

Form: Request to Speak to Committee of Council

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==Committee Requested==

Committee: Board of Health

==Requestor Information==

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Reason(s) for delegation request:

FemCare Community Health Initiative is a registered non-profit social enterprise with a mandate to shape women's health policy and community-programming.

We started with menstrual hygiene management drives where we assembled kits and distributed them on the streets and to women's shelters. In 2018, we registered it as a non-profit organization that seeks to harmonize the relationship between women's mental and reproductive health through education, community-programming and influencing policy and research.

In 2016, I was personally invited to the provincial pre-budget consultation by the Associate Minister of Finance, Mitzie Hunter, to talk about FemCare and the urgency of funding menstrual hygiene

management products for homeless women (and other genders) who menstruate.

Recently, Councillor Wong Tam of ward 27 in Toronto, ON announced a motion for the city to fund menstrual hygiene management products for disenfranchised women. Because of my background as a women's health advocate and organizer, women in the community have approached me and asked if I would champion this cause in Hamilton and bring this delegation forward to Hamilton Council.

Will you be requesting funds from the City? No

Will you be submitting a formal presentation? Yes