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### **Committee Requested**

Committee  
General Issues 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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### **Reason(s) for delegation request**

In our upcoming delegation to Hamilton City Council for the 2025 Budget Consultation, we will highlight the urgent needs and strategic future of the YMCA Men's Residence, including updates on our fire response initiatives and the ongoing challenges of providing affordable, supportive housing for vulnerable men in Hamilton. Currently, we house 129 men (down from 174) as we renovate the third floor, which sustained the most damage in the fire. We remain committed to providing well-resourced, wrap-around services essential to their health and stability, directly aligning with the city's priorities in housing and community care.

We will also share YMCA Hamilton|Burlington|Brantford's broader vision, as outlined in our 2024-2028 Strategic Plan, to expand and modernize services in the downtown core. The YMCA at 79 James Street South has been a longstanding community pillar but has reached the end of its usable life. Our vision is a revitalized YMCA that will serve as a

vibrant, inclusive hub, supporting families and community members at every stage of life. As we undertake a multi-year transition of the men's residence to alternative options, our dedication to these residents remains our priority. We seek Council's support to sustain these essential wrap-around services through 2025, in alignment with the YMCA's mission to drive positive community impact and resilience.

Will you be requesting funds from the City?

Yes

Will you be submitting a formal presentation?

Yes