



Syrian Refugee Bulletin No. 5

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Harbourside Co-op in the Bathurst Quay neighbourhood organized a well-attended meeting on Thursday, January 7 **at the Harbourfront Community Centre** to explore ways to help Syrian refugees.

CHFT Executive Director Tom Clement, Ward 20 City Councilor Joe Cressy and Adam Vaughan, Member of Parliament for Spadina-Fort York spoke to a crowd of co-op members and other community members. Representatives from these co-ops attended – Alexandra Park, Arcadia, Black Creek, Cawthra Mansions, Harbourside, Harbour Channel, Niagara Neighbourhood, Spruce Court, Windward, and Woodsworth.

As a result of the meeting, four co-ops will try to work together to help house a Syrian refugee family. Other co-ops are considering providing housing.

La Fontaine Co-op in Ottawa welcomes Syrian family

A member of the Ottawa sponsoring group has written about the experience.

Please [click here](#) to read more

Charles Hastings Housing Co-op passes waiting list by-law change

Charles Hastings Housing Co-op has passed the Refugee by-law prepared by Bruce Lewis. The by-law was passed at the January 19, 2016 members' meeting.

Co-ops who have frequent vacancies will not need to pass this by-law.

[Please click here](#) to see the by-law.



Black Creek and Ellen McGreal Co-ops decide to make apartments available

Sponsoring groups on the Lifeline Syria website have been contacted about both Ellen McGreal and Black Creek Co-op. Both co-ops have decided to make apartments available.

The City

The City has now set up their housing registry. Go to this City of Toronto website, www.toronto.ca/refugees, and then click on Housing.

City administered co-ops will not be able to provide rent supplements. Before proceeding on market units, check with your social housing consultant.

Other resources

Other sources of information are –

Lifeline Syria www.lifelinesyria.ca,

the Government of Canada website www.canada.ca.

Thank you

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