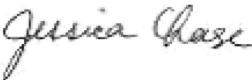




CITY OF HAMILTON
HEALTHY AND SAFE COMMUNITIES DEPARTMENT
Children's and Community Services Division

TO:	Chair and Members Audit, Finance and Administration Committee
COMMITTEE DATE:	December 7, 2023
SUBJECT/REPORT NO:	Indigenous Advisory Committee 2024 Budget Request (HSC23077) (City Wide)
WARD(S) AFFECTED:	City Wide
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RECOMMENDATION

That the Indigenous Advisory Committee base budget submission attached as Appendix "A" to Report HSC23077 in the amount of \$3,552.00 be approved and referred to the 2024 budget process for consideration.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

In accordance with the process for submission of budgets for the Volunteer Advisory Committees, the Indigenous Advisory Committee Budget for 2024 in the amount of \$3,552.00 is being submit for review and consideration, with the recommendation that it be approved. This base budget request is the same amount as the 2023 requested and approved budget.

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FINANCIAL – STAFFING – LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

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.

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Financial: The base budget requested for 2024 is in keeping with the approved 2023 budget for the committee. No additional funds are being requested.

Staffing: N/A

Legal: N/A

HISTORICAL BACKGROUND

Annually, the Volunteer Advisory Committees are funded through the levy to support activities related to their mandates. At its February 2, 2023 meeting, the Indigenous Advisory Committee considered its budget needs for 2024. Their budget submission is attached as Appendix “A” to Report HSC23077. The budget includes both incidental costs to support the Committee, as well as additional costs for specific events, programs, and community initiatives.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS AND LEGISLATED REQUIREMENTS

The Volunteer Advisory Committees can 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 to undertake specific projects or initiatives in future years, while minimizing increases in their budgets. The committee has not yet determined all its activities for 2024. Should additional funding for the Indigenous Advisory Committee be required, requests for reserve funding will be made at the appropriate time.

RELEVANT CONSULTATION

The Indigenous Advisory Committee discussed its 2024 budget needs at its February 2, 2023 Committee meeting.

ANALYSIS AND RATIONALE FOR RECOMMENDATION

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

The Indigenous Advisory Committee assists the City to honour and engage its Indigenous citizens by providing advice and/or recommendations, through the appropriate Standing Committee of Council, that enhance the wellbeing of Indigenous people and/or resolve municipal issues.

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The Committee supports the City of Hamilton's Urban Indigenous Strategy and the successful and meaningful implementation of its Strategic Actions.

ALTERNATIVES FOR CONSIDERATION

An 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.

APPENDICES AND SCHEDULES ATTACHED

Appendix "A" to Report HSC23077: 2024 Advisory Committees' Budget Submission
Form for the Indigenous Advisory Committee