



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

**Meeting #:** 22-12  
**Date:** December 8, 2022  
**Time:** 6:30 p.m.  
**Location:** YouTube Channel Streaming for Virtual Meetings

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City's YouTube Channel:  
<https://www.youtube.com/user/InsideCityofHamilton>

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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**  
**IMMIGRANT & REFUGEE ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

April 14, 2022  
6:30pm-7:00pm  
WebEx

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**Present:** Jennie Hamilton (Chair), Eisham Abdulkarim (Vice Chair), Aref Alshaikhahmed, Dina Honig, Rami Safi, Khursheed Ahmed, Grace Maciak, Jessica Bowen

**Regrets:** Dorar Abuzaid (Recording Secretary), Ammira Ali, Councillor Maureen Wilson

**Absent:** Leslyn Gombakomba (resigned)

**Also**

**Present:** Sunil Angrish – Staff Liaison

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

J. Hamilton provided the Land Acknowledgement

**2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING (Item 2)**

(i) Minutes of April 14, 2022

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

That the Agenda of April 14, 2022 be approved as presented.

**CARRIED**

### **3. DISCUSSION ITEMS (Item 3)**

#### **i. Business Arising from Previous Minutes (Item 3.1)**

Nothing arose

#### **ii. Canadian Council of Refugees Membership (Item 3.2)**

S. Angrish had put the request for the subscription to the database to the City's finance department, who did not approve the expense as the committee is not an organization. Sunil is seeking clarification for alternative methods of acquiring financial support to acquire a membership.

#### **iii. Presentation for Financial Newcomer Support (Item 3.3)**

J. Hamilton shared that a suitable person/organization has not been located. Deferred to the next meeting.

#### **iv. Municipal Elections Working Group (Item 3.4)**

J. Hamilton provided update that she will be checking in with the municipal elections team who had asked committee members to be part of a working group.

#### **v. Ukraine Refugee Crisis Discussion (Item 3.5)**

D. Honig brought forth the question of if Ukrainian immigrants who are being afforded temporary status fall under the umbrella of "refugees", in order to verify if the committee should become involved in providing recommendations.

Committee will take time to get more information to make a decisive call on the distinction.

S. Angrish suggested that the Committee could voice concerns via a Citizens Committee Report, or request to Delegate and speak to the matter of ensuring cultural groups are being supported in a just matter.

#### **4. Other Business**

S. Angrish will forward email to send reminder of Code of Conduct training.

#### **5. ADJOURNMENT**

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

That the Meeting for the Immigrant and Refugee Committee be adjourned at 7.00 PM.

**CARRIED**





# CITY OF HAMILTON

2022

ADVISORY COMMITTEES

DRAFT BUDGET SUBMISSION FORM

Advisory Committee for Immigrants & Refugees

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**PART A: General Information**

**ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBERS:**

Name	
Aref Alshaikhahmed	
Leslyn Gombakomba	
Dina Honig	
Rami Safi	
Eisham Abdulkarim	
Dorar Abuzaid	
Khursheed Ahmed	
Ammira Ali	
Jennie Hamilton	

**MANDATE:**

Makes recommendations to City Council and staff about policies, procedures and guidelines that address the needs of immigrants and refugees.

**PART B: Strategic Planning**

**STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES:**

1. Review and comment on pertinent reports, proposed legislation and studies that affect immigrants and refugees.
2. Be consulted by City of Hamilton staff and Council on the review, development and implementation of City policies, procedures, programs and services that affect, directly or indirectly, immigrants and refugees.
3. Facilitate, organize and promote open lines of communication with the school boards, police services, City of Hamilton, (e.g. Public Health Services, Healthy and Safe Communities, etc.) and other relevant organizations to provide advice and recommendations about the service needs of newcomers, immigrants and refugees.
4. Make presentations, host workshops and/or open houses to educate service providers, police, Ontario Works, school boards, settlement agencies, employment agencies, professional regulating bodies and other relevant services and programs about immigrant and refugee issues.
5. Develop relationships with the Access to Fair Trades Office and training institutions to gain a better understanding of their processes and find some common ground that will

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assist newcomers and immigrants in their pursuit of timely certification and upgrading.  
 6. Complement and collaborate with the work of the City of Hamilton's Volunteer Advisory Committees.

**ALIGNMENT WITH CORPORATE GOALS:**

Please check off which Council approved Strategic Commitments your Advisory Committee supports			
1) Community Engagement & Participation	X	2) Economic Prosperity & Growth	X
3) Healthy & Safe Communities	X	4) Clean & Green	X
5) Built Environment & Infrastructure	X	6) Culture & Diversity	X
7) Our People & Performance	X		

**PART C: Budget Request**

**INCIDENTAL COSTS:**

Monthly Meetings Expenses (photocopying, refreshments, advertising, postage, etc.)	\$1,500
<b>SUB TOTAL</b>	<b>\$1,500</b>

**SPECIAL EVENT/PROJECT COSTS:**

Hosting the annual Newcomer Open House and preparing and disseminating the Newcomer Guide to Hamilton.	\$2,000
<b>SUB TOTAL</b>	<b>\$2,000</b>

<b>TOTAL COSTS</b>	<b>\$3,500</b>
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<b>Funding from Advisory Committee Reserve (only available to Advisory Committees with reserve balances)</b>	<b>\$</b>
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TOTAL 2022 BUDGET REQUEST (net of reserve funding)	\$3,500
PREVIOUS YEAR (2021) APPROVED BUDGET (2021 Request \$ 3500)	\$3,500

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**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: Rami Saifi

Signature: 

Date: 12/11/2021

Telephone #: 289 921 7253