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| TO: | Chair and Members Audit, Finance & Administration Committee |
| COMMITTEE DATE: | December 9, 2021 |
| SUBJECT/REPORT NO: | 2022 Budget Submission – Committee Against Racism (CM21017) (City Wide) |
| WARD(S) AFFECTED: | City Wide |
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RECOMMENDATIONS

(a) That the Committee Against Racism Advisory Committee 2022 base budget in the amount of \$8,900, be approved and referred to the 2022 budget process for consideration.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

In accordance with the process for submission of budgets for the Volunteer Advisory Committees, the Committee Against Racism Volunteer Advisory Committee Budget for 2022 in the total amount of \$8,900 is being submitted with the recommendation that they be approved.

Alternatives for Consideration – See Page 3

FINANCIAL – STAFFING – LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

Financial: The base budget requested for 2022 for the advisory committee is the same as the budget requested and approved for 2021.

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.

Staffing: Not Applicable

Legal: Not Applicable

HISTORICAL BACKGROUND

The Committee Against Racism Volunteer Advisory Committee was unable to consider their budget needs for 2022 due to lack of quorum at their November 2021 meeting. It was recommended by the Clerk’s Office to provide a budget request on their behalf to ensure they can continue their activities in 2022. The budget includes both incidental costs to support the Committees, as well as additional costs for specific events, programs and initiatives. The following is a summary of the request.

| Committee Name | 2021 Approved | 2022 Base Request | Request from Reserve | Total 2022 Request |
|---|----------------------|--------------------------|-----------------------------|---------------------------|
| Committee Against Racism Advisory Committee | \$8,900 | \$8,900 | \$0 | \$8,900 |

In accordance with the volunteer committee budget process, the budgets are recommended for approval.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS AND LEGISLATED REQUIREMENTS

The Volunteer Advisory Committees are able to put surplus funds from each year into a reserve, for future purposes and request the use of those funds, in future years, for specific activities. This provides the Committee with an opportunity to plan ahead to undertake specific projects or initiatives, in future years, while minimizing increases in their budgets. The committee has not yet determined all of their activities for 2022. Should additional funding for either of the Advisory Committees be required in 2022 and be available in the volunteer advisory committee reserves, requests for reserve funding will be made at the appropriate time.

RELEVANT CONSULTATION

The Committee Against Racism Volunteer Advisory Committee was unable to discuss their 2022 budget needs at their November 2021 Committee meeting due to lack of quorum. It was recommended by the Clerk’s Office that the Staff Liaison submit a budget on their behalf based on their previously approved 2021 budget. The Advisory Committee has been informed of this decision and no objection was received.

ANALYSIS AND RATIONALE FOR RECOMMENDATION

The recommendation will provide funding for the operations of the Volunteer Advisory Committees to enable them to continue to fulfil their terms of reference.

ALTERNATIVES FOR CONSIDERATION

The alternative would be not to fund the operations of the Advisory Committees. This is not recommended as they provide valuable service and advice to both Council and staff of the City and bring voices to deliberations that might otherwise not be heard.

ALIGNMENT TO THE 2016 – 2025 STRATEGIC PLAN

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APPENDICES ATTACHED

Appendix “A” to Report CM21017 – Committee Against Racism Budget Submission