



CITY OF HAMILTON

COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT Housing Services Division

TO: Chair and Members Emergency & Community Services Committee	WARD(S) AFFECTED: CITY WIDE
COMMITTEE DATE: December 10, 2012	
SUBJECT/REPORT NO: Food & Shelter Advisory Committee 2013 Budget Submission (CS12041) (City Wide)	
SUBMITTED BY: Joe-Anne Priel General Manager Community Services Department	PREPARED BY: Amanda DiFalco 905-546-2424 ext. 3132 Jennie Vengris 905-546-2424 ext. 7801
SIGNATURE:	

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Food and Shelter Advisory Committee's 2013 base budget submission in the amount of \$500 (attached as Appendix A to Report CS12041) be approved and forwarded to the 2013 budget process (GIC).

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Food and Shelter Advisory Committee is a Volunteer Committee appointed by City Council. The Committee has prepared a 2013 budget submission for approval in the amount of \$500 for incidental costs for meetings, such as room, equipment, refreshments, parking and any other transportation support members may require. This is the same amount that the Food & Shelter Advisory Committee received last year.

Alternatives for Consideration - Not Applicable

FINANCIAL / STAFFING / LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

Financial:

The \$500 will be used for incidental costs for meetings, such as room, equipment, refreshments, parking and any other transportation support members may require.

Staffing:

There are no staffing implications. Community Services Department, Housing Services Division staff will continue to act as staff liaisons to the Food & Shelter Advisory Committee.

Legal:

There are no legal implications associated with Report CS12041.

HISTORICAL BACKGROUND (Chronology of events)

The Food and Shelter Advisory Committee (FSAC) is a longstanding volunteer citizen committee that informs Council (through the Emergency and Community Services Committee) of issues or policies that impact persons or communities for whom barriers exist to income security, food security and access to safe, accessible, adequate shelter. The Committee also provides a forum for intergovernmental and community partner discussion on these matters, and ensures that the perspectives of persons (clients) and communities who are experiencing these barriers are taken into consideration in the review of relevant City policies and programs.

The objectives of FSAC also include:

- To ensure that issues, specific to people who are homeless or at risk of becoming homeless, are brought forward and recommendations are provided to the Emergency & Community Services Committee in a timely manner.
- To ensure that issues, specific to people who are experiencing hunger, are brought forward and recommendations are provided to the Emergency & Community Services Committee in a timely manner.
- To assist with the coordination and implementation of Council approved recommendations.

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- To collaborate and devise innovative, preventative measures to assist in addressing homelessness or hunger issues within the community and to provide those recommendations to the Emergency & Community Services Committee.
- To identify emerging trends, potential gaps and best practices in food or emergency shelter service needs.
- To educate the community about urgent food and shelter needs through regular reporting to the Emergency & Community Services Committee.
- To respond in a timely manner to requests for advice from city staff and the Emergency & Community Services Committee.
- Recognizing the significant relationship emergency food and shelter have with other components of the housing continuum, it is important for FSAC to liaise and collaborate with other committees doing work in the areas of homelessness and affordable housing (such as the Affordable Housing Flagship) and to keep apprised of relevant programs and initiatives.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

There are no policy implications for Report CS12041.

RELEVANT CONSULTATION

The Food & Shelter Advisory Committee was consulted and concur with the recommendation contained in this report.

ANALYSIS / RATIONALE FOR RECOMMENDATION

The FSAC provides Council with a valuable perspective regarding issues of emergency food and shelter. FSAC is made up service providers and citizens with experience and interest in these issues. They are keenly aware of emerging trends in the community through their work delivering these services and the lived experiences they have. FSAC uses this experience to provide information to Council. It does this by providing feedback to staff regarding matters of interest to Council as well as through direct reports to the Emergency and Community Services committee. The members of FSAC volunteer their time.

ALTERNATIVES FOR CONSIDERATION:

None.

CORPORATE STRATEGIC PLAN (Linkage to Desired End Results)

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

Intergovernmental Relationships

- ◆ Influence federal and provincial policy development to benefit Hamilton
- ◆ Maintain effective relationships with other public agencies

Social Development

- ◆ Everyone has a home they can afford that is well maintained and safe
- ◆ Residents in need have access to adequate support services

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 CS12041: Food and Shelter Advisory Committee Budget Submission

CITY OF HAMILTON

2013

VOLUNTEER COMMITTEES

BUDGET SUBMISSION

Food and Shelter Advisory Committee

VOLUNTEER COMMITTEE MEMBERS: Voting Members	Non-Voting Members
Alexander Ramirez (Chair)	Jennie Vengris (City of Hamilton)
Medora Uppal (Vice Chair and Woman Abuse Working Group)	Amanda DiFalco (City of Hamilton)
Maria Pelaez (Citizen Rep)	Mara Fortino (Service Canada)
Fernando Forero (Citizen Rep)	Rob Mastroianni (City of Hamilton)
Anne Wilson (Citizen Rep)	Carolyn Anderson (City of Hamilton)
Thayra Marting (Citizen Rep)	Michele Attard (City of Hamilton)
Larry Huibers (Affordable Housing Flagship & Housing and Homelessness Planning Group)	Miranda Borisenko (Ministry of Community & Social Services)
Carmen Salciccioli (Hamilton Emergency Shelter Integration and Coordination Committee)	
Loretta Hill Finamore (Street Youth Planning Collaborative)	
Don Jaffray (Social Planning and Research Council of Hamilton)	
Robert Foster (Addiction & Mental Health Coalition)	
Denise Arkell (Emergency Food Action Committee)	

MANDATE:

“Provide the Volunteer Committee’s mandate”

- To identify the urgent needs of citizens within the community for whom barriers exist to obtaining income security; sufficient nutritious food; and, access to safe, accessible and affordable shelter, with adequate supports.
- To provide information regarding urgent community needs and recommendations toward their resolution to the Emergency & Community Services Committee.
- Where appropriate, agency members will take immediate and specialized action to address these issues.
- To provide an opportunity for Food and Shelter Advisory Committee members to liaise and collaborate with other levels of government, other committees, citizens, and agencies regarding responses and recommendations for emergency food supports and shelter needs.

PART B: Strategic Planning

STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES:

1. To ensure that issues, specific to people who are homeless or at risk of becoming homeless, are brought forward and recommendations are provided to the Emergency & Community Services Committee in a timely manner.
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3. To assist with the coordination and implementation of Council approved recommendations.
4. To collaborate and devise innovative, preventative measures to assist in addressing homelessness or hunger issues within the community and to provide those recommendations to the Emergency & Community Services Committee.
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7. To respond in a timely manner to requests for advice from city staff and the Emergency & Community Services Committee.
8. Recognizing the significant relationship emergency food and shelter have with other components of the housing continuum, it is important for FSAC to liaise and collaborate with other committees doing work in the areas of homelessness and affordable housing (such as the Affordable Housing Flagship) and to keep apprised of relevant programs and initiatives.

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:

room, equipment, refreshments, parking and any other transportation support members may require.	
SUB TOTAL	\$500.00

SPECIAL EVENT/PROJECT COSTS:

SUB TOTAL	\$

TOTAL COSTS	\$500.00
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Funding from Volunteer Committee Reserve (only available to Volunteer Committees with reserve balances)	\$
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TOTAL 2013 BUDGET REQUEST (net of reserve funding)	\$ 500.00
PREVIOUS YEAR (2012) APPROVED BUDGET (2012 Request \$500)	\$ 500.00

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 # : _____