SUBJECT: 2006 Social and Public Health Services Volunteer Committees
Budget Submissions (SPH06002) (City Wide)

RECOMMENDATION:

(a) That the 2006 budget submission from the Food Shelter and Housing Committee (FSH) be received as attached as Appendix A.

(b) That the 2006 budget submission from the Tenant Advisory (TAC) Committee be received as attached as Appendix B.

(c) That the budget submissions and requested funding be referred to the 2006 Budget process.

Joe-Anne Priel
General Manager
Public Health and Community Services

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

As directed by the Council approved Report FCS05048, the two Volunteer Committees, which report to the Social and Public Health Services Committee (Food Shelter and Housing Committee and Tenant Advisory Committee) have prepared business planning/budget requests for 2006 as part of the 2006 Budget process.
BACKGROUND:

All Volunteer Committees appointed by Council are required to submit to the committee through which they report a business planning/budget request on an annual basis.

ANALYSIS/RATIONALE:

The Food Shelter and Housing Committee informs Council (through the Social and Public Health Services Standing 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 and permanent housing. 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 Tenant Advisory Committee (initial meeting in January 2006) will provide information, advice, recommendations and advocacy to Council (through the Social and Public Health Services Standing Committee) regarding residential tenancy issues and policies that would improve the overall well-being of tenants in Hamilton. The Committee’s objectives are to identify systemic and policy issues facing tenants and provide advice and recommendations to the City, provincial and federal governments regarding these matters and to develop strategies for information dissemination and education to tenants regarding tenant issues including legal rights and obligations of tenants.

ALTERNATIVES FOR CONSIDERATION:

N/A

FINANCIAL/STAFFING/LEGAL IMPLICATIONS:

Financial

The funding for the 2005 Volunteer Committee Budget (FCS05048) and the 2006 funding strategy was approved by Council on September 14th, 2005. The intention of the funding strategy for the budget submissions; was that they were referred to the budget process by the appropriate Standing Committee. The 2006 base budget will reflect the approved 2005 budget.

Food Shelter and Housing: For 2006, the Food Shelter and Housing Committee has requested a budget of $500. The 2005 approved budget was $1000, however it was not spent.

Tenant Advisory Committee: For 2006, the Tenant Advisory Committee has requested a budget of $1,412.00. In 2005, the approved budget was $1,412.00. Therefore, this report provides the information for Committee's approval for use of the funds in 2006.

If the Volunteer Committees' 2006 budget requests are not approved in their entirety, they may have to adjust their 2006 work plan to accommodate a lower funding level.
Staffing
Employment Housing and Long Term Care Division staff will continue to act as staff liaisons to these committees, providing support for agenda preparation, minutes, meeting arrangements and meeting space.

Legal
There are no legal implications.

POLICIES AFFECTING PROPOSAL:
There are no policies affecting this report

RELEVANT CONSULTATION:
In preparation of this report, Employment, Housing and Long Term Care staff consulted the members of the committees.

CITY STRATEGIC COMMITMENT:
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
The public are involved in the definition and development of local solutions. The Food Shelter and Housing Committee and the Tenant Advisory Committee provide advice to City Council and staff about important issues that relate to housing vulnerable citizens. All of these activities ultimately assist in ensuring that Hamilton is a great city in which to live and it continues to be a city where people come first.

Environmental Well-Being is enhanced. ☐ Yes ☑ No

Economic Well-Being is enhanced. ☑ Yes ☐ No
The committees address issues that impact on income security issues for vulnerable residents.

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
Staff involvement on these committees enhances their satisfaction by receiving recognition for working directly with our community on important issues.
CITY OF HAMILTON

2006 BUDGET SUBMISSION

2006 VOLUNTEER COMMITTEE
### VOLUNTEER COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

#### FOOD, SHELTER AND HOUSING ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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**MANDATE:** “Provide the Volunteer Committee’s mandate”

To provide recommendations to the Social and Public Health services Volunteer Coordinating Committee regarding social and health issues and policies that impact persons or communities for whom barriers exist to income security, food security and access to safe, accessible, adequate shelter and permanent housing with, if necessary, appropriate supports.
PART B: Strategic Planning

STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES:
"Indicate the Volunteer Committee’s goals and objectives, how they will be achieved and who will benefit"

“Indicate the Volunteer Committee’s goals and objectives”

- Provide a forum for intergovernmental and community partners to discuss and provide recommendations to ensure that local needs for and rights to emergency shelter, an adequate support of nutritious food, and affordable housing are met. This may include the review of relevant City policies and the development of recommendations for the Standing Committee.
- Ensure that Standing Committee discussions and recommendations are inclusive of other important and related issues such as emergency food, legal advice, income support, and assistance with employment, child care, transportation and health care.
- To keep apprised of relevant monitoring and research initiatives and identify potential gaps.
- To advocate for an approach to physical planning that provides for diverse, accessible, affordable and safe neighbourhoods.
- To ensure that issues specific to homelessness (both relative and absolute) are included and promoted.
- To ensure that the perspectives of persons (clients) and communities who are experiencing these critical needs or barriers are taken into consideration.

“how they will be achieved”

- FSHAC meets 9-10 times per year with the work of sub-committees occurring in addition. The committee expects to form part of the consultation around issues such as the implementation of the Keys to the Home initiative, the 2005 budget process and the affordable housing flagship (Social Vision). In addition, the committee will present to the standing committee when issues arise that we feel require some comment from FSHAC.
• FSHAC will continue to meet quarterly with the Community Advisory Board on Homelessness to discuss issues that relate to the investment of Federal Homelessness funding in this community.

• FSHAC will continue to visit community programs and entertain presentation from community based organizations in an effort to understand the service infrastructure and to encourage collaborations where appropriate and advantageous.

“who will benefit”

• By providing advice to Council through the Public Health and Community Services committee, FSHAC hopes to improve the lives of individuals and families struggling with access to food, shelter and affordable housing. Public policy can have a huge impact on the lives of those experiencing poverty and changes that will improve the conditions for marginalized Hamiltonians will have a positive impact on the health and well-being of the whole City.

• Working with service providers and addressing funding related issues will also impact those living in poverty. Discussing how best to efficiently and effectively deliver supports can go a long way to alleviating the effects of poverty.

The number of individuals and families affected by the issues addressed through this committee are many. They include:

• over 400 individuals seeking emergency shelter each night
• over 17000 people accessing food-banks
• over 4000 individuals on a waiting list for social housing
• nearly 100,000 Hamiltonians who live below the Low Income Cut Off (poverty line)
## Alignment with Corporate Goals:

Please check off which Council approved Strategic Commitments your Volunteer Committee supports:

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## Total 2006 Budget Request (Sum of the Above) $ 

## Previous Year Budget Request $1,000.00
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: __________________________________________________________________________