

Refugee Support

Excerpted from Minutes 2015-12-14

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MOVED by Commissioner Mackinnon SECONDED by Commissioner Wiebe

WHEREAS:

- 1. The City of Vancouver has a long and proud history of welcoming refugees and helping them start new lives with hope, security, and freedom here in Canada;
- 2. Vancouver and communities across the country have a longstanding commitment to welcoming refugees and their families in times of need; this is at the heart of our inclusive, compassionate, and diverse city;
- 3. Vancouver has taken steps to increase our capacity to welcome refugees, and we will continue to do so -- the City has contributed \$4.1 million in land and grants for the construction of an innovative new Vancouver Welcome House for refugees.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

- A. THAT The Vancouver Park Board work with the City of Vancouver, our Community Centre Association partners, and the Immigrant Settlement Services of BC to support refugees living in Vancouver; and
- B. FURTHER THAT staff report back to the Board on the measures taken to welcome and support refugees.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY