

CITY OF HAMILTON

COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT *Social Development & Early Childhood Services*

TO: Chair and Members Emergency & Community Services Committee	WARD(S) AFFECTED: CITY WIDE
COMMITTEE DATE: December 10, 2012	
SUBJECT/REPORT NO: Hamilton Youth Advisory Committee (HYAC) 2013 Budget Submission (CS12039) (City Wide)	
SUBMITTED BY: Joe-Anne Priel General Manager Community Services Department	PREPARED BY: Rene Reid 905-546-2424 ext. 5540 Mark Weingartner 905-546-2424 ext. 6095 Colin McMullan 905-546-2424 ext. 3538
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RECOMMENDATION

- (a) That the Hamilton Youth Advisory Committee (HYAC) 2013 base budget submission in the amount of \$3,890, be approved and forwarded to the 2013 budget process (GIC); and,
- (b) That, in addition to the base funding, that a one time budget allocation of \$2,500 funded by the Hamilton Youth Advisory Committee Reserve, be approved and forwarded to the 2013 budget process (GIC).

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

As directed by Council, the Hamilton Youth Advisory Committee (HYAC) has prepared their 2013 Budget Submission, attached as Appendix A to Report CS12039.

Alternatives for Consideration – Not Applicable

FINANCIAL / STAFFING / LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

Financial: HYAC is requesting approval of \$3,890 for 2013, as well as an additional \$2,500 from the Hamilton Youth Advisory Committee Reserve in order to plan and implement Youth Week Hamilton 2013 (May 4th-11th), complete hamiltonyouth.ca website updates, and to provide youth development, training and collaborative opportunities to HYAC members and other Hamilton youth.

Staffing: There are no staffing implications associated with the recommendations of Report CS12039.

Legal: There are no legal implications associated with the recommendations of Report CS12039.

HISTORICAL BACKGROUND

The Hamilton Youth Advisory Committee (HYAC) is comprised of a diverse group of young leaders 14 to 24 years of age who are passionate about making a difference in their community. HYAC's mandate is to ensure that youth are involved in the decisions made within the City of Hamilton and the community that affect their lives and the lives of their families and friends. HYAC provides a youth perspective on local issues and advises Council and staff through the Emergency and Community Services Committee.

Addressing issues facing youth, enhancing opportunities for youth and providing a youth voice are the goals of the committee. In addition to fostering positive collaborative relationships between youth and adults and by supporting youth oriented events and programs, HYAC aims to continue to lead by example with integrity, respect and innovation.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

None.

RELEVANT CONSULTATION

- Hamilton Youth Advisory Committee was consulted and concur with the recommendations in Report CS12039.
- Corporate Services, Treasury Services, Finance and Administration Section

ANALYSIS / RATIONALE FOR RECOMMENDATION)

Since its inception in 2007 by Council, the Hamilton Youth Advisory Committee (HYAC) continues to make noteworthy strides, not only as an advisory committee, but also as a conduit between other youth and youth organizations in the community.

Members of HYAC made history in 2012 by hosting this City's first ever Youth Week Hamilton celebration! Youth Week Hamilton provided opportunities for youth to network city-wide with other youth and adult allies. While YWH '12 helped to raise the committee's public profile, it also helped to highlight the value this community places on young people, a demographic that makes up 14% of the overall Hamilton population. Recruitment of additional new members wrapped-up in June 2012 and in September, HYAC's membership grew to 26 members.

HYAC members supported and continued to participate in community initiatives such as:

- **Unfilteredfacts Summit 2012:** HYAC members attended the "Soundtrack for Change", that featured youth artists, arts-based programming, youth facilitators, school sharing/networking, and tons of fun! The Summit armed participants with information and tools they need to tackle youth health issues in their school community.
- **'CBC Hamilton's Town Hall Event, Mental Health 101: Youth and the Hidden Crisis in our Community':** Members of HYAC collaborated with CBC producer Karin Chykaliuk and reporter Samantha Craggs, on the topic and on the town hall itself. Open to the public, this town hall examined the hidden crisis of youth mental health in our community. Attendees heard from young people and their parents, youth counsellors, health care professionals, educators, and the police. They shared their personal stories, discussed ways to break down the stigma of mental illness, and suggest solutions for change.
- **Recruitment of new HYAC Members:** In May and June, new member recruitment took place and 17 new members joined the group. Currently there are 26 members. September and October meetings included orientation and team building activities.
- **'The 5th Annual ChangeTheWorld - Ontario Youth Volunteer Challenge'.** HYAC members, along with over 1,300 other Hamilton youth surpassed Volunteer Hamilton's goal of 3,000 community hours by over 7,000 hours!
- **'Moving Forward: Navigating Your Own Success',** The Hamilton Children's Aid Society conference, March 13th 2012: HYAC facilitated a workshop for youth ages 13-18 in care of the CAS on Self-advocacy & Social Responsibility. Participants received 6 'keys' during the presentation that included key points about, Self-

advocacy, Social Responsibility, Self-determination, The Power of Persistence, Who's in Control, and Success.

- **Leadership Quest V:** An initiative of Hamilton Public Health Services (PHS), is a unique hands-on experiential learning opportunity that goes above and beyond traditional classroom walls. This event took place March 10-12, and was held at Medeba Adventure Camp in Haliburton Ontario. Two HYAC members were able to attend.

The 2012 approved budget is \$3,890. This funding was used for meeting expenses, orientation of newly appointed advisory committee members, volunteer recognition, communication and other expenses related to the work of HYAC. The newly formed committee will continue to familiarize itself with the City of Hamilton and local government, as well as identify priorities and initiatives they wish to focus on until the next term. One such initiative HYAC plans to work on is the second annual Youth Week Hamilton celebration. As Hamilton is home to 72,575 youth, 14% of the overall Hamilton population, HYAC recognizes the need to connect youth city-wide. Youth Week Hamilton (YWH) aims to recognize the positive contributions youth make in their communities and celebrate the valuable work youth and youth organizations do year round. YWH also aims to highlight issues that are important to young people while encouraging action and dialogue.

ALTERNATIVES FOR CONSIDERATION

If HYAC's budget is not approved in its entirety, the committee may have to adjust their planned activities for 2013.

CORPORATE STRATEGIC PLAN

Focus Areas: 1. Skilled, Innovative and Respectful Organization, 2. Financial Sustainability, 3. Intergovernmental Relationships, 4. Growing Our Economy, 5. Social Development, 6. Environmental Stewardship, 7. Healthy Community

Skilled, Innovative & Respectful Organization

- ♦ A culture of excellence
- ♦ A skilled, adaptive and diverse workforce, i.e. more flexible staff
- ♦ More innovation, greater teamwork, better client focus
- ♦ An enabling work environment - respectful culture, well-being and safety, effective communication

- ♦ Council and SMT are recognized for their leadership and integrity

Social Development

- ♦ People participate in all aspects of community life without barriers or stigma

Healthy Community

- ♦ An engaged Citizenry
- ♦ Adequate access to food, water, shelter and income, safety, work, recreation and support for all (Human Services)

APPENDICES / SCHEDULES

Appendix A to Report CS12039: Hamilton Youth Advisory Committee Budget Submission

CITY OF HAMILTON

2013

VOLUNTEER COMMITTEES

BUDGET SUBMISSION

<p>Hamilton Youth Advisory Committee</p>

PART A: General Information

VOLUNTEER COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

Ahmad Ahmad	Jackson Virgin-Holland
Alex Fiorello	Joselin Marcciccio
Alex Ramirez	Lauren Hansen
Alexandra da Silva	Lauren Hicks
Alina Protopopescu	Lian Askwith
Becky Schmor	Marten Kass
Camilo Sanchez Galindo	Michael Pratas
Daniel Puglia	Michelle Leach
Daniel Sanchez Galindo	Mikayla Zolis
David Boruch	Nashwa Khan
Don Mahleka	Nicole Lachapelle
Fan Yang	Ryan Markesic
Fiorella Villanueva-Heldmaier	Sara Medeiros

MANDATE:

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PART B: Strategic Planning

STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES:

Goals of the HYAC Committee

- To provide direct input into government decision making processes on issues affecting youth;
- To advocate within the government on behalf of youth;
- To develop and maintain effective communications with youth and youth-serving organizations;
- To promote and recognize the abilities and contributions of youth in their communities;
- To foster initiatives for and by youth; and,
- To ensure diversity in the committee's membership, the selection process considers a number of factors including, but not limited to, geography, gender, culture, ethnicity, sexual orientation and ability.

How will the goals be achieved? The HYAC Committee will achieve its goals through:

- Building positive relationships and communicating with the Mayor and Council through face-to-face meetings, submitting and presenting reports, increasing their awareness of youth related issues and concerns
- Networking with other youth-serving groups and organizations, supporting them in their work and developing opportunities for collaboration and partnership
- Recruiting of committee members from all areas of the community; working to improve channels of communication and information
- Maintaining an up-to-date and youth-friendly website and other social media as identified

Who will Benefit

- Youth of Hamilton
- City of Hamilton Council and Staff
- Residents of Hamilton

ALIGNMENT WITH CORPORATE GOALS:

Please check off which Council approved Strategic Commitments your Volunteer Committee supports			
1) A City of Growth and Opportunity	X	4) A City Where People Come First	X
2) A Great City in Which to Live	X	5) A City that Spends Wisely and Invests Strategically	
3) A Healthy, Safe and Green City	X	6) A City of Choice for High Performance Public Servants	

PART C: Budget Request

INCIDENTAL COSTS:

Meeting/training expenses (refreshments, bus tickets, cab vouchers etc.)	1,200.00
Communication (website maintenance/updates, domain name fees etc.)	1,690.00
Administrative expenses	500.00
Orientation	200.00
Volunteer Recognition	300.00
SUB TOTAL	\$3,890.00

SPECIAL EVENT/PROJECT COSTS:

Youth Week Hamilton 2013 (banner fees, printing, rentals, honorariums, refreshments etc.)	1550.00
HYAC/Youth Week Hamilton Promotional items (pens, T-shirts, etc.)	750.00
Collaborative opportunities with other youth groups (eg. Leadership Quest)	200.00
SUB TOTAL	\$2,500.00

TOTAL COSTS	\$6,390.00
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Funding from Volunteer Committee Reserve (only available to Volunteer Committees with reserve balances)	\$2,500.00
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TOTAL 2013 BUDGET REQUEST (net of reserve funding)	\$ 3,890.00
PREVIOUS YEAR (2012) APPROVED BUDGET (2012 Request \$6,390.00)	\$3,890.00

CERTIFICATION:

Please note that this document is a request for a Budget from the City of Hamilton Operating budget. The submission of this document does not guarantee the requested budget amount. Please have a representative sign and date the document below.

Representative's Name: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Telephone # : _____