



Municipal Pre-Budget Submission

January 2024

The McMaster Student Union

Budget Submission Priorities

- 1. AFFORDABLE HOUSING***
- 2. HAMILTON POLICE SERVICE COMMUNITY LIAISON PANEL***
- 3. SUPPORTING HAMILTON FOOD BANKS***
- 4. ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS***

Affordable Housing

- Individuals should not have to sacrifice their health/safety to find affordable housing
- Non-compliant, absentee, and exploitative landlords should be held accountable
- Individuals should not be evicted from their living space under false pretenses of renovations

Recommendations:

*The City of Hamilton should adopt the Rental Housing Licensing Pilot Program city-wide with **greater transparency on the escalation of disciplinary actions and required remediation efforts by non-compliant landlords.***

*The City of Hamilton should move forward with the **Renovation License and Relocation Listing bylaw to combat 'renovictions'.***

Hamilton Police Service Community Liaison

- HPS statistics show disproportionate use of force against Black, East/South Asians during arrests and apprehensions
- The Community Liaison Panel should accurately reflect the diverse populations of the city
- Students, student groups, community groups and social services should be members of the committee

Recommendation:

*The City of Hamilton should begin recruitment efforts for the HPS Community Liaison Panel with outreach to the **McMaster Black Students Success Centre, Indigenous Student Services, Hamilton Anti-Racism Resource Centre, CMHA Hamilton, Hamilton Centre of Civic Inclusion, and the Hamilton Immigration Partnership Council.***

Support for Hamilton Food Banks

- Access to food banks is vital to combatting food insecurity
- Students are a vulnerable population and many are experiencing food insecurity
- Hamilton food banks are under considerable pressure and should be supported to ensure no one is forced to choose between food and housing

Recommendation:

*The City of Hamilton should approve the **\$1.25 million budget request from the Emergency Food Strategic Planning Committee** to provide much needed support to Hamilton food banks.*

Acknowledgements

**Light Rail
Transit (LRT)**

**Protected Major
Transit Station
Areas (PMTSA)**

**Sidewalk
Plowing**



Questions?

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