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### Peterborough Immigration Partnership Response to Quebec City Mosque Shooting

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We wish to offer support to the local Muslim community and collectively re-affirm our commitment to building a broadly inclusive community. On November 14, 2015, our community experienced first-hand the effects of hatred put into action, when the Masjid Al-Salaam Mosque was set ablaze. We can only imagine the hateful murders that took place in Quebec must have revived the pain and fear caused to the local Muslim community after the 2015 attack.

In this context, we wish to affirm, as a broad cross-section of organizations and individuals in Peterborough, that our support for the local Muslim community remains strong and true: you are our family, friends and neighbours. You are respected, welcome, and valued in this community that is all of ours together.

The Peterborough Immigration Partnership is a community-based organisation composed of local institutions and agencies, community groups, volunteers, newcomers and residents. Through implementing our Community Immigrant Integration Plan, we are working together to create a community where the meaningful economic, social and cultural integration of newcomers ensures a prosperous and inclusive community for all.

This statement is officially endorsed by the following PIP members:

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