



# INFORMATION REPORT

<b>TO:</b>	Chair and Members Governance Review Sub-Committee
<b>COMMITTEE DATE:</b>	August 29, 2018
<b>SUBJECT/REPORT NO:</b>	2019 Ward Budgets (FCS18083) (City Wide)
<b>WARD(S) AFFECTED:</b>	City Wide
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**Council Direction:**

**N/A**

**Information:**

As a result of the Ward Boundary review and adoption of new Ward Boundaries for the City of Hamilton, the 2019 Ward Budgets need to be reviewed to align with the new Ward boundaries.

The existing Ward budgets are calculated using several categories, some based on the census data for the population and number of households within each Ward.

The 2018 Ward Budgets for all of the existing 15 wards was \$4,036,790. Table 1 provides the budget by category.

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*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.*

**Table 1**

<b>2018 Budget</b>	
Councillor Salaries and Benefits (\$120,970 per ward)	\$1,814,550
Councillor Administrative Assistant Salaries and Benefits (\$88,503 per ward)	1,327,545
Additional Administrative Support for Wards 7 and 8	177,000
Administration Coverage (\$3,390 per ward)	50,850
Information Mailings	90,000
Population Factor	346,447
Student Accommodation Factor	6,879
Geographic Factor	2,500
Inner City Fund	49,704
Other Discretionary Expenses (\$11,421 per ward)	171,315
<b>Total 2018 Budget</b>	<b>\$4,036,790</b>

Three options for calculating the new ward budgets are detailed below. Table 2 provides the details of the options by ward.

Option A - Recalculate the Ward budgets using revised Ward populations as reported in the Watson & Associates Economists Ltd. Report.

Since Census Canada has not yet published the number of households by ward for the new boundaries, the information mailings component of the budget of \$90,000 has been calculated assuming the average of number of households is 42% of the population.

Using the 2018 budget and recalculating based on new population figures, the shift in budget ranges from a 7.2% increase in Ward 14 to a 7% decrease in Ward 11.

Option B – Recalculate the Ward budgets using revised Ward populations as reported in the Watson & Associates Economists Ltd. Report and reduce Ward Budgets by \$177,000.

Currently, Wards 7 and 8 receive budget dollars to compensate for an additional FTE in each ward. Option B assumes that the need for the additional assistance has been eliminated with the new ward boundaries and more even distribution of population across the wards. Eliminating the additional two FTE from the budget would result in a shift of a 7% increase in Ward 14 to a 29% decrease in the Ward 8 budget when compared to the 2018 budget.

Option C – Divide the Ward Budgets Equally across all 15 Wards.

This option results in a budget of \$269,119 for each ward. The shift in budgets compared to the 2018 budget ranges from an increase in budget of 14% in Ward 14 to a decrease of 26% in Ward 7.

**Table 2**

Ward	2018 Budget	Option A		Option B		Option C	
		2018 Budget Revised for Population	% Change from 2018	2018 Revised for Population and Reduced FTE	% Change from 2018	2018 Budget Equally Spread	% Change from 2018
1	\$ 251,220	\$ 260,601	3.7%	\$ 260,601	3.7%	\$ 269,119	7.1%
2	\$ 269,970	\$ 266,801	-1.2%	\$ 266,801	-1.2%	\$ 269,119	-0.3%
3	\$ 268,700	\$ 272,765	1.5%	\$ 272,765	1.5%	\$ 269,119	0.2%
4	\$ 265,650	\$ 269,542	1.5%	\$ 269,542	1.5%	\$ 269,119	1.3%
5	\$ 267,290	\$ 273,029	2.1%	\$ 273,029	2.1%	\$ 269,119	0.7%
6	\$ 257,400	\$ 256,447	-0.4%	\$ 256,447	-0.4%	\$ 269,119	4.6%
7	\$ 363,800	\$ 353,742	-2.8%	\$ 265,239	-27.1%	\$ 269,119	-26.0%
8	\$ 359,030	\$ 343,666	-4.3%	\$ 255,163	-28.9%	\$ 269,119	-25.0%
9	\$ 247,490	\$ 246,346	-0.5%	\$ 246,346	-0.5%	\$ 269,119	8.7%
10	\$ 242,900	\$ 256,197	5.5%	\$ 256,197	5.5%	\$ 269,119	10.8%
11	\$ 262,150	\$ 243,814	-7.0%	\$ 243,814	-7.0%	\$ 269,119	2.7%
12	\$ 256,260	\$ 261,848	2.2%	\$ 261,848	2.2%	\$ 269,119	5.0%
13	\$ 242,840	\$ 253,988	4.6%	\$ 253,988	4.6%	\$ 269,119	10.8%
14	\$ 236,210	\$ 253,229	7.2%	\$ 253,229	7.2%	\$ 269,119	13.9%
15	\$ 245,880	\$ 246,260	0.2%	\$ 246,260	0.2%	\$ 269,119	9.5%
	\$4,036,790	\$4,058,275	0.5%	\$3,881,269	-3.9%	\$4,036,790	0.0%

The respective 2019 Ward Budgets would be eligible for any guideline increase approved by Council.

**Appendices and Schedules Attached**

None.

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