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RE: Canadian Council of Refugees Campaign

Dear Shauna,

Kimberley, BC has a long, proud history of welcoming and supporting refugees. We are well known nationally for having the unique ability to settle and retain refugees in a small rural community, without a large ethnic support group for newly arrived refugees and without paid service providers. This is due to the wonderful work of many, many, local volunteers who go out of their way to reach out and support refugees. It is the genuine friendships developed and the feeling of being welcome and trusted that keeps everyone, including refugees, in our community. Refugees benefit our community in so many ways – especially on a social and educational level.

April 4th was Refugee Rights Day and June 20th is World Refugee Day. It seems appropriate for Kimberley, as a municipality, to restate our commitment to welcoming some of the most vulnerable persons to our community.

The City of Kimberley is proud to protect refugees and of our long successful history of welcoming, settling, and retaining refugees. We commit to continue to welcome refugees to our community, and commend the citizens of Kimberley who contribute in so many ways to support and protect them.

We would also like to express our gratitude to the *East Kootenay Friends of Burma* and the *Canadian Council of Refugees* in their continued efforts to accommodate refugees in our communities, province and country.

Yours truly,

Ron McRae
Mayor

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