Minute No. 565
Report – Executive Policy Committee – September 16, 2015

Item No. 7 Syrian Humanitarian Crisis – Refugee Resettlement Assistance

COUNCIL DECISION:

Council concurred in the recommendation of the Executive Policy Committee and adopted the following:

1. That the Federation of Canadian Municipalities Emergency Recommendation announced on September 12, 2015, which coordinates the work of cities and communities across the country to amplify the effectiveness of local initiatives already underway, be supported.

2. That the City of Winnipeg host an open house within 30 days where community partners involved in refugee settlement will detail their ongoing work with citizens who are eager to learn how they can provide assistance for newcomers and refugees.

3. That the Winnipeg Public Service be directed to report back to the Executive Policy Committee within 30 days regarding refugee resettlement assistance and ongoing initiatives offered by the various City of Winnipeg departments.

4. That the Proper Officers of the City be authorized to do all things necessary to implement the intent of the foregoing.

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DECISION MAKING HISTORY:

Moved by His Worship Mayor Bowman,

That the recommendation of the Executive Policy Committee be adopted by consent.

Carried

EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

On September 16, 2015, the Executive Policy Committee passed the following resolution:

WHEREAS the ongoing Syrian humanitarian crisis requires action and assistance from communities around the world;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Council support the Federation of Canadian Municipalities Emergency Recommendation announced on September 12, which coordinates the work of cities and communities across the country to amplify the effectiveness of local initiatives already underway;

AND FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED that the City will host an open house within 30 days where community partners involved in refugee settlement will detail their ongoing work with citizens who are eager to learn how they can provide assistance for newcomers and refugees;

AND FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED that the Executive Policy Committee direct the Public Service to report back to the Executive Policy Committee within 30 days regarding refugee resettlement assistance and ongoing initiatives offered by the various City of Winnipeg departments.

and submitted the matter to Council.