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Subject: Fw: 2020 Budget and QEW pedestrian bridge

Good Morning MS. Paparella
Please, I humbly appeal to you to put this to up coming G.I.C. Agenda and let me know
Ms.Paparella always Respectful

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Subject: Re: 2020 Budget and QEW pedestrian bridge

Good afternoon Mr. Zegarac

Thank you again.

Your explanation has increased my concern.

Eligibility for and obtaining funds is not the question. The fact remains that it was a cost-sharing endeavour and that the City absorbed part of the financial burden. It was an exorbitant project. I am concerned because of the implication for future projects that being considered and their impact on the taxpayer.

Mr. Zegarac, this project stretches across the QEW, without being used by anybody, like a museum piece. This \$20 million could have been used and applied to infrastructure improvements where it is sorely needed.

Mr. Zegarac, I would suggest that you, Councilor Wilson and the City Manager travel under that bridge and judge its value for yourselves.

Please let this be a lesson to Council when deciding on subsequent projects.

Mr. Zegarac, City Manager and Councilor Wilson,

Always respectfully

submitted by a private Citizen

From: Zegarac, Mike <Mike.Zegarac@hamilton.ca>
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Shekar, the attached information confirms the City satisfied the reporting requirements of the Ministry as it relates to "use of funds" and authority to expand scope of the original project. This information is in addition to the reporting I forwarded on to you on February 18, 2020.

This reporting demonstrates that the funds were used as per the eligibility of the Provincial program. I would suggest that if you have specific examples or details concerning inappropriate use of Provincial funds, misinformation or misleading information, that these details be shared with the City Auditor, or The Office of the Auditor General of Ontario, or City Council.

Thank You

From: Shekar Chandrashekar
Sent: February 28, 2020 10:58 AM
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Mr. Zegarac

Thank you sending documents related to my request. Here is my take on this;
Funds received almost 20 Million. Those funding never been applied for what they received for
They remain as a show biz
These have a chain rule effect
Isn't misleading to taxpayer of Hamilton?
Isn't it, misinformation to province?

As a taxpayer of Hamilton, I great concern
Will be augmented when receive your response

Mr Zegarac always respectful private citizen

From: Zegarac, Mike <Mike.Zegarac@hamilton.ca>
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Shekar, the first two attachments are the staff report & presentation where the East Hamilton Recreational Trail Hub and Waterfront Link project was approved for consideration under the then Province of Ontario's Municipal Infrastructure Investment Initiatives (MIII) program – under this intake the City was allowed only one project submission and 3 projects were identified in attached with the one approved by Council. The Province of Ontario reviewed each of the proposed projects against the priorities of their program. Any questions regarding the them Province of Ontario's MIII priorities, are best directed to the Province.

The third attachment is the Info Update provided to Council re the approval of above project for 100% full funding from the Provincial MIII program.

Note that in 2014, the City received the approval from Infrastructure Ontario to use \$565,527 in surplus funding remaining from the original MIII grant to support the development of Confederation Park Sports Park project.

Hope the attached information provides the necessary background information regarding the merit of the project, and the process the City of Hamilton followed, in order to leverage 100% Provincial funding all of the associated investments.

thanks

From: Shekar Chandrashekar
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Good evening Mr. Zegarac

I frequently travel on the QEW towards Niagara. On these occasions, I observe the waterfront pedestrian bridge across the QEW and the amount of use it receives. I question whether the funds spent on this project has been justified. My assessment is "NO".

Mr. Zegarac there was no follow-up by your staff on this project. Hamilton infrastructure needs help. These types of projects unnecessarily inflate the budget. It needs more accountability. With that, Mr. Zegarac, as a taxpayer, I would like to know your rational as to why this project was undertaken.

Respectfully requested your response

Shekar

From: Shekar Chandrashekar

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Good after noon Mr.Zegarac

I am just waiting for one little puzzel.As soon as I get it,I will directly address it to you why and how ;how Budget keep occurring each year

In the mean time,Mr.Zegarac please, consider what council is exposed to Statements or Financial information Return

Mr.Zegarac always respectful

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