

Hamilton Immigration Partnership Council

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To the Chairing Members of the Emergency and Community Services Committee:

The Hamilton Immigration Partnership Council (HIPC) was formed in January 2009 in response to Citizenship and Immigration Canada's proposal to establish a local immigration partnership council. Its objective is to "provide a collaborative framework to facilitate the development and implementation of sustainable solutions for the successful integration of newcomers."

The HIPC is made up of community leaders reflecting many sectors of Hamilton's community and representing organizations that provide services to or have an interest in the attraction, settlement and integration of newcomers to Hamilton.

Having recently completed its first phase of the initiative which resulted in the development of Hamilton's first ever Immigration Strategy, the HIPC is currently being reestablished as it moves to the next phase of implementing the Strategy.

As such, the HIPC would like to request that Councillor McHattie represent Hamilton City Council on our membership. Councillor McHattie's experience and expertise would undoubtedly be a significant asset to our project as we move forward and closer to making our vision a reality.

HIPC VISION

Hamilton is an inclusive city where the talents and experience that immigrants and refugees bring are valued because they are integral to making Hamilton the best place to raise a child.

Thank you for considering this request,



Richard Koroscil
Co-Chair
Hamilton Immigration Partnership Council