


# INFORMATION UPDATE

<b>TO:</b>	Mayor & Members of Council
<b>COMMITTEE DATE:</b>	November 9, 2020
<b>SUBJECT/REPORT NO:</b>	Hamilton Anti-Racism Resource Centre Update
<b>WARD(S) AFFECTED:</b>	City Wide
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## COUNCIL DIRECTION

In December 2019, Council directed staff to retain a consultant for the establishment of an independent Board of Directors for the Hamilton Anti-Racism Resource Centre (HARRC). Council also directed that the consultant establish a Community Advisory Panel to support project development (HUR18010(c)) (City Wide).

## INFORMATION

A staff report to the Audit, Finance and Administration Committee on September 24, 2020, informed that EMpower Strategy Group was the successful consultant for the Hamilton Anti-Racism Resource Centre.

EMpower Strategy Group has now established a nine-member Community Advisory Panel (CAP), which is already meeting and supporting this initiative. The CAP members come from a variety of diverse backgrounds, lived-experiences and equity lenses essential to providing strategic advice, decision making and overall support. However, CAP members are ineligible to apply for the inaugural HARRC Board of Directors.

The members of the HARRC's Community Advisory Panel are:

1. Dr. Gary Warner, Order of Canada recipient and community advocate
2. Mouna Bile, Black Justice Coordinator, Hamilton Community Legal Clinic
3. Joanne Webb, Board President, Hamilton Indian Regional Centre
4. Dr. Ameil Joseph, Associate Professor of Social Work, McMaster University
5. Gustavo Rymberg, Chief Executive Officer, Hamilton Jewish Federation
6. Yasmeen Mirza, Assistant Secretary, Muslim Association of Hamilton
7. Jean-Jacques Somwe, President, Congolese Community of Hamilton
8. Taimur Qasim, Member, Committee Against Racism, City of Hamilton
9. Lisa-Marie Johnston, Member, LGBTQ Advisory Committee, City of Hamilton