



Hamilton

Minutes

IMMIGRANT & REFUGEE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

December 9, 2021

6:30pm-8:30pm

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Present: Rami Safi (Chair) Dina Honig (Vice-Chair), Aref Alshaikhahmed, Dorar Abuzaid, Khursheed Amed, Eisham Karim, Grace Maciak.

Regrets: Jennie Hamilton, Leslyn Gombakomba, Ammira Ali, Councillor Maureen Wilson

Also Present: Cole Gately – Staff Liaison, Diversity & Inclusion
Taline Morris – Admin, Diversity & Inclusion

1. WELCOME & INTRODUCTIONS

R. Safi provided a round of welcome and introductions.

2. CEREMONIAL ACTIVITIES (Item 1)

D. Abuzaid gave a Land Acknowledgement.

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA (Item 2)

(K. Amed/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 November 11, 2021 (Item 4.1)

(A. Alshaikhahmed/D.Honig)

That the Minutes of November 11, 2021 be approved.

CARRIED

5. COMMUNICATION (Item 5)

i. Minutes – All Advisory Event (Item 9.1)

(A. Alshaikhahmed/R. Safi)

That the That the Minutes of the All Advisory Event be received.

CARRIED

6. DISCUSSION ITEMS (Item 10)

i. Business Arising from Previous Minutes (Item 10.1)

Committee members inquired about the status of the 2022 budget. Staff provided a brief update that the 2022 budget has been forwarded to the Audit, Finance and Administration committee for review.

ii. Committee Action Plan (Item 10.2)

Committee members discussed how to best implement the committee's action plan. They also discussed potential community partnerships based on community services and alignment with committee's mandate. Discussion to continue at the next meeting. Committee members to bring back ideas/areas of concern they would like the committee to address.

iii. Committee Member LOA

Committee members discussed the request for a leave of absence from committee member for 3 months.

(D. Abuzaid/K. Ahmed)

That the Leave of absence of D. Honig be approved as requested.

CARRIED

7. ADJOURNMENT (Item 15)

(K. Ahmed/ A. Alshaikhahmed)

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

CARRIED