



Hamilton

Minutes

IMMIGRANT & REFUGEE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

November 11, 2021

6:30pm-8:30pm

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Present: Rami Safi (Chair) Dina Honig (Vice-Chair), Aref Alshaikhahmed, Leslyn Gombakomba, Jennie Hamilton, Dorar Abuzaid, Khursheed Ahmed, Ammira Ali, Eisham Abdulkarim, Grace Maciak, Councillor Maureen Wilson

Also Present: Cole Gately – Staff Liaison, Diversity & Inclusion
Jessica Bowen – Supervisor, Diversity & Inclusion

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)

(D.Honig/A. Alshaikhahmed)

That the Agenda of November 11, 2021 be approved as presented.

CARRIED

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

i. Minutes of September 9, 2021 (Item 4.1)

(D.Honig/A. Alshaikhahmed)

That the Minutes of September 9, 2021 be approved.

CARRIED

5. STAFF PRESENTATION (Item 9)

i. Aine Leadbetter & Conor Flood, Elections and Print & Mail, Respecting the 2022 election, alternative voting methods, and accessibility (Item 9.1)

Aine Leadbetter and Conor Flood, from Elections and Print and Mail, at the City of Hamilton, provided presentation to the Immigrants and Refugees Committee regarding the 2022 municipal election and solicited feedback on improving the electoral process, enhancing accessibility, communication and alternative voting methods. Committee members provided feedback as requested.

(D. Honig/A. Alshaikhahmed)

That the presentation from Aine Leadbetter & Conor Flood, Elections and Print & Mail, Respecting the 2022 election, alternative voting methods, and accessibility be received.

CARRIED

(J. Hamilton/ E. Karim)

That Aine Leadbetter and Conor Flood, from Elections and Print and Mail, at the City of Hamilton be invited to a future meeting to continue discussion regarding 2022 municipale elections process. **CARRIED**

6. DISCUSSION ITEMS (Item 10)

i. 2022 Budget (Item 10.1)

Committee members reviewed the 2022 draft budget and discussed initiatives to support in the new year. The committee agreed to mirror the 2021 budget amounts and request additional reserve funds for supporting engagement of Immigrants and Refugees in cultural activities across Hamilton

(D. Honig/A. Alshaikhahmed)

That the 2022 Committee budget be approved.

CARRIED

ii. Plan of Action (Item 10.2)

Discussion deferred to allow more time for discussion.

(J. Hamilton/K. Ahmed)

That the plan of action discussion be deferred to the December meeting to allow for more time for discussion.

CARRIED

iii. All Advisory Event

Committee members discussed the All Advisory Event. They suggested the event should happen twice per year, as it was good to meet and share frustrations and wins.

7. ADJOURNMENT (Item 15)

(K. Ahmed/J. Hamilton)

That the Meeting for the Immigrant and Refugee Committee be adjourned.

CARRIED

Next Meeting: Thursday, December 9, 2021.

