

## Request to Speak to Committee of Council

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==Committee Requested==

**Committee:** Audit, Finance & Administration Committee

==Requestor Information==

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**Reason(s) for delegation request:** We were recently awarded a contract to sell rain barrels directly to Hamilton residents. Our supplier has since implemented a 10.8% increase due to supply chain cost increases driven by COVID. Overseas shipping rates have since tripled due to supply and demand for shipping containers. Based on the contract price, we now lose money on every rain barrel sold. Procurement states that it would not be fair to permit a pandemic related cost increase, even though the product is sold to residents and therefore has no influence on City budgets. Force Majeure is not accepted for cost increases, but it is the pandemic that driving these increases. I hope the Committee and Council can provide direction to the Procurement Department. I don't believe it is fair to have to subsidize the program when circumstance completely out of our control have change so significantly.

**Will you be requesting funds from the City?** No

**Will you be submitting a formal presentation?** Yes