



Hamilton

**MINUTES**  
**IMMIGRANT & REFUGEE ADVISORY COMMITTEE (I&RC)**  
**Thursday December 13, 2012 - 6:30 pm**  
**City Hall, 71 Main St. W., Room 192**

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**Present:** Dustin Rouse, Minh Trinh, Dena Honig, Arvind Sahay, Thayra Marting, Shuja Qureshi, Abdulkhaliq Herati, Aspy Ayrton, Zafar Siddiqui, David Hosten

**Also Present:** Maxine Carter – City of Hamilton - Access & Equity Division, Grace Maciak - Ontario Works Program.

**Regrets:** Hana Pinthus Rotchild (leave), Nasir Sarwar (leave), Sumaira Khurshid, Isaac Acquah, Joana Fejzaj, Paul Hoang, Maher Hamade

**Absent:**

**1. Welcome and Introductions.**

All were welcomed.

**2. Declaration of Interest.**

None declared.

**3. Approval of Agenda.**

The agenda of the meeting was reviewed and approved with as amended. D. Hosen added Item 10.4 Landlord Regulations (Dec. 12 GIC)

**S. Qureshi/Z. Siddiqui**

To accept the agenda, as amended.

**CARRIED.**

**4. Approval of Minutes of November 8, 2012.**

Item 5.2 needs to be changed to reflect the discussion. Remove member's name.

**A. Ayrton/S. Qureshi**

To approve the minutes of November 8, 2012, as amended.

**CARRIED.**

**5. Matters Arising from the Minutes of November 8, 2012.**

**5.1 Hamilton Immigration Partnership Council (HIPC).**

M. Carter was in contact with Linda Barton, Manager of the Hamilton Immigration Partnership Council (HIPC), to inform her of the advisory committee's invitation to attend their February 14, 2013 meeting so that she could provide an overview of the HIPC and some of their accomplishments to date. L. Barton is planning to attend. The committee will be provided with an update from M. Hamade regarding his initiative at the next meeting.

**6. Presentation.**

No presentation for this meeting.

**7. Business Items.**

**7.1 Work Plan & Priorities Discussion**

**7.1.1 Education Sub-Committee 1**

Minh Trinh, Grace Maciak, Dena Honig and Sumaira Khurshid –  
The sub-committee plans to meet later in the month to discuss the various programs offered by educational institutions and agencies for newcomers. One example that they discussed was the Future Ready Program offered by Mohawk College.

**M. Trinh/A. Sahay**

To accept the report of sub-committee 1 as presented.

**CARRIED.**

**7.1.2 Employment (Sub-Committee 2)**

A report was presented by D. Rouse updating the committee on the progress of the Employment sub-committee. The sub-committee will be meeting again before the next full committee meeting and will provide a more detailed update at that time.

**D. Honig/A. Ayrton**

That the report of the Employment Sub-committee be accepted as presented.

**CARRIED.**

**7.1.3 Partnerships with Service Providers (Sub-Committee 3)**

A. Sahay provided a report updating the committee on the progress of the Partnerships with Service Providers sub-committee. They plan to

create a questionnaire that would be distributed to the cultural groups and service providers that are involved with newcomers.

**S. Qureshi/Z. Siddiqui**

That the report of the Partnerships with Service Providers sub-committee be accepted as presented.

**CARRIED.**

**7.1.4 Open House Sub committee:**

Tabled

**8. Review and comment on reports, legislation and studies.**

No reports.

**9. Correspondence/Current affairs.**

No correspondence.

**10. New Business.**

**10. 1 Initiative for newcomers who are professionally trained.**

Tabled.

**10. 2 Facilitation Inclusion Cooperative.**

Tabled.

**10. 3 Review of membership.**

Tabled.

**11. Next Meeting Date.**

The next meeting will be held on January 10, 2013.

**12. Adjournment.**

The meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

**A. Herati/A. Sahay**

To adjourn the meeting.

**CARRIED.**