



City of  
Peterborough



# Syrian Refugees

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UPPORT OF REFUGEES

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WHOLE FEBRUARY 16, 2016

# New Canadians Centre Peterborough

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We are a non-profit charitable organization dedicated to supporting immigrants, refugees and other newcomers.

The New Canadians Centre Peterborough strives to empower immigrants and refugees to become full and equal members of Canadian society, and to provide community leadership to ensure cultural integration in a welcoming community.

**Everyone Welcome!** 



# Thank you

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- Thank you for the provision of \$25,000 in 2015 for the NCC, CMHA and Housing Resource Centre. This assists with the community efforts of relocating and integrating refugees into our community
  - Thank you to Councillor Keith Riel for presence at Refugee Resettlement Task Force table
  - Thank you to Mayor Bennett, other Councillors and city staff for community support



# Acronyms

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PSR – Privately Sponsored Refugee

- Group responsible for 1 year financial support, 1 year settlement support, 1 year social support

GAR – Government Assisted Refugee

- Government responsible for 1 year financial support
  - NCC responsible for essential settlement support
  - No extended settlement or social support
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- IRCC - Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada
  - RAP - Resettlement Assistance Program

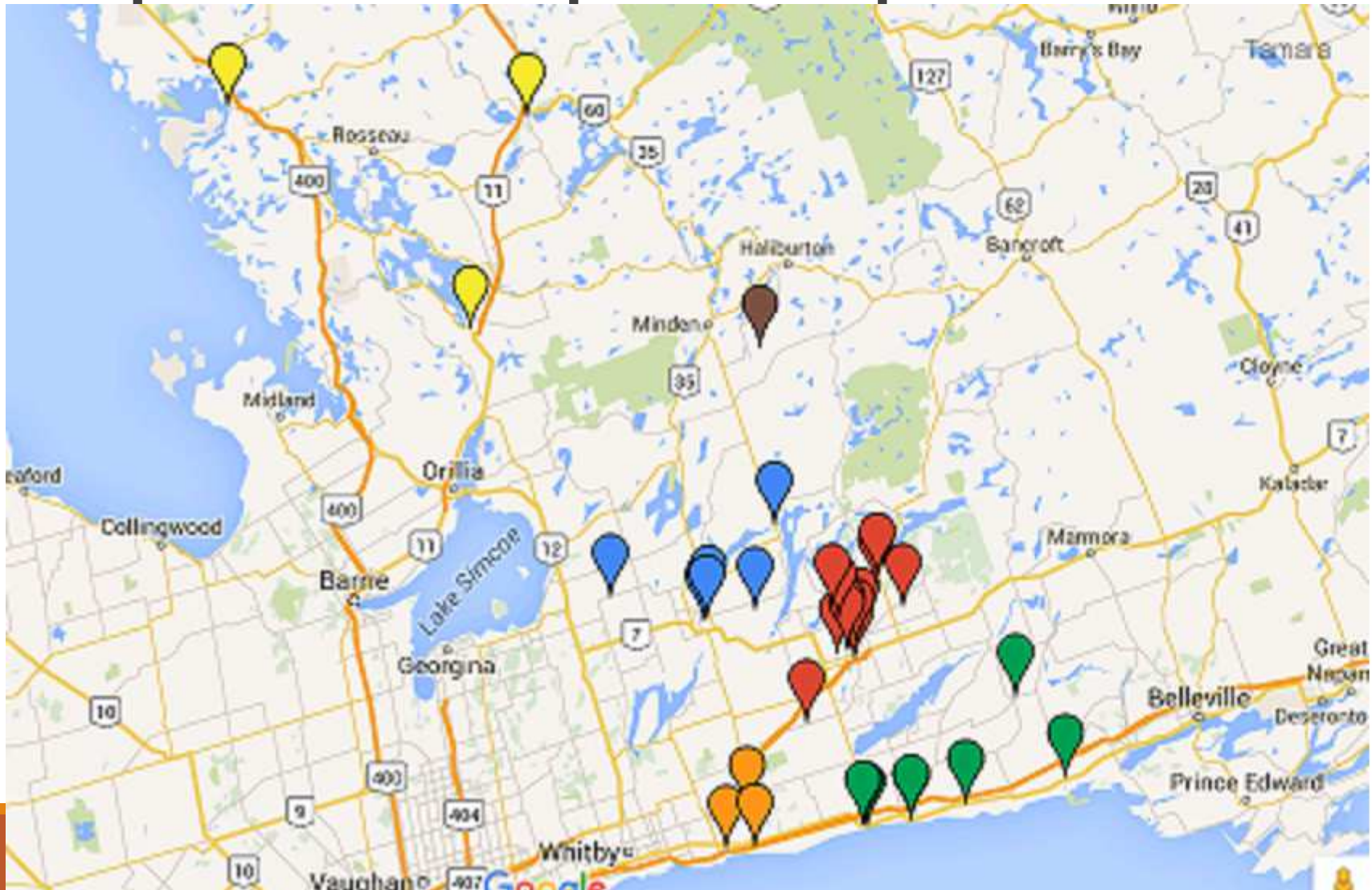
# Rough Timeline (Sept. – Feb.)

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- Hub for sponsoring groups
- NCC Board decisions
- Contact point for IRCC
- Coordination of Refugee Resettlement Task Force
- Contact and liaison for media
- Reception of family linked GARs
- Formation of support groups for GARs
- Continual work with PSR's
- Resettlement Assistance Program (RAP) proposal submitted
- Projection of April to receive GARs via RAP



# Sponsorship Groups



# Clarifications from Report

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- Arrivals; 8 PSR families, 3 GAR families
  - Have now submitted RAP application to IRCC
  - Current submission is 3 GAR families per month, brought down from 6; conversation with IRCC
  - Numbers of 250-500 should now be read as ~30 PSR families and ~36 GAR families.
  - Housing Resource Centre also working with PSR groups, not just GARs.



# Clarifications from Report

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- ESL working group has now been formed
- Not just 20 GAR support groups; goal is to have as many support groups as there are GAR families arriving.
- Already have 18 support groups (many fully formed)
- Additional information session this Thu Feb 18th

# Mosaic – GAR Support Groups

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# Role of New Canadians Centre

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- Airport / hotel pickup
- Provide temporary housing
- Meet immediate settlement needs (e.g. OHIP)
- Orientation workshops
- Assist with permanent housing search
- Work with support groups, sponsorship groups, community partners, and other volunteers

# Role of Support Groups

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- Social connections and fun activities
- Orientation to Community
- Transportation and scheduling
- Assist with permanent housing search
- Assist with move to permanent housing
- Work with community partners

*\*Police checks mandatory*



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Questions? And again, thank you.

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Refugee Resettlement Coordinators

Nic Cunningham – Employment Working Group