

Table 5-4

### Adult Refugees' Reasons for Leaving Their First Community - Selected Quotes

ID #	Destined City	Present Location	Examples
<b>For a Better City</b> ( <i>Includes: prefer larger/smaller city, people not welcoming/impersonal, cost/quality of housing, climate</i> )			
3072	Edmonton	Toronto	Sick of small town living; Toronto is where everything is happening.
0671	Grande Prairie	Calgary	That's a close community, not good for young, ambitious people.
2572	Medicine Hat	Ontario	Bad climate.
2442	Fort McMurray	Edmonton	Living costs and housing were very high.
2621	Calgary	Ontario	It was too cold. I escaped from winter.
<b>Services Inadequate</b>			
2431	Grande Prairie	Calgary	Because of bad settlement agencies in GP; having no interpreter or translator made our life difficult, ESL program and language training were not helpful.
2752	Lethbridge	BC	Frustrated with Immigration Office's conduct
2910	Lethbridge	BC	Very dissatisfied with ESL programs in schools, very dissatisfied with treatment received from Settlement Agencies and the people who worked there.
2992	Lethbridge	Ontario	Because we wanted to learn the language. ESL training in Lethbridge was very poor and basic; the other program called "Workplace" was just a waste of time.
3031	Grande Prairie	Ontario	Nobody wanted to help us.
<b>Employment/Education</b>			
3211	Edmonton	Ontario	We applied everywhere to do just about anything: cleaning, dishwashing We didn't get hired anywhere so we moved.
1641	Grande Prairie	Calgary	we didn't want to stay in GP because it is a small town without a university or technical school for our children
0721	Lethbridge	Calgary	I did not have any possibilities to find a job and to survive except to spend all the time on Social Assistance.
0451	Lethbridge	Calgary	Because of bad public transportation, no job opportunities - no opportunities for young people (my son).
1742	Red Deer	Calgary	Because of school system. Calgary has better post-secondary school system.
<b>Friends/Family/Compatriots</b>			
2442	Fort McMurray	Edmonton	Because there were no people from our home country and we felt very alone.
1580	Fort McMurray	Calgary	There were only four African people in Fort McMurray. I was very lonely. No one talked to me.
2961	Lethbridge	Halifax	My daughter was destined to Halifax. I wanted to be together with her and her family.
2932	Red Deer	Ontario	Inter-ethnic hostilities within immigrant community from the former Yugoslavia.
0350	Lethbridge	Calgary	I felt lonely. There were only two Iraqi people there.
2693	Edmonton	BC	Because we felt very alone and isolated.