



**Advisory Committee  
for  
Immigrant  
and  
Refugees**

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# Immigrant and Refugees

- Reports to Audit, Finance and Administration Committee
- Rami Yasafi – Chair
- Dina Honig – Vice-Chair
- Currently 9 members
- Taline Morris and Cole Gately – City Liaison and Coordinator
- Councillor Maureen Wilson – advisor



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## Sub Committees

- Education
- Health
- Employment
- Settlement



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## Mandate

- Makes recommendations and advise City Council about challenges impacting immigrants or refugees
- Influences policies, procedures and guidelines which address immigrant and refuge needs and concerns



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## Scope of Services

Review, development and implementation of policies, procedures, programs and services that affect, directly or indirectly immigrants and refugees.

### Motions:

- Education programs for immigrant communities about Indigenous History
- Supporting Hamilton's status as a sanctuary city
- Develop public education that generate awareness about immigrant issues

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## Scope of Services

Ensure the facilitation, organization and promotion of open lines of communications with relevant organizations about the service needs of newcomers, immigrants and refugees.

- Mental health services for immigrants especially challenges brought about by the pandemic



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Conduct presentations, host workshops and/or open house to educate service providers and professional regulation bodies and other relevant services and programs about immigrant and refugee issues.

- Hosted annual open house for Newcomers in Hamilton where city departments and community organizations provided information about services in the community.
- Published an updated Welcome to Hamilton newcomers' guide

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## Challenges

- Reaching quorum during meetings
- Moving to virtual meetings
- Receiving current information about issues faced by new immigrants
- Lack of collaboration with other advisory committees
- Lack of access and collaboration with different immigrant communities in  
Hamilton





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