



Hamilton

Minutes

IMMIGRANT & REFUGEE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

September 9, 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
Taline Morris-Admin Assistant, Diversity & Inclusion

Absent with Regrets :

1. WELCOME & INTRODUCTIONS

R. Safi provided a round of welcome and introductions.

2. CEREMONIAL ACTIVITIES (Item 1)

A. Alshaikhahmed gave a Land Acknowledgement

Committee members observed a moment of silence for the 215 residential school graves recently found in Kamloops British Columbia. Also, for the families in London, Ontario and Ancaster, Hamilton that lost their lives to racial violence.

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3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA (Item 2)

Added item 10.4: Workplan to be added as a discussion item.

(D.Honig/A. Alshaikhahmed)

That the Agenda of September 9, 2021 be approved with amendments.

CARRIED

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING (Item i. Minutes of May 13, 2021

(D.Honig/A. Alshaikhahmed)

That the Minutes of May 13, 2021 be approved.

CARRIED

5. DISCUSSION ITEMS (Item 10)

i. Business arising from previous minutes (Item 10.1)

Mental Health Supports for Immigrants &

Refugees: R. Safi addressed the committee to advise that he is still working on securing a presentation from Sue Phipps of the Canadian Mental Health Association.

Citizen committee report respecting Urban

Indigenous Strategy: Staff provided an update that the CCR was received and approved by the Audit, Finance & Administrative Standing Committee. Staff to disseminate a copy of meeting minutes for reference.

ii. All Advisory Event (Item 10.2)

Committee members discussed participating in the all advisory event. A working group, consisting of D. Honig, J. Hamilton & E. Karim was created to work on the presentation to be delivered at the All Advisory Committee Event.

(A. Alshaikhahmed/K. Ahmed)

That D. Honig, J. Hamilton & E. Karim will create a working group that will be in charge of the committee's presentation to be delivered at the All Advisory Event on September 27th at 4:00pm.

iii. Virtual Collaborative Roundtable Event (Item 10.3)

Committee members received an invitation the Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities' Transportation Working Group, to participate the the upcoming Virtual Collaborative Roundtable Event regarding transportation during the pandemic. After much discussion, the committee decided not to participate in the event.

iv. Workplan (Added Item 10.4)

Will be added as an agenda item for October, 2021 meeting. Staff to disseminate a copy to new members.

6. MOTIONS (Item 11)

i. Approval of All Advisory Committee Event Date and Selection of a Presenter (Item 11.1).

(J. Hamilton/L. Gombakomba)

That the Immigrants & Refugees Committee select R. Safi & D. Honig to represent the committee at the All Advisory Event and deliver a 5 minute presentation

respecting the committee's mandate, challenges and current initiatives.

7. ADJOURNMENT (Item 15)

(K. Ahmed/J. Hamilton)

That the Meeting for the Immigrant and Refugee Committee be adjourned at 8:28pm.

Next Meeting: Thursday, October 14, 2021