

QUINTE LOCAL IMMIGRATION PARTNERSHIP

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Minutes of the meeting 11 March 2014

MEETING :	Quinte Local Immigration Partnership www.quintelip.ca
LOCATION	Victoria Room, The Travel Lodge, 11 Bay Bridge Rd, Belleville, Ontario
PROJECT COORDINATOR ADMINISTRATOR /FACILITATOR	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • John L. Robertson - Project Coordinator – Quinte Local Immigration Partnership - Email: lip@quis-immigration.org • Orlando Ferro – QLIP Administrator / Facilitator Executive Director – Quinte United Immigrant Services QUIS
NOTE TAKERS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • John L. Robertson / Jeff Wildgen
ATTENDEES	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • James Timlin – General Manager Community and Corporate Services – Town of Greater Napanee • Michele Dean - Michele Dean - ESL Teacher - Loyola School of Adult & Continuing Education - Algonquin and Lakeshore Catholic District School Board • Michele Dean - Member TESL Teachers of English as a Second Language – Kingston • Darrell McGrath – Employment Consultant - META Employment Services • Mike Whitaker - Employment Consultant - Community Employment Services - Loyalist College CES • Carmela Ruberto - Hastings County Social Services • John JJ Costello - Producer TVCOGECO Belleville/Napanee • Todd Davis - Community Development Coordinator - County of Prince Edward • Jodie Russett - Loyalist College, International Centre • Andrew Redden - Economic Development Manager Hastings County • Jeff Wildgen - Research Coordinator - Quinte United Immigrant Services • Aruna Alexander – United Nations Association in Canada Quinte and District • Julie Tang – Researcher - QUIS • Ann McIntosh - East Central Ontario Training Board • Bonnie DeRushie - East Central Ontario Training Board • Ryan Williams - President at Bay of Quinte Tourist Council • Michelle Rosebush - Coordinator Non-Credit Programs - Loyola School of Adult & Continuing Education - Algonquin and Lakeshore Catholic District School Board • Paul Osborne – President - Quinte United Immigrant Services

Agenda topics

DISCUSSION

- Introductions and Review of Minutes from October 08, 2013

Acknowledgements and Special Appreciation to:

- **Ann McIntosh** and the East Central Ontario Training Board (ECOTB) for providing the Victoria Room at the Belleville Travelodge
- **Ryan Williams** President at Bay of Quinte Tourist Council and Treasurer/Secretary at Bay of Quinte Living Council for his presentation on the “Bay of Quinte Region”.
- **James Timlin** General Manager Community and Corporate Services Greater Napanee for advising on current and future initiatives within Greater Napanee

Ryan Williams - President at Bay of Quinte Tourist Council provided a very informative presentation on the marketing program for the Bay of Quinte Region, its website, and its “Bay of Quinte Living” website at: <http://living.bayofquinte.ca> The business community, realtors, builders and others are providing financial support for this area wide five year marketing plan to promote the Bay of Quinte Region as a place to visit, live in, invest in, do business in, and to call Quinte home. One of the essential elements presented was the importance of immigration to the future success of the entire Quinte area from Greater Napanee to Brighton and more. The campaign includes videos for TV and theatre promotions identifying the greater Quinte area and its benefits. The website has a growing fan base on Facebook. There is a need for strong partnerships from all sectors and Quinte United Immigrant Services (QUIS) is playing an important active role, including membership on the Bay of Quinte Living Council.

Michelle Rosebush - Coordinator Non-Credit Programs - Loyola School of Adult & Continuing Education - Algonquin and Lakeshore Catholic District School Board advised it would be beneficial to emphasize the availability of English as a Second Language ESL training to those newcomers to the Bay of Quinte Region.

Orlando Ferro Executive Director QUIS discussed the future and the fact that with the new regional emphasis, that regional based decisions are creating a new dynamic not seen before in this area. In addition, new Citizenship and Immigration Canada (CIC) programs attracting newcomer investors will be welcomed. In light of new CIC immigration approaches/programs there is a need to invite a speaker to brief the QLIP Partners on the changes. ECOTB and QUIS remain in the preliminary planning stage for Speakers’ Day in 2014.

Migrant workers – There was a discussion on the restrictions of the migrant worker program. QLIP Coordinator discussed the scholarship established at Brock University to have a migrant worker family dependent child attend Brock. The information will be forwarded to Jodie Russett - Loyalist College, International Centre

Professional Accreditation question – The World Education Services (WES) is a not for profit organization that offers expert credential evaluation services. <http://www.wes.org/ca>

City of Belleville/United Nations Association in Canada Quinte and District (UNAC) event on Thursday March 20th at 6:30 p.m. will be held at Bridge Street United Church, in the Sills Auditorium, 60 Bridge Street East, Belleville, Ontario to celebrate the City of Belleville’s vote to join the Canadian Coalition of Municipalities against Racism and Discrimination (CMARD) promoted by UNESCO. RSVPs to Sarah Tummon 613-967-3215 or stummon@city.belleville.on.ca and there will be both a QLIP and a QUIS reserved table.

The City of Belleville and UNAC are in the planning mode for a May 08, 2014 event focusing on Diversity in the Workplace at Loyalist College. The guest speaker will be Mr. Michael Bach, Human Resources/Diversity, Director of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion KPMG LLP, and in addition there will be a panel discussion.

QUIS Data Base Development project is progressing in mapping employers and job skills required, and a data base of the employable skills available within the QUIS client database of some 1200.

QLIP Partner Malika Séguin-Gervais Project Officer at the Francophone Immigration Support Network of East Ontario organized a very successful event for Employers on Destination Canada an initiative of Citizenship and Immigration Canada (CIC), which helps employers attract and recruit bilingual foreign professionals in a streamlined and accelerated manner to deal with their labour market shortages. The Destination Canada event was held at the Belleville Public Library - February 25, 2014. Appreciation goes out to QLIP Partner Trevor Pross, Chief Executive Officer, Belleville Public Library and John M. Parrott Art Gallery for his support.

The QLIP Partnership Strategy and Action Plan for 2014 -2016 (Draft) was again circulated, discussed and deemed acceptable with planning information to be added with time lines.

James Timlin - General Manager Community and Corporate Services for Greater Napanee attended the QLIP meeting and was welcomed by the QLIP Partners. It was noted that Greater Napanee hosts one of the largest Ethnic Festivals in the Greater Quinte Region. Greater Napanee is promoting strategies for economic development including attracting business entrepreneurs. Greater Napanee <http://www.greaternapanee.com> was approved for a Rural Economic Development RED grant that includes attracting immigrants to invest in their community. According to the project description... "The need exists to develop a Business & Property Investment Plan for downtown and business park reinvestment and succession planning of property ownership. In other words, to attract and retain newcomers in support of economic development initiatives including: succession planning, skills attractions and business growth." The QLIP Coordinator has invited Greater Napanee to join the QLIP Partnership.

Meeting adjourned

NEXT MEETING	LOCATION	TIME
Tuesday, June 17, 2014	Fireplace Room B – main floor (East entrance closest to meeting room) Quinte Sports & Wellness Centre 265 Cannifton Road, Belleville, Ontario	10:00 a.m. to 12 noon (Refreshments from 09:30)