



City of
Peterborough

To: **Members of the General Committee**

From: **Ken Doherty, Director Community Services**

Meeting Date: **April 16, 2018**

Subject: **Report CSD18-003**
Update on Municipal and Community Support of Refugees

Purpose

A report to update Council on municipal and community support of refugees in Peterborough.

Recommendation

That Council approve the recommendation outlined in Report CSD18-003 dated April 16, 2018 of the Director of Community Services, as follows:

That the presentation from Hajni Hos, Executive Director of the New Canadians Centre, be received for information.

Budget and Financial Implications

There are no financial or budgetary implications in receiving this report. As a result of Report CSD16-027, dated November 28, 2016, Council agreed to an additional “one-time” allocation of \$50,000 to help offset the anticipated impact of “Month 13”.

During 2016 Budget deliberations Council approved the provision of \$25,000 in 2016 and 2017 to assist with local efforts to relocate and integrate refugees in the community. With the approval of the CAO and Director of Corporate Services, the Director of Community Service allocated \$25,000 in unspent 2015 operational funds from the Arts Culture & Heritage Administration to establish a 2015 budget to deal with urgent needs and to leverage additional support.

Background

New Canadians Centre Peterborough

The New Canadians Centre Peterborough (NCC) is the only Peterborough agency delivering settlement services to immigrants and refugees. In September, 2015 the staff and the Board decided to take on coordination of refugee resettlement efforts in Peterborough.

They originally anticipated that Peterborough would receive around 100 Privately Sponsored Refugees (PSRs) and 250-500 Government Assisted Refugees (GARs) by the end of 2016.

In response to Report CSD16-027, Council also directed staff to report back to Council with an update on activities associated with this work by the end of 2017. This report is in response to that direction.

Hajni Hos from the New Canadians Centre will present an update on the number of immigrants, how they've been received and initiatives going forward.

Submitted by,

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