

**CITY OF HAMILTON
MOTION**

COUNCIL: March 9, 2016

MOVED BY MAYOR EISENBERGER.....

SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR.....

Establishment of Mayor’s Advisory Committee on Newcomer Resettlement

WHEREAS Canada has received its 25,000th Syrian Refugee as of March 1, 2016;

WHEREAS Hamilton has received 992 Government Assisted Refugees between December 10, 2015 and March 1, 2016;

WHEREAS Ontario has received 2016 Privately Sponsored Refugees as of February 10, 2016;

WHEREAS Hamilton has a number of community organizations and individuals involved in privately sponsored refugees;

WHEREAS there is no single agency responsible for the coordination of the resettlement of both Government Assisted Refugees and Privately Sponsored Refugees; and

WHEREAS Hamilton has a long history of welcoming newcomers and being a place of refuge for those fleeing war, persecution and other tragic circumstances.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

- a) That staff be directed to work with community partners to develop the Terms of Reference for the Mayor’s Advisory Committee on Newcomer Resettlement; and
- b) That staff report back to the Emergency and Community Services Committee in April 2016.