

September 14, 2021

His Worship Patrick Brown  
City of Brampton  
2 Wellington Street West  
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Dear Mayor Brown,

I am reaching out to share that the City of Toronto, United Way Greater Toronto (UWGT) and Lifeline Afghanistan are launching a resettlement fund which will help support incoming refugees from Afghanistan settle in the city.

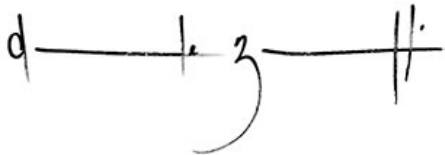
UWGT's role in the partnership will be to distribute funds to community agencies helping Afghan individuals and families settle in Toronto, including housing and employment support, food, clothing, and social services to support their longer-term integration and participation. The City of Toronto is managing in-kind donations of new goods and services such as clothing, diapers, school supplies, books and backpacks, household items, laptops and Wi-Fi connectivity to support those resettling. Lifeline Afghanistan is managing personal sponsorship of families and individuals.

The launch of the Toronto Region Afghan Resettlement Fund was announced yesterday at a press conference hosted by Mayor Tory.

We look forward to working with our Peel Region and municipal partners to support settlement efforts in Peel, including through potentially scaling this initiative in the region, as well as through our ongoing collaborative work to support resettlement and communities through the Peel Community Response Table and Peel Newcomer Strategy Group.

Always an email or call away to respond to any questions you might have regarding the fund and to explore collaboration to support Afghan resettlement in Brampton, of course. And always thanks for your ongoing partnership.

Always and only, thank you.



Daniele Zanotti

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## Fay, Peter

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**From:** Brown, Patrick - Mayor  
**Sent:** 2021/09/14 11:07 AM  
**To:** Collins, Gary  
**Cc:** Fay, Peter  
**Subject:** Re: [EXTERNAL]Response from Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada (Correspondence Ref. #: 2021-01193598)

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**From:** Collins, Gary <Gary.Collins@brampton.ca>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 14, 2021 10:33 AM  
**To:** Brown, Patrick - Mayor  
**Cc:** Fay, Peter  
**Subject:** FW: [EXTERNAL]Response from Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada (Correspondence Ref. #: 2021-01193598)

Mr. Mayor: take a look. Perhaps this email could be shared on the Council agenda?

### Gary Collins – Director of Communications

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**From:** Ministerial Correspondence / Correspondance Ministérielle (IRCC) <IRCC.MinisterialCorrespondence-CorrespondanceMinisterielle.IRCC@cic.gc.ca>  
**Sent:** 2021/09/14 10:24 AM  
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His Worship Patrick Brown  
Mayor of the City of Brampton  
[Gary.Collins@brampton.ca](mailto:Gary.Collins@brampton.ca)

2021-01193598

Dear Mr. Mayor:

Thank you for your correspondence of August 17, 2021, addressed to the Honourable Marco E.L. Mendicino, Minister of Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship, regarding the special immigration program for Afghans who contributed to Canada's efforts in Afghanistan. I have been asked to respond to your concerns.

I appreciate you sharing the reasons that prompted you to write. The Government of Canada continues to be deeply concerned by the deteriorating situation in Afghanistan, and the risks it poses for many vulnerable Afghans. The Government of Canada also recognizes that there are a number of people still in Afghanistan, including Canadian Citizens, permanent residents, their families, and applicants under [Programs for Afghans](#). Canada remains in close contact with Afghan applicants to provide support with documentation; however, Canada's evacuation operations have now ended, and the Government of Canada is unable to arrange travel within Afghanistan, either to a neighbouring country or directly to Canada.

Canada and its allies have [received assurances](#) from the Taliban that Afghan citizens with travel authorization from other countries will be allowed to leave the country safely.

Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada (IRCC) continues to urgently process eligible applications, whether applicants remain in Afghanistan or not. Applicants do not need to currently be in Afghanistan or to return to Afghanistan to meet the immigration requirements.

In addition to the [special immigration program](#) for Afghans who contributed to the Government of Canada's efforts in Afghanistan, Canada will also [resettle 20,000 vulnerable Afghans](#) to help address the growing humanitarian crisis. Those resettled under this effort will be a mix of government-supported and privately sponsored refugees, along with individuals who come to Canada through family reunification programs. IRCC recognizes the urgency of the situation and continues to process these cases as quickly as possible.

Information about the [special programs and how to apply](#), and [Canada's response to the situation in Afghanistan](#), is available on the IRCC Website.

In the coming weeks and months, the Government will be engaging with our international and domestic partners to develop a plan for moving forward. As with previous large-scale resettlement efforts, IRCC anticipates that many Canadians will want to help, and we welcome their involvement. More information about [how Canadians can help](#) is available on the IRCC Website.

Thank you for your kind offer in helping in the resettlement of Afghans to the City of Brampton. Please note that a copy of your correspondence was sent to the appropriate departmental officials for their information.

Thank you for taking the time to write. I trust that this information is helpful to you.

Sincerely,

S. Charbonneau  
Ministerial Enquiries Division

**This electronic address is not available for reply.**

## **MAYOR PATRICK BROWN**

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August 17, 2021

The Honourable Marco E. L. Mendicino, P.C., M.P.  
Minister of Immigration, Refugees, and Citizenship  
365 Laurier Avenue West  
Ottawa, Ontario K1A 1L1

Sent via [Minister@cic.gc.ca](mailto:Minister@cic.gc.ca)

Dear Minister Mendicino,

I continue to watch the horrific and tragic news from Afghanistan. It is heartbreaking to see the images. We have a duty to Afghani Canadians to resettle their families fearing prosecution. Those that stood with Canada must not be abandoned. They feel abandoned and have reached out to my office and Councillor Michael Palleschi with a plea for help.

Canadian officials in your Department and at Global Affairs must work faster to implement both the special immigration program for Afghans who contributed to Canada's efforts in Afghanistan and Afghans who are most at risk. I support your plans to introduce a special program to focus on particularly vulnerable groups that are already welcomed to Canada through existing resettlement streams, including women leaders, human rights defenders, journalists, persecuted religious minorities, LGBTI individuals, and family members of previously resettled interpreters. Time is of the essence. We knew four months ago that the Taliban were mobilizing to take over Afghanistan.

Canada has a responsibility to protect the brave people in Afghanistan who have collectively helped us carry out our mission over 20 years to advance human rights, education, health, and security in their country. My Council colleagues and I are working with local Brampton families to provide support to Afghans who settle in Brampton. I look forward to your response.

Sincerely,



Patrick Brown  
Mayor