Present: Liban Abdi, Rick Gwozdowski, David Hosten, Samer Salman, Monique Hoeflaak, Minh Ly Trinh, Sipiwe Mapfumo, Rabelani Makwarela

Also Present: Carole Szo, Debbie Baggo – Ontario Works
Maxine Carter, Access and Equity Coordinator, City of Hamilton

Regrets: Lori Fothergill, Aurelia Tokaci, Ismail Ibrahim, Samia Qadims, Jeswinder Singh Elham Agok, Carol Ann Fernandes

1. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST
None declared.

2. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS
Committee members introduced themselves. New members in attendance on behalf of Ontario Works are Carol Szo and Debbie Baggo.

3. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA
Agenda approved with the addition of Evaluation as item 7

4. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES:

(R.Gwozdowski /R.Makwarela)
That the January 10, 2008 minutes of the Immigrant & Refugee Advisory Committee be approved as circulated. CARRIED.

Matters arising from the minutes included:
i) Item 4.1 – Maxine Carter to send the final version of the Terms of Reference to all committee members.

5. BUSINESS ITEMS

5.1 Review of Work Plan & Priorities Setting
See attached pages.

The Committee to review the previous committee’s workplan to get an understanding of its contents and come up with concrete strategies, form questions to clarify and try to blend the new ideas developed at the February 13, 2008 meeting.
5.2 **Review and Comment on Reports, Legislation, Studies**
Nothing submitted for this meeting.

5.3 **Community Councils Task Force**
This item deferred to March 2008 meeting.

5.4 **Equity & Inclusion Policy Update**
This item deferred to March 2008 meeting.

5.5 **Chair of Police Services Board – Discussion**
R. Makwaveala to share information and give regular updates on behalf of the Diversity Committee of Hamilton Police Services at each meeting.

6. **CORRESPONDENCE / CURRENT AFFAIRS**

6.1 The committee received the resignation of Jahan Zeb from the committee.

6.2 Newcomer Seminar to be held on Tuesday, February 19, 2008 at Mohawk College.

7. **NEW BUSINESS**

7.1 **Evaluation**
Good to hear everyone’s introduction again. We got to know each other much better at this meeting.

8. **ADJOURNMENT**
The meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.