



Hamilton

Minutes

IMMIGRANTS & REFUGEES ADVISORY COMMITTEE

March 10, 2022

6:30pm-8:30pm

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Present: Jennie Hamilton (Chair), Eisham Abdulkarim (Vice-Chair), Rami Safi, Aref Alshaikhahmed, Dorar Abuzaid, Ammira Ali, Grace Maciak,

Regrets: Dina Honig, Councillor Maureen Wilson

Also

Present: Aine Leadbetter of Elections
Cole Gately – Staff Liaison, Diversity & Inclusion

1. WELCOME & INTRODUCTIONS

J. Hamilton provided a welcome and introductions

2. CEREMONIAL ACTIVITIES (Item 1)

J. Hamilton provided the Land Acknowledgement

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA (Item 2)

(J.Hamilton/E. Abdulkarim)

That the Agenda of March 10, 2022 be approved as presented.

CARRIED

4. STAFF PRESENTATION (Item 9)

Aine Leadbetter of Elections asked the committee to pass a motion to create an elections working group.

(A. Alshaikhahmed/E. Abdulkarim)

That an Immigrants and Refugees Elections Working Group be established to liaise with Legislative Coordinators to develop and provide input into elections resources, with the following Advisory Committee members as participants:

Dorar Abuzaid
Eisham Abdulkarim
Ammira Ali
Jennie Hamilton
Aref Alshaikhahmed

CARRIED

5. DISCUSSION ITEMS (Item 10)

i. Action Plan (Item 10.3)

a. Membership for the Canadian Council of Refugees

(D. Abuzaid/A. Alshaikhahmed)

That the Immigrant and Refugee Committee purchase a membership to the Canadian Council of Refugees.

CARRIED

b. Additional Focus of the Committee

(A. Alshaikhahmed/D. Abuzaid)

That the Immigrant and Refugee Committee focus on helping immigrants and refugees in Hamilton to gain financial knowledge.

CARRIED

c. Invitation to Financial Expert to Discuss Financial Issues Related to Newcomers to the City of Hamilton

(A. Alshaikhahmed/E. Abdulkarim)

That the Immigrant and Refugee Committee invite a financial expert to talk about financial issues related to newcomers.

CARRIED

6. ADJOURNMENT (Item 15)

(A. Alshaikhahmed/J. Hamilton)

That there being no further business, the Immigrant and Refugee Advisory Committee meeting be adjourned at 8.00pm.

CARRIED