1. DECLARATION OF INTEREST
None.

2. WELCOME & INTRODUCTIONS
All were welcomed.

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES AND NOTES
Moved by David, seconded by Alina, the Notes from November 9, 2006 as presented. Carried. Moved by David and seconded by Allan the Minutes from October 12, 2006 as presented. Carried.

5. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES
None noted.

6. BUSINESS ITEMS

6.1 PRESENTATION – DAVID HOSTEN – BENEFITS OF HIRING IMMIGRANTS
Deferred to next meeting.

6.2 DISCUSSION ON APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAM
There was a roundtable discussion to establish branding for Hamilton – Skilled Labour. David suggested that the City could be branded and become renowned for Apprenticeship Training. This would be done in partnership with the City and the Province. The program should be easily accessible for immigrants and refugees. This could attract more businesses and people to Hamilton. Our committee could provide input to the program.
6.3 BILL 124
Presentation made within 10 minutes (allotted time). Committee wondered as to the outcome of our presentation as well as the other presentations. Also would like a copy of the presentation.

6.4 NEW INITIATIVE ONTARIO IMMIGRATION & CITY
Deferred to next meeting

7 CORRESPONDENCE / CURRENT AFFAIRS

Secretary advised that the term of the current committee members remains until such time as their successors are appointed. It was expected that advertisements would be placed in the Spectator February or March. There was a question as to whether the “new” members would have to undergo the same process, as they had just completed this last year.

The Secretary also noted that Council representatives would only sit on the Committee if there was a request for the representation. It was moved by Carol Ann and seconded by Monique, that the Audit and Administration Committee be asked to appoint up to two (2) members of Council to sit on this Advisory Committee for Immigrants and Refugees which meets on the second Thursday of each month. Carried unanimously.

8 ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:00 pm.