



Hamilton

Minutes IMMIGRANT & REFUGEE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

April 14, 2022
6:30pm-7:00pm
WebEx

Present: Jennie Hamilton (Chair), Eisham Abdulkarim (Vice Chair), Aref Alshaikhahmed, Dina Honig, Rami Safi, Khursheed Ahmed, Grace Maciak, Jessica Bowen

Regrets: Dorar Abuzaid (Recording Secretary), Ammira Ali, Councillor Maureen Wilson

Absent: Leslyn Gombakomba (resigned)

Also

Present: Sunil Angrish – Staff Liaison

1. CEREMONIAL ACTIVITIES (Item 1)

J. Hamilton provided the Land Acknowledgement

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING (Item 2)

(i) Minutes of April 14, 2022

(D.Hogig/A. Alshaikhahmed)

That the Agenda of April 14, 2022 be approved as presented.

CARRIED

3. DISCUSSION ITEMS (Item 3)

i. Business Arising from Previous Minutes (Item 3.1)

Nothing arose

ii. Canadian Council of Refugees Membership (Item 3.2)

S. Angrish had put the request for the subscription to the database to the City's finance department, who did not approve the expense as the committee is not an organization. Sunil is seeking clarification for alternative methods of acquiring financial support to acquire a membership.

iii. Presentation for Financial Newcomer Support (Item 3.3)

J. Hamilton shared that a suitable person/organization has not been located. Deferred to the next meeting.

iv. Municipal Elections Working Group (Item 3.4)

J. Hamilton provided update that she will be checking in with the municipal elections team who had asked committee members to be part of a working group.

v. Ukraine Refugee Crisis Discussion (Item 3.5)

D. Honig brought forth the question of if Ukrainian immigrants who are being afforded temporary status fall under the umbrella of "refugees", in order to verify if the committee should become involved in providing recommendations.

Committee will take time to get more information to make a decisive call on the distinction.

S. Angrish suggested that the Committee could voice concerns via a Citizens Committee Report, or request to Delegate and speak to the matter of ensuring cultural groups are being supported in a just matter.

4. Other Business

S. Angrish will forward email to send reminder of Code of Conduct training.

5. ADJOURNMENT

(D.Honig/A. Alshaikhahmed)

That the Meeting for the Immigrant and Refugee Committee be adjourned at 7.00 PM.

CARRIED