



Hamilton

CITIZEN COMMITTEE REPORT

To:	Audit, Finance & Administration Committee
From:	Advisory Committee for Immigrants and Refugees <div style="text-align: right;">_____ (Rami Safi, Chair)</div>
Date:	May 7, 2021
Re:	Education of Urban Indigenous Strategy to Immigrant and Refugees communities.

Recommendation:

WHEREAS, advisory committees are required to read a land acknowledgement at the beginning of each meeting which provides some education about the land we live on and,

WHEREAS, the Urban Indigenous Strategy presented to the Immigrant and Refugees Advisory Committee on March 11, 2021 on the implementation of the Urban Indigenous strategy and outreach to the Aboriginal community.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

That the following recommendation be added to the strategic plan of the Urban Indigenous Strategy:

- (a) That an education and awareness program be provided to the Immigrants and Refugees community respecting Indigenous affairs and history, including the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (UNDRIP); and
- (b) That the strategic planning around this education program for Immigrants and Refugees include financial and human resource allocations.

Background:

The motion was passed at the at the March 11, 2021 committee meeting, following a presentation from The Urban Indigenous Strategy.

Analysis/Rationale:

While born Canadians are exposed to indigenous history and struggles through school, stories in books, and online information throughout their lives, immigrants who come to Canada do not have the same exposure. We believe that in order for true immigrants' integration and immersion in Canadian lives and particularly to the city of Hamilton history and heart, they must also be exposed to and immersed in the indigenous experience as it unfolded in Hamilton through time.

For that to happen, the city needs to put in the time and resources needed to be able to educate new Canadians on indigenous affairs