



Responding to the Syrian Refugee Crisis

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MOVED by Commissioner Evans
SECONDED by Commissioner Mackinnon

WHEREAS:

1. Nearly 4 Million Syrians of all ages have been forced to flee their homes and their country to escape violence, war, imprisonment, and torture;
2. The Government of Canada has undertaken to bring 25,000 such refugees to Canada by year end;
3. The City of Vancouver has committed to assist to those refugees that will be settled in Vancouver;
4. Agencies in Vancouver that provide services to refugees have identified housing as one of the most pressing needs facing the expected refugees; and
5. The Vancouver Park Board has the potential to be able to offer one or more former caretaker suites as temporary accommodation for a refugee family or families.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

- A. THAT the Vancouver Park Board direct staff to examine all currently unoccupied and uncommitted former caretaker suites for the purpose of determining whether any can be reasonably put to use as temporary accommodation for government sponsored refugees from Syria; and
- B. FURTHER THAT staff report back to the Board on possible options as soon as practicable.

Motion to Refer

MOVED by Commissioner Coupar
SECONDED by Commissioner Crawford

THAT the Park Board refer the motion to staff.

CARRIED
(Commissioners Evans, Mackinnon and Wiebe opposed)