

MOTION BY MAYOR BIGGER
REGARDING A NEWCOMER, REFUGEE AND IMMIGRATION ADVISORY PANEL
Presented to the Council Meeting of September 15, 2015

Whereas across Canada, municipalities are taking a leadership role in preparing to support and welcome newcomers and the immigration of families to their communities

And Whereas the City of Greater Sudbury wishes to encourage and support the initiatives being led by the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) and the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) of which we are members.

And Whereas there are many community groups in Greater Sudbury, that have offered to provide assistance to Syrian refugee families, who have been displaced from their homes,

And Whereas the City of Greater Sudbury can provide a leadership role in gathering community groups and interested citizens together to assist in this humanitarian crisis and in providing welcome to newcomers and both refugee and immigrant families who in future will call our community home;

Therefore be it resolved that the City of Greater Sudbury create a Newcomer, Refugee and Immigration Advisory Panel, to be co-ordinated by the City's Economic Development Department with the Mandate and Membership as outlined below and that the necessary By-Law be prepared.

Newcomer, Refugee and Immigration Advisory Panel

Mandate: To identify and consolidate opportunities and resources, coordinate and communicate the community's response in supporting newcomers, refugee and immigrant families who choose the City of Greater Sudbury as their new home.

Membership: Two members of Council as well as representatives of the multicultural, faith, education and other interested communities.

Term: Until their work is completed or the end of the Term of Council, whichever is earlier.