

CITY OF HAMILTON

NOTICE OF MOTION

COUNCIL DATE: March 30, 2022

MOVED BY MAYOR F. EISENBERGER

Mayor's Ukrainian Humanitarian Crisis and Response Advisory Committee

WHEREAS, an estimated 3.8 million Ukrainian citizens have been forced to flee from their homeland due to the unjust war initiated by Russia on February 24, 2022;

WHEREAS, many Ukrainians are now seeking temporary refuge until such time they can safely return to their homeland;

WHEREAS, it is anticipated that tens of thousands of displaced Ukrainians will make their way to Canada, hundreds of whom will settle in the City of Hamilton;

WHEREAS, the Provincial and Federal Governments are financially responsible for newcomer and refugee settlement services;

WHEREAS the Federal Government has created the Canada-Ukraine Authorization for Emergency Travel (CUAET), that allows visitors to temporarily reside and work in Canada for up to three years;

WHEREAS, the Federal CUAET process differs from past newcomer and refugee support programs, and has not established what level of funding will flow through to settlement service organizations or the Port of Entry funding model;

WHEREAS, the Provincial Government has yet to announce a financial support program for displaced Ukrainians; and

WHEREAS, the City of Hamilton and its partner organizations led by Hamilton Immigration Partnership Council (HIPC) and the robust Canadian Ukrainian Hamilton community, has the experience and expertise required to assist newcomers;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED

- (a) That Council approve the creation of the Mayor's Ukrainian Humanitarian Crisis and Response Advisory Committee;

- (b) That the committee membership be comprised of key community organizations, stakeholders and city departments with the objective of providing the necessary supports to Hamilton's displaced Ukrainians;
- (c) That the General Manager of Healthy and Safe Communities, relevant HSC divisional Directors, the Senior HIPC Project Manager, and the Mayor's Ukrainian Humanitarian Crisis and Response Advisory Committee work with Federal and Provincial government partners on a comprehensive settlement plan to welcome these Ukrainians to the City of Hamilton;
- (d) That the settlement plan include but not be limited to, the necessary Provincial and Federally funded supports for housing, health, education, translation and labour services; and
- (e) That staff report back to the General Issues Committee with a progress update, the number of displaced Ukrainians that could be supported and any resource requirements.