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## **Minutes**

### **IMMIGRANT & REFUGEE ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

Thursday March 15, 2018

City Hall, 71 Main St. W., Room 192/193, 6:30pm

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**Present:** Dena Honig, Beau Daniels, Leo Johnson, Amed Farah, Holly McKean, Yohana Otite, Mir Islam, Zenaida Roque Cruz, Marie Robbins

**Also Present:** Nadia Olivieri, Human Rights, Grace Maciak

**Regrets:** Suad Badri, Mané Arratia, Ramon Petgrave (LOA), Noor Nizam, Sylvia Shaheen (LOA), Sam Abraham, Eman Ismail-Elmasri, Huzaifa Saeed

**Absent:** n/a

**Chair:** Zenaida Roque Cruz

#### **Welcome and Introductions (7:10 pm)**

**Guests:** *Sadhna Jayatunge HIPC representative and COH Community Engagement Coordinator*

### **1. Approval of the Agenda**

**(H. McLean/A. Farah)**

That the Immigrant and Refugee Advisory Committee approve the agenda of Thursday March 15, 2018 as presented. **CARRIED**

### **2. Declarations of Interest – None declared.**

### **3. Approval of Minutes**

**(A. Farah/M. Islam)**

That the Immigrant and Refugee Advisory Committee approve the November 9, 2017 minutes as presented.

### **4. Presentations-n/a**

### **5. Business / Discussion Items**

#### 5.1 Attendance

- RVSP is problematic
- child minding may be helpful
- have to avoid brain drain and not getting any work done –get to our action items

5.1.1.1 Child minding services

5.2 Membership Status

**MOTION:**

**(L. Johnson/A. Farah)**

That the Staff Liaison to send resignation notices to all members who have missed the last 3 meetings consecutive meetings and have not provided return to committee date.

**CARRIED**

5.3 Open House Working Group Update

Has joined forces with HIPC –Leo working with Layla

Need a representative from I&R (Yohana)

May 28, 2018 4 -9 @ City Hall

5.3.1.1 AF&A (not GIC) dates (for I&R HWG)

Based presentation based on Shelter System and Viable Solution – presentation

**Motion:** to present to AF&A May 17, 2018

**(Y. Otite/L. Johnson)**

That the I&R Committee present to AF&A their recommendation regarding viable solutions to the use of shelters for new comers.

**CARRIED**

Report will be based on the last months minute an

5.3.1.2 Invitation Status (Director, Housing Services – move Greg Witt )

5.4 Employment Working Group Update

5.4.1.1 AF&A dates (for I&R EWG)

5.5 Education Working Group Update

5.5.1.1 Invitation Status (Grace Mater)

5.6 Presenting to Council

5.6.1.1 2018 Work plan

5.7 Outstanding Business Items

## **6. Other Business**

This was done without quorum (6:40 pm to 7:10 pm)

-Information sharing by Sadhna

HIPC annual event – link sent – lunch available and before and after there is and after there is SPO (Service Provider Organization Conference) - March 23, 2019 am and pm session

On Chamber of Commerce Business Immigration Webinar – information available for new comers – power point – Liaise to copy and distribute Dena – Jewish Vocational Service in combination with Ryerson Poly Tech. – pairing with mentor to get license as an architect in Toronto for Architect – all you need to know to pass Architect – there is a push to go through formal training – not

There is a lot of information out there suggesting that you need to recertify but with contacting professional associating some may have a process for accepting degree from another country from another

Next month

Development in James Street North – condo development 250 square foot blocks – buy as many bays as they the purchasers want  
Going to help with down payment  
Loan returned within the equity created at the sale of unit  
The issues with –condo fees for maintenance  
They need approval from council – mixing of Capitalism and Social justice a lot 30 minutes

Move Greg Witt presentation to May meeting.

## **7. Adjournment**

**(L. Johnson/ D. Honig)**

That the March 15, 2018 I & R meeting adjourn due to loss of quorum. 7:45pm

**CARRIED**

**Next Meeting: Thursday, April 12, 2018**