




COMMUNICATION UPDATE

TO:	Mayor and Members City Council
DATE:	February 12, 2024
SUBJECT:	Stories of Migration and Belonging Digital Exhibit (City Wide)
WARD(S) AFFECTED:	City Wide
SUBMITTED BY:	John Summers Acting Director, Tourism and Culture Planning and Economic Development Department
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The purpose of this Communication Update is to advise Council about the launch of three documentary films, which are part of the Stories of Migration and Belonging digital exhibition on the hamiltoncivilmuseums.ca website.

Stories of Migration and Belonging was created as a partnership between Hamilton Civic Museums, Hamilton Immigration Partnership Council and members of our community who came together to honour and amplify the contributions of immigrants to our communities.

These three short films present the immigration stories of Enefers and Pricilla Griffin (Griffin House National Historic Site), James McFarlane (the Hamilton Museum of Steam & Technology) and the Sisters of Social Service (Auchmar Estate). Museum staff worked closely with community partners to bring these historic stories to life, including the Griffin House Committee, Stewart Memorial Church, Cemetery Chronicles and the Diocese of Hamilton.

Stories of Migration and Belonging is emblematic of the approach outlined in our new 2021 Civic Museum Strategy, which seeks to collaborate and co-create with community partners and explore possibilities around digital interpretation. With a permanent digital home on hamiltoncivilmuseums.ca, Stories of Migration and Belonging will preserve and share stories of immigration for audiences today and in the future.

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OUR Culture: Collective Ownership, Steadfast Integrity, Courageous Change, Sensational Service, Engaged Empowered Employees.

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For more information about the Stories of Migration and Belonging exhibition, visit hamiltoncivicmuseums.ca-exhibition-migration-and-belonging or please contact Meredith Leonard, Senior Curator, Learning and Interpretation by email at Meredith.Leonard@hamilton.ca or by phone at (905) 546-2424 Ext. 6223.

APPENDICES AND SCHEDULES ATTACHED

Not Applicable.