



Hamilton

Minutes
Advisory Committee for Immigrants and Refugees
Thursday December 8, 2022
6:30 pm
Webex

Present: Jennie Hamilton (Chair), Eisham Abdulkarim (Vice Chair),
Aref Alshaikhahmed, Dina Honig, Rami Safi, Lina El Khalil (Staff Liaison).

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

1. CEREMONIAL ACTIVITIES

- 1.1 J. Hamilton read the Land Acknowledgement.
- 1.2 J. Hamilton called the meeting to order and took roll call.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The Chair advised the committee of the following additions:

- 10.3 Hamilton Immigration Partnership Council (HIPC) meeting update
- 10.4 2024 applications for Advisory Committee members

(D.Honig/A. Alshaikhahmed)

That the Agenda for the December 8, 2022 meeting, be approved, as amended.

CARRIED

3. DECLARATION OF INTEREST

None.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

(i) April 14, 2022 (Item 4.1)

(D.Honig/A. Alshaikhahmed)

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

CARRIED

5. DISCUSSION ITEMS (Item 10)

(i) Financial Education Update (Item 10.1)

Hamilton Immigrant Partnership Council (HIPC) suggested to the chair the committee coordinates a recommendation to be put forward to council that is more relevant to current issues facing immigrants and refugees.

(D.Honig/A. Alshaikhahmed)

That discussion of a Financial Educational Update be deferred to a future meeting.

CARRIED

(ii) 2023 Budget (Item 10.2)

The committee discussed the budget submission document for 2023.

(D.Honig/A. Alshaikhahmed)

That the following description under Special Events/Project Costs of the 2023 Budget Submission be renamed to the following:

~~Hosting the annual Newcomer Open House and preparing and disseminating the Newcomer Guide to Hamilton to~~ **Special Projects**

CARRIED

(E. Abdulkarim/A. Alshaikhahmed)

That the 2023 budget submission for the Advisory Committee for Immigrants and Refugees be approved, as amended.

CARRIED

(iii) Hamilton Immigrant Partnership Council (HIPC) Update (Added Item 10.3)

The Chair attended the Hamilton Immigrant Partnership Council meeting that discussed priorities of newcomers. Chair will move this item to the next meeting agenda and share the report from HIPC.

(iv) 2024 Applications for Advisory Committee (Added Item 10.4)

Staff informed the committee that the recruitment for citizens to the City of Hamilton advisory committees is scheduled to take place in late Q1 2023. Staff will share more details once made available. Meetings will take place as scheduled until a new advisory committee has been formed.

6. ADJOURNMENT

(A. Alshaikhahmed/D.Honig)

That the Advisory Committee for Immigrants and Refugees be adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

CARRIED

Jennifer Hamilton, Chair