**CITIZEN COMMITTEE REPORT**

| TO:            | Chair and Members  
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|                | Audit, Finance & Administration Committee |
| FROM:          | Denise Doyle, Chair  
|                | Status of Women Committee |
| DATE:          | December 9, 2013  
| RE:            | Status of Women Committee – Transfer from Reserve (Report SWC13001) |

**RECOMMENDATION:**

That $4,500 be transferred from the Status of Women Advisory Committee’s Volunteer Reserve account to fund the development of an Elect More Women Education Workshop on the Committee’s 2013 work plan.

**BACKGROUND:**

The Status of Women Advisory Committee have completed their work plan for the remainder of 2013 and it includes a project that requires additional funds from the reserve account. The project that requires funding is the Elect More Women Education Workshop.

The current Status of Women Advisory Committee’s reserve balance is $7218.01. The $4,500 requested will be used to complete the 2013 work plan and include research, facility, printing, advertising and refreshment costs for the activity noted above.

The Status of Women Advisory Committee’s Terms of Reference include the following goals:

a) Define, investigate, study and make recommendations on issues of concern affecting women of the City of Hamilton and other matters of social or municipal concern including matters referred to this Committee by City Council, staff and City of Hamilton Committees.

b) Inform citizens of the City of Hamilton on issues affecting women.
c) Actively encourage women to participate in all aspects of society and support them in their life choices.

d) Advise citizens of the City of Hamilton of decisions made by City Council which may impact on women including matters of social concern and those referred to City Council by this Committee.

The committee has determined that the project on the work plan is in keeping with the committee’s goals as well as being a timely subject, with the pending Municipal election.