



**City of Hamilton**  
**ADVISORY COMMITTEE FOR IMMIGRANTS AND REFUGEES**  
**AGENDA**

**Meeting #:** 22-04  
**Date:** April 14, 2022  
**Time:** 6:30 p.m.  
**Location:** Due to the COVID-19 and the Closure of City Hall

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## Land Acknowledgment

The City of Hamilton is situated upon the traditional territories of the Erie, Neutral, Huron-Wendat, Haudenosaunee and Mississaugas. This land is covered by the Dish With One Spoon Wampum Belt Covenant, which was an agreement between the Haudenosaunee and Anishinaabek to share and care for the resources around the Great Lakes. We further acknowledge that this land is covered by the Between the Lakes Purchase, 1792, between the Crown and the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation.

Today, the City of Hamilton is home to many Indigenous people from across Turtle Island (North America) and we recognize that we must do more to learn about the rich history of this land so that we can better understand our roles as residents, neighbours, partners and caretakers.





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**Minutes**

**IMMIGRANTS & REFUGEES ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

March 10, 2022

6:30pm-8:30pm

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**Present:** Jennie Hamilton (Chair), Eisham Abdulkarim (Vice-Chair), Rami Safi, Aref Alshaikhahmed, Dorar Abuzaid, Ammira Ali, Grace Maciak,

**Regrets:** Dina Honig, Councillor Maureen Wilson

**Also**

**Present:** Aine Leadbetter of Elections  
Cole Gately – Staff Liaison, Diversity & Inclusion

**1. WELCOME & INTRODUCTIONS**

J. Hamilton provided a welcome and introductions

**2. CEREMONIAL ACTIVITIES (Item 1)**

J. Hamilton provided the Land Acknowledgement

**3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA (Item 2)**

**(J.Hamilton/E. Abdulkarim)**

That the Agenda of March 10, 2022 be approved as presented.

**CARRIED**

#### **4. STAFF PRESENTATION (Item 9)**

Aine Leadbetter of Elections asked the committee to pass a motion to create an elections working group.

**(A. Alshaikhahmed/E. Abdulkarim)**

That an Immigrants and Refugees Elections Working Group be established to liaise with Legislative Coordinators to develop and provide input into elections resources, with the following Advisory Committee members as participants:

Dorar Abuzaid  
Eisham Abdulkarim  
Ammira Ali  
Jennie Hamilton  
Aref Alshaikhahmed

**CARRIED**

#### **5. DISCUSSION ITEMS (Item 10)**

##### **i. Action Plan (Item 10.3)**

##### **a. Membership for the Canadian Council of Refugees**

**(D. Abuzaid/A. Alshaikhahmed)**

That the Immigrant and Refugee Committee purchase a membership to the Canadian Council of Refugees.

**CARRIED**

##### **b. Additional Focus of the Committee**

**(A. Alshaikhahmed/D. Abuzaid)**

That the Immigrant and Refugee Committee focus on helping immigrants and refugees in Hamilton to gain financial knowledge.

**CARRIED**

**c. Invitation to Financial Expert to Discuss Financial Issues Related to Newcomers to the City of Hamilton**

**(A. Alshaikhahmed/E. Abdulkarim)**

That the Immigrant and Refugee Committee invite a financial expert to talk about financial issues related to newcomers.

**CARRIED**

**6. ADJOURNMENT (Item 15)**

**(A. Alshaikhahmed/J. Hamilton)**

That there being no further business, the Immigrant and Refugee Advisory Committee meeting be adjourned at 8.00pm.

**CARRIED**