

## Committee Requested

Committee

Emergency & Community Services Committee

Will you be delegating in-person or virtually?

In-person

Will you be delegating via a pre-recorded video?

No

## Requestor Information

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Hamilton Social Work Action Committee

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Preferred Pronoun

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Reason(s) for delegation request

The Hamilton Social Work Action Committee and the Campaign for Adequate Welfare & Disability Benefits

would like to have the 2022 Nutritious Food Basket (NFB) Report presented to a Board of Health (BOH) meeting as soon as possible. This annual report, prepared by Hamilton Public Health Services was regularly presented to the BOH from 2010 to 2018. Since then the Medical Officer of Health has refused our requests to put it on the Agenda. The annual NFB Reports have shown a widening gap between the amount of Ontario Works (OW) and the Ontario Disability Support Program (ODSP) and the cost of food and rent. The 2022 Report (available on the City's website) shows that the average monthly rent for a bachelor apartment in Hamilton was \$915, while OW for a single person was \$863 (including federal subsidies). Until 2019, the BOH passed a motion asking the Mayor to write to the Premier asking to have social assistance rates raised. We wish to have this continued, so we would like the NFB Report to be put back on the BOH Agenda.

Will you be requesting funds from the City?

No

Will you be submitting a formal presentation?

Yes

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