SUBJECT: 2008 Advance Payments to External Boards and Agencies (FCS07102) (City Wide)

RECOMMENDATION:

a) That commencing January 1, 2008, an advancement of funds be provided to the external boards and agencies, in the specified amount and on the specific dates as shown in Table One to Report FCS07102, “2008 Advance Payments to External Boards and Agencies”; and

b) That any outstanding arrears due to the City of Hamilton, by any Boards or Agencies, be paid with approved grant funding, including advances, until the debt is satisfied, at which point the organization will receive payment.

Joseph L. Rinaldo
General Manager
Finance and Corporate Services

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

Report FCS07102 requests Council approval to continue funding the external boards and agencies that are listed in Table One. The 2008 advance payments are based upon the 2007 approved funding levels and closely represents the 2007 payment schedule. Pending the timing of Council approval of the 2008 budget, the remaining payments to the listed external boards and agencies would be adjusted to ensure that payments do not exceed approved levels for 2008. The advancement of funds does not guarantee the level of 2008 City of Hamilton funding. Those agencies that are provided with monthly payments will continue to receive monthly advances, for the amounts as
shown in Table One, until budget approval. At this point, the remaining payments will be adjusted to match the approved levels.

In the Community Partnership Program, grant payments are not made until outstanding arrears owing to the City of Hamilton are paid off first. Staff are recommending that this process also be established for external boards and agencies.

### TABLE ONE
**BOARDS AND AGENCIES REQUIRING ADVANCE PAYMENTS***

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>External Boards and Agencies</th>
<th>Advance Payment Schedule</th>
<th>Number of payments each year</th>
<th>2007 Approved Annual Budget</th>
<th>2008 Advance Payment Amount</th>
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<td>Hamilton Conservation Authority</td>
<td>February 21, 2008 April 23, 2008</td>
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<td>HCA – Confederation Park</td>
<td>February 21, 2008 April 23, 2008</td>
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<td>Niagara Peninsula C.A.*</td>
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<td>Royal Botanical Gardens**</td>
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<td>Hamilton Beach Rescue Unit Inc.</td>
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<td>Art Gallery of Hamilton*</td>
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* Excludes reserve funding and property tax as approved during 2007 budget deliberations
** Based on approved funding formula with the Region of Halton

Historically, the Hamilton Beach Rescue Unit Incorporated requests a $10,000 advance in February of each year. In 2007, their grant of $118,450 was approved as $56,650 operating and $61,800 capital.

### BACKGROUND:

To be consistent with prior years, staff are seeking Council approval to continue funding, as of January 1st, certain organizations that receive funding on a monthly or quarterly basis, pending approval of the 2008 budget. The funding is based on the
previous year’s budget and is adjusted, if necessary, when the current year’s budget receives Council approval.

**ANALYSIS/RATIONALE:**

N/A.

**ALTERNATIVES FOR CONSIDERATION:**

N/A.

**FINANCIAL/STAFFING/LEGAL IMPLICATIONS:**

There are no financial implications associated with providing advance payments to the listed external boards and agencies as listed above. Pending Council approval of 2008 funding levels, the remaining payments to these organizations would be adjusted to ensure that the payment amount does not exceed the approved funding level.

**POLICIES AFFECTING PROPOSAL:**

N/A.

**RELEVANT CONSULTATION:**

N/A.

**CITY STRATEGIC COMMITMENT:**

The external boards and agencies provide a variety of services that benefit the City of Hamilton.

By evaluating the “Triple Bottom Line”, (community, environment, economic implications) we can make choices that create value across all three bottom lines, moving us closer to our vision for a sustainable community, and Provincial interests.

Community Well-Being is enhanced.    ☑ Yes   ☐ No

Environmental Well-Being is enhanced. ☑ Yes   ☐ No

Economic Well-Being is enhanced.    ☑ Yes   ☐ No

Does the option you are recommending create value across all three bottom lines?    ☑ Yes   ☐ No

Do the options you are recommending make Hamilton a City of choice for high performance public servants?    ☐ Yes   ☑ No