



CITY OF HAMILTON
CORPORATE SERVICES DEPARTMENT
Financial Services

TO:	Mayor and Members General Issues Committee
COMMITTEE DATE:	June 06, 2018
SUBJECT/REPORT NO:	Open Government: Access to Information for City of Hamilton Funded Boards and Agencies (FCS18050) (City Wide) (Outstanding Business List Item)
WARD(S) AFFECTED:	City Wide
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RECOMMENDATION

In accordance with the motion approved at the October 18, 2017, General Issues Committee, the organizations listed in Appendix “A” to Report FCS18050 be requested to post board agendas, minutes and all associated accompanying presentations and documents, inclusive of financial statements.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The following motion was put forward and approved at the October 18, 2017, meeting of the General Issues Committee and was referred to staff for a report back;

Open Government: Access to Information for City of Hamilton Funded Boards;

That all external boards and agencies that receive a substantial funding contribution from the City of Hamilton be requested to develop policies or practices that are similar to the City’s, in regard to posting board agendas, minutes and all associated accompanying presentations and documents, inclusive of financial statements.

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City staff investigated and compiled information for the 33 Boards and Agencies that received funding through the 2017 Council Approved Budget and/or included City of Hamilton Elected Officials or Council appointed members on their boards.

FINANCIAL – STAFFING – LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

Financial: None

Staffing: None

Legal: None

HISTORICAL BACKGROUND

The information in the Appendixes to Report FCS18050 (Appendix “A”, Appendix “B” and Appendix “C”), was compiled from a list provided by Clerks of all Boards and Agencies that include Elected Officials and or Council appointed citizens in their membership and the 2017 Boards & Agencies Council Approved Budgets. Staff reviewed the websites for each of the organizations listed in order to verify whether agendas and minutes are made available to the public.

Appendix “A” to Report FCS18050 is a list of Boards and Agencies that receive substantial funding from the City of Hamilton (City) and do not publish their agendas or minutes. The list includes amounts funded by the City and the names of Elected Officials and/or Council appointed members on their boards.

Appendix “B” to Report FCS18050 is a list of Boards and Agencies that have Elected Officials and/or Council appointed members on their Boards and do not publish their agendas or minutes. The list includes the names of Elected Officials and/or Council appointed members on their Boards.

Appendix “C” to Report FCS18050 is a list of Boards and Agencies that currently publish their agendas and minutes. The list includes amounts funded by the City and/or the names of Elected Officials and/or Council appointed members on their boards.

As the organizations listed on Appendix “A” and “B” are being substantially funded by the City or have Council appointed representation on their boards, it is being recommended that these Boards and Agencies be requested to publish their agendas and minutes. This is in keeping with the City of Hamilton’s Corporate Priorities which include having an open, transparent and accessible approach to City government that engages with and empowers all citizens to be involved in their community,

POLICY IMPLICATIONS AND LEGISLATED REQUIREMENTS

Report FCS18050 meets the requirements of the City of Hamilton's 2016 – 2025 Strategic Plan – Community Engagement & Participation

- That the City of Hamilton has an open, transparent and accessible approach to City government that engages with and empowers all citizens to be involved in their community.

RELEVANT CONSULTATION

City Clerk – Corporate Services

Financial Planning, Administration and Policy – Corporate Services

ANALYSIS AND RATIONAL FOR RECOMMENDATION

Not Applicable

ALTERNATIVES FOR CONSIDERATION

Not Applicable

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.

Our People and Performance

Hamiltonians have a high level of trust and confidence in their City government.

APPENDICES AND SCHEDULES ATTACHED

Appendix "A" to Report FCS18050 – List of Boards and Agencies That Receive Budget, But Do Not Publish Agendas or Minutes

Appendix "B" to Report FCS18050 – List of Boards and Agencies with Elected Officials/Council Appointed Members That Do Not Publish Agendas or Minutes

Appendix "C" to Report FCS18050 – List of Boards and Agencies That Publish Agendas and Minutes

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OUR Vision: To be the best place to raise a child and age successfully.

OUR Mission: To provide high quality cost conscious public services that contribute to a healthy, safe and prosperous community, in a sustainable manner.

OUR Culture: Collective Ownership, Steadfast Integrity, Courageous Change, Sensational Service, Engaged Empowered Employees.