

Presentation Brief

Audit, Finance and Administration Committee Meeting

Thursday, Oct 4

Council Chambers, City Hall, Hamilton

Re: Open Streets Hamilton 2012 CPP Grant Application

- Open Streets Hamilton began in 2010 has recently completed its third successful year, bringing a unique street festival to the City of Hamilton.
- Open Streets has been a non-incorporated, community collaborative, not-for-profit event since our inception in 2010.
- In 2010 and 2011, Open Streets enjoyed the support of ERCS and CPP grants which, combined with other funding sources, allowed Open Streets to run two successful events per year.
- Open Streets does not maintain an office space or carry any overhead costs.
- All funds collected with the purpose of delivering the events have been spent responsibly and towards the specific budget areas intended.
- Any funds remaining at the end of the calendar year are brought forward and used to deliver events in the following year.
- Open Streets continues to seek outside sponsorships and partnerships. In 2012, our sponsors included BFI Waste Management and Stackpole International.
- Open Streets relies on a variety of partners on the Open Streets Steering Committee to act on our behalf in situations where our non-incorporated status has been an issue.
- One of Green Venture's roles on the committee has been to secure the street closure (through SEAT) and apply for funding (ERCS and CPP) from the City for costs associated with the events.
- In September 2012, Open Streets applied for incorporation with the Province of Ontario as a Not-for-Profit
- Open Streets will apply for ERCS and CPP independently in future years.
- The 2012 CPP application is independent of Green Venture and will be used for the sole purpose of running Open Streets Hamilton events.

Regards,

Matthew Sweet

Acting Treasurer, Past Chair

Open Streets Hamilton Steering Committee