

From: [Stevenson, Kirsten](#)
To: [Pilon, Janet](#)
Subject: RE: Request to the Hamilton Police Services Board respecting the 2024 Budget
Date: Wednesday, January 31, 2024 3:28:00 PM

Thanks Janet.

[REDACTED] the Board will be holding a special meeting to discuss this matter on Tuesday, February 13th. Due to scheduling issues, this is the first available date members are able to meet. If the Board makes a decision at their February 13th meeting I will ensure I forward their decision to you as soon as possible for inclusion on the February 15th GIC agenda.

Take care,
Kirsten

From: Pilon, Janet <Janet.Pilon@hamilton.ca>
Sent: Wednesday, January 31, 2024 3:24 PM
To: Stevenson, Kirsten <Kirsten.Stevenson@hamilton.ca>
Subject: Request to the Hamilton Police Services Board respecting the 2024 Budget
Importance: High

Kirsten,

The General Issues Committee (Budget) at their meeting on January 30, 2024, approved the following direction:

Hamilton Police Services Board (Added Item 7.1(b))

WHEREAS, in 2011 Council voted 8-7 to approve a motion tabled by Ward 12 Councillor Lloyd Ferguson and Ward 11 Councillor Brenda Johnson that the budget submitted by the Hamilton Police Services Board of a \$130,752,220 increase or 4.97% “be referred back to the Police Services Board requesting further review and consideration of their budget”;

WHEREAS, in 2024, the Hamilton Police Services Board has put forward a total budget increase of \$19,826,637 or 10.24% for a total budget of \$213M;

WHEREAS Mayoral Directive MDI-2023-02, released on August 31, 2023, states that the City of Hamilton must “reduce the burden on residential property taxes” and all budget asks are reviewed prior to submission “to ensure that redundancies and efficiencies have been identified and addressed and that program lines are assessed for ongoing public benefit before continued funding is recommended”;

WHEREAS further deliberation by the Hamilton Police Services Board toward this directive may result in finding further redundancies and efficiencies;

WHEREAS the City recognizes its fiduciary obligation to fund any mandatory capital costs as outlined in the *Police Services Act* 4(3).; and

WHEREAS, on January 26, 2024, the General Issues Budget (Committee) approved a motion from Ward 15 Councillor Ted McMeekin and Ward 11 Councillor Mark Tadeson that, “Hamilton City Council go on record to embrace a municipally generated tax cap no greater than 4% for the 2024 Budget.”.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

That City Council refer the proposed Hamilton Police Services Board budget increase of \$19,826,637 or 10.24% back to the Hamilton Police Services Board requesting further review and consideration and report back with a “municipally generated tax cap no greater than 4% for the 2024 Budget”, outlining any additional redundancies and efficiencies, by February 15, 2024.

Please forward the response from the Hamilton Police Services Board to my attention, by February 8th, so that the response can be included in the February 15, 2024, General Issues Committee (Budget) Agenda.

Thank you,

Janet

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