



CITY OF HAMILTON
HEALTHY AND SAFE COMMUNITIES DEPARTMENT
Housing Services Division

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| TO: | Chair and Members Emergency and Community Services Committee |
| COMMITTEE DATE: | December 10, 2020 |
| SUBJECT/REPORT NO: | 2021 Budget Submission - Housing and Homelessness Advisory Committee (HSC20059) (City Wide) |
| WARD(S) AFFECTED: | City Wide |
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RECOMMENDATION(S)

That the Housing and Homelessness Advisory Committee 2021 base budget submission attached as Appendix "A" to Report HSC20059 in the amount of \$1,000, be approved.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Housing and Homelessness Advisory Committee has prepared and approved their budget submission for 2021 in the amount of \$1,000. This submission is consistent with the 2020 approved budget for the committee.

Alternatives for Consideration – Not Applicable

FINANCIAL – STAFFING – LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

Financial:

The budget request is the same as the 2020 approved budget for the Housing and Homelessness Advisory Committee. The \$1,000 will be used for meeting costs, including meeting rooms, refreshments, photocopying, parking, printing and transportation.

Staffing:

N/A

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.

Legal:
N/A

HISTORICAL BACKGROUND

The Housing and Homelessness Advisory Committee was established by the Emergency and Community Service Committee in November 2015 (Report CES15053) with a mandate to:

- Communicate and work to address the needs of citizens within the community for whom barriers exist to accessing safe, suitable, and affordable housing, including the supports needed to enable citizens to obtain and retain their homes, and;
- Support the City of Hamilton's 10-year Housing and Homelessness Action Plan by providing information, advice, and recommendations to the Emergency & Community Services Committee regarding the Action Plan's successful and implementation.

At their November 3, 2020 meeting, the Housing and Homelessness Advisory Committee considered their 2021 budget needs. Their budget submission is attached as Appendix "A" to Report HSC20059. This budget covers meeting costs, including meeting rooms, refreshments, photocopying, parking, printing and transportation. The committee is requesting the same budget they had in 2020 in the amount of \$1,000 for 2021.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS AND LEGISLATED REQUIREMENTS

The committee has outlined a meeting schedule for 2021, and this budget will provide them support to undertake specific activities in their workplan. This includes transportation and parking support for committee members and speakers should the committee move back to in-person meetings. The committee has previously used their budget for information gathering events and in 2021, if permitted, plan to host an event related to affordable housing advocacy opened to the public.

RELEVANT CONSULTATION

The Housing and Homelessness Advisory Committee discussed their 2021 budget needs at the November 3, 2020 meeting. After a thoughtful discussion they approved a budget submission that was consistent with their 2020 budget.

ANALYSIS AND RATIONALE FOR RECOMMENDATION(S)

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This budget allocation will provide funding for the operation of the Housing and Homelessness Advisory Committee and enable them to fulfil their mandate. The committee is not asking for an increase to their budget.

ALTERNATIVES FOR CONSIDERATION

None

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.

Healthy and Safe Communities

Hamilton is a safe and supportive City where people are active, healthy, and have a high quality of life.

APPENDICES AND SCHEDULES ATTACHED

Appendix “A” to Report HSC20059: Housing and Homelessness Advisory Committee
2021 Budget Submission