




CITY OF HAMILTON
HEALTHY AND SAFE COMMUNITIES' DEPARTMENT
Housing Services Division

TO:	Chair and Members Emergency and Community Services Committee
COMMITTEE DATE:	December 7 th , 2023
SUBJECT/REPORT NO:	Housing and Homelessness Advisory Committee Budget (HSC23078) (City Wide)
WARD(S) AFFECTED:	City Wide
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RECOMMENDATION

That the Housing and Homelessness Advisory Committee 2024 base budget submission attached as Appendix "A" to Report HSC23078 in the amount of \$1,000 be approved and referred to the 2024 budget process for consideration.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The budget submission for the Housing and Homelessness Advisory Committee has been prepared for submission for 2024 in the amount of \$1,000. This submission is consistent with the 2023 approved budget for the committee.

Alternatives for Consideration –Not Applicable

FINANCIAL – STAFFING – LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

Financial: The budget request is the same as the approved budget for the Housing and Homelessness Committee for 2023. The \$1,000 will be used for meeting costs, including meeting rooms, refreshments, photocopying, parking, printing and transportation and a proposed 2024 committee orientation event.

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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.

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Staffing: N/A

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 and Community Services Committee regarding the Action Plan’s successful implementation.

The 2024 Housing and Homelessness Advisory Committee’s budget has been developed to remain consistent with the needs of the committee. Their budget submission is attached as Appendix “A” to Report HSC23078. This budget covers meeting costs, including meeting rooms, refreshments, photocopying, parking, printing and transportation and a proposed orientation event for 2024. The committee’s budget is the same budget they had in 2023 in the amount of \$1,000 for 2024.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS AND LEGISLATED REQUIREMENTS

If the Housing and Homelessness Advisory Committee is struck by Council they will have 6 to 8 meetings in 2024, and this budget will provide them support to develop a workplan, strike working groups, and create citizen committee reports. This includes transportation and parking support for committee members and speakers as the committee moves back to in-person meetings. The committee has previously used their budget for information gathering events and had previously planned to host a public education event in 2020.

RELEVANT CONSULTATION

This budget submission is based on the previous discussions had by members of the Housing and Homelessness Advisory Committee. There was no formal endorsement of the budget submission based on the Council directed pause for the Advisory Committees meeting.

ANALYSIS AND RATIONALE FOR RECOMMENDATION

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 and will access reserve funds in 2024 if required.

ALTERNATIVES FOR CONSIDERATION

N/A

APPENDICES AND SCHEDULES ATTACHED

Appendix "A" – Housing and Homelessness Advisory Committee Budget submission form