

Request to Speak to Committee of Council
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==Committee Requested==

Committee: General Issues Committee

==Requestor Information==

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Reason(s) for delegation request:

I am reaching out to express my outrage regarding the astronomically high Hamilton Police Services budget of \$171.5 million dollars, with an existing surplus of \$567,000. This is well beyond the allocated funding for any other social service in the city. Money desperately needs to be invested into the community, especially given pandemic conditions and the affordable housing crisis as people are being turned away from shelters and sleeping on the streets.

I am calling upon you to vote against the proposed 2.98% increase to the Hamilton Police Services budget vote for the proposed return of the HPS budget surplus to the City, and its re-allocation into housing and community-led, harm reduction supports for facing housing, mental health, addiction crises.

Will you be requesting funds from the City? No

Will you be submitting a formal presentation? No