



CITY OF HAMILTON
HEALTHY AND SAFE COMMUNITIES DEPARTMENT
General Manager's Office

TO:	Mayor and Members City Council
COMMITTEE DATE:	June 8, 2022
SUBJECT/REPORT NO:	Ukrainian Response Update and Request for Assistance (HSC22029(a)) (City Wide)
WARD(S) AFFECTED:	City Wide
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RECOMMENDATION

The following resolutions were approved by Council at its meeting of June 8, 2022:

- ~~(b) That staff be directed to pursue full recovery from senior levels of government for the costs associated with the City's response to the Ukraine Crisis, and that staff report back on the outcome of this undertaking; and,~~
- ~~(d) That Council endorse Mayor Eisenberger, in concert with area Mayors, send correspondence to the Prime Minister, Deputy Prime Minister, Provincial Premier and Local MPPs, and MPs to assist Hamilton with the housing and support for Ukrainian refugees.~~

The following resolutions were DEFERRED to the June 22, 2022 Council meeting:

- (a) That staff be authorized to respond to supporting the Ukraine Crisis, including but not limited to short-term and temporary accommodations and wrap around supports with an estimated cost of \$670,000 per month, to be charged to the Corporate Financials – Expenditures/Non-Program Dept Id;

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OUR Mission: To provide high quality cost conscious public services that contribute to a healthy, safe and prosperous community, in a sustainable manner.

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- (c) That the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized and directed to execute all documentation necessary to support the City's response to the Ukraine Crisis, with content acceptable to the General Manager, City Managers Office, and in a form satisfactory to the City Solicitor.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

In a recent meeting with the Greater Toronto Hamilton and Area (GTHA) Committee, the Canadian Red Cross situated at Pearson Airport reported that the number of Ukrainian arrivals is increasing at Pearson International Airport. Commercial flights arriving at Pearson Airport have increased from one flight per day to two flights per day. It is estimated that approximately 300 Ukrainians will arrive daily in Toronto. Many Ukrainians are arriving without connections to family, friends or host families. The Public Health Agency of Canada (PHAC) has reported there are over 75 Ukrainians currently at the Designated Quarantine Facility in the Peel Region, with 95% having no accommodation plan. PHAC has reported that every day, 2-3 families with no housing options are ready to leave the quarantine facility which is resulting in a large strain on the over burden sheltered system in Peel Region and neighbouring municipalities such as Toronto, Durham, Halton Region, York Region, and Hamilton.

The GTHA Committee has developed a Regional Plan for the Provision of Temporary Accommodation to Canadian Ukrainian Authorization for Emergency Travel (CUAET) Visa Holders. This Temporary Accommodation Plan is being activated across the GTHA and supports a surge in response needed to respond to the increase arrivals of Ukrainians in the GTHA. All municipalities and regions are developing plans to accommodate Ukrainians. This involves a complex response to meet their housing, clothing, nutritional and other social service needs.

Without a committed Federal/Provincial funding source, this will result in an unfunded pressure within Corporate Financials – Expenditures/Non-Program. Staff will continue their joint advocacy efforts with the Greater Toronto Hamilton Area Mayors and Chairs to pursue full recovery from senior levels of government for the costs associated with the City's response

Alternatives for Consideration – Not applicable

FINANCIAL – STAFFING – LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

Financial: An unfunded pressure of approximately \$670,000/month for 50 households is forecasted and will be charged to the Corporate Financials – Expenditures/Non-Program Dept Id. A household is defined as 1 adult, 1 youth >12, 2 children < 12).

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Staff will continue to work with the Federal and Provincial governments to secure reimbursement for any expenses incurred in the preparation and delivery of the humanitarian response.

Staffing: N/A

Legal: N/A

HISTORICAL BACKGROUND

Since January 1, 2022, 22,253 Ukrainians have arrived in Canada (Source IRCC April 24, 2022), with an estimated 200 Ukrainians having arrived in the City of Hamilton and are living with family, friends and host families.

The Hamilton Ukrainian Humanitarian Crisis Response Team (HUHCR) is a team comprised of City staff and key leaders from community organizations who specialize in resettlement and settlement of refugees. This team is working closely with the Hamilton chapter of the Canadian Ukrainian Congress. The mission of this team is to coordinate local efforts to proactively plan and coordinate support for Ukrainians who have already arrived in Hamilton and to anticipate a surge of arrivals and/or a secondary migration to Hamilton. This team has and will continue to coordinate access to critical services such as health care, education, child-minding, social assistance and interpretation services.

The City of Toronto, together with five Regions and Cities in the surrounding region (Durham, York, Peel and Halton Regions, and the City of Hamilton) developed a Regional Plan for the Provision of Temporary Accommodation to Canadian Ukrainian Authorization for Emergency Travel (CUAET) Visa Holders.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS AND LEGISLATED REQUIREMENTS

N/A

RELEVANT CONSULTATION

The Senior Leadership Team was consulted, and their comments were incorporated into this report.

ANALYSIS AND RATIONALE FOR RECOMMENDATION

All levels of government are working hard to make sure that people affected by the conflict in Ukraine have access to the services and support they need to settle in their destination.

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Currently, the Region of Peel will be securing a 90-room hotel as a Reception Centre where approximately 300 Ukrainians will be accommodated effective June 6, 2022. The City of Toronto expects to open a Reception Centre with accommodations starting on June 13, 2022. Halton Region plans to initiate immediate housing at a community college and Durham is working on a plan to provide accommodation at a local hotel. Hamilton has reached out to local universities and college to secure housing options. Utilizing existing structures and supports in a coordinated way will build capacity without overburdening the exhausted shelter system. Housing solutions have been secured with Mohawk College, McMaster University and Redeemer University.

Since many Ukrainians have arrived with connections to families, friends and host families the number of Ukrainians that have arrived in the Greater Toronto Area is hard to determine. As of May 25, 2022, 1168 Ukrainians in the GTHA have applied for emergency income assistance. In the City of Hamilton, as of June 3, 2022, 33 Ukrainians have applied for Emergency Income Assistance. We do expect these numbers to grow and will report on the status of arrivals and applications for assistance as they become known.

ALTERNATIVES FOR CONSIDERATION

None

ALIGNMENT TO THE 2016 – 2025 STRATEGIC PLAN

Community Engagement and Participation

Hamilton has an open, transparent and accessible approach to City government that engages with and empowers all citizens to be involved in their community

Healthy and Safe Communities

Hamilton is a safe and supportive City where people are active, healthy, and have a high quality of life.

Culture and Diversity

Hamilton is a thriving, vibrant place for arts, culture, and heritage where diversity and inclusivity are embraced and celebrated.

APPENDICES AND SCHEDULES ATTACHED

None