of the many facilities under construction, and the report specifies at the top that there are no financial implications because they all have established budgets from the capital budget process.

Why did GIC approve additional monies with no report or presentation, and no explanation other than "has a shortfall"?

The Area Rated Special Levy Policy calls for it to be transparent and effective. This is neither of those.

Please send Councillor Johnson's motion back to GIC until such time as an explanation could be put forth as to why it requires additional money.

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"Locke Addition and Renovation

Currently the design phase is underway which includes enhanced accessibility, a new barrier free entrance, new programming spaces and improved circulation and service areas. Project is currently under authority review and the team is working to address minor variance requirements. Tendering is expected to be complete by early 2018. "

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"6. Hamilton Public Library – Locke Library Extension Funding (Item 9.2)

WHEREAS, the Hamilton Public Library has a shortfall in its 2016 budget allocation that is required for the completion of the Locke Library extension;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

That the \$100,000, to be funded from the Ward 1 2016 Area Rating Reserve, be provided to the Hamilton Public Library for completion of the Locke Library extension."

Thank You

Gabriel Nicholson