



# Hamilton

## **Minutes**

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

May 13, 2021

6:30pm-8:30pm

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**Present:** Dina Honig, Aref Alshaikhahmed, Leslyn Gombakomba, Grace Maciak, Councillor Maureen Wilson

**Also Present:** Cole Gately- Staff Liaison, Diversity & Inclusion, Office  
Taline Morris- Admin Assistant, Diversity & Inclusion

**Absent with Regrets :** Rami Safi

#### **1. WELCOME & INTRODUCTIONS**

R. Safi provided a round of welcome and introductions.

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

A. Alshaikhahmed gave a Land Acknowledgement

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

Item to be added to 13.1 General Information / Other Business respecting discussion on recording and retaining Advisory Committee meetings for future viewing by the public.

#### **(A. Alshaikhahmed/L. Gombakomba)**

That the Agenda of May 13, 2021 be approved with amendments.

#### **4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING (Item 4)**

- i. **Minutes of April 8, 2021 and March 11, 2021 (Item 4.1)**

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

That the Immigrant and Refugee Committee approves the Minutes of April 8, 2021 and March 11, 2021as presented.

**CARRIED**

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

**i. Citizen committee report respecting Urban Indigenous Strategy (Item 10.1.a)**

Committee members reviewed and provided final edits to the citizen committee report respecting Urban Indigenous Strategy. Staff to submit report on behalf of the committee.

**ii. Mental Health support for Immigrants and Refugees (Item 10.1.b)**

Deferred to June meeting as R. Safi is not present to provide update.

**iii. COVID -19 in Marginalized Communities (Item 10.1.c)**

Deferred to June meeting as R. Safi is not present to provide update.

**iv. Workplan (Item 10.2)**

Defferred to June meeting as requested by A. Alshaikhahmed.

**6. MOTIONS (Item 11)**

**i. Approval of All Advisory Committee Event Date and Selection of a Presenter.**

Deferred to June meeting as committee chair is away and cannot accept nomination as presenter.

## **7. GENERAL INFORMATION/ OTHER BUSINESS (Item 13)**

### **i. Discussion on recording and retaining Advisory Committee meetings for future viewing by the public**

Committee members recently received communications from the Clerk's office asking if they were in favour of recording and retaining Advisory Committee meetings for future viewing by the public

Councillor Wilson addressed the committee and provided background on the reason for the request.

Committee members discussed the pros and cons of retaining meeting video's. Members will send individual responses to clerk's as requested.

## **8. ADJOURNMENT (Item 15)**

### **(A. Alshaikhahmed/L. Gombakomba)**

That the Meeting for the Immigrant and Refugee Committee be adjourned at 7:39pm.

Next Meeting: Thursday, June 10, 2021