

# QUINTE LOCAL IMMIGRATION PARTNERSHIP

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## Minutes of the meeting

23 September 2014 (Revision:  
MTCU Section\*)

MEETING :	Quinte Local Immigration Partnership <a href="http://www.quintelip.ca">www.quintelip.ca</a>
LOCATION	Multi-Purpose Room - City of City of Quinte West - Municipal Offices – 7 Creswell Drive, Trenton, ON
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NOTE TAKER	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>John L. Robertson</b> - Project Coordinator – QLIP Partnership</li> </ul>
ATTENDEES	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Sakthy Nithianandan</b> - Settlement Officer ONT RHQ Citizenship and Immigration Canada</li> <li>• <b>Paul Osborne</b> - President - Quinte Immigration Services QUIS</li> <li>• <b>Carmela Ruberto</b> - Hastings County Social Services</li> <li>• <b>Trevor Pross</b> - Chief Executive Officer Belleville Public Library and John M. Parrott Art Gallery</li> <li>• <b>Joanne Leith</b> - Employment Consultant - Loyalist College Community Employment Services</li> <li>• <b>Kaitlin McCallum</b>- Employment and Training Consultant - Ministry of Training, Colleges and Universities MTCU - Belleville Office, Eastern Region</li> <li>• <b>Michele Dean</b> - Loyola School of Adult &amp; Continuing Education Algonquin and Lakeshore Catholic District School Board and TESL Teachers of English as a Second Language - Kingston</li> <li>• <b>Charlene Bessin</b> - Business Consultant - Small Business Centre</li> <li>• <b>James Timlin</b> – General Manager Community and Corporate Services – Town of Greater Napanee</li> <li>• <b>Darrell McGrath</b> – Employment Consultant - META Employment Services</li> <li>• <b>Terry Cassidy</b> – <b>City Councillor Quinte West – City of Quinte West</b></li> <li>• <b>P. Golda Whittaker</b> - Youth Entrepreneurship Program Coordinator - Prince Edward/Lennox &amp; Addington Community Futures Development Corporation.</li> <li>• <b>Kelly Bacon</b> – CEOTIS Marketing Coordinator - Quinte Immigration Services</li> <li>• <b>Jay Kettle</b> - General Manager - Highline Mushrooms - Wellington Ontario</li> <li>• <b>Karen Rushlow</b> - Human Resources Advocate - Highline Mushrooms - Wellington Ontario</li> </ul>

- **Veronica Hendrick-Lockyer - Spokesperson - Glass Tower Offices Corp**
- **Linda Lisle** - Manager of Economic Development & Tourism - Quinte West
- **Andrew Redden** - Economic Development Manager Hastings County Development Corporation.
- **Susan Sweetman** - Executive Director - Military Family Resource Centre Trenton

## Agenda topics

### DISCUSSION

- **Introductions and Review of Minutes from March 11, 2014**

#### Acknowledgement

- The QLIP Partnership acknowledges the ongoing contributions of Sakthy Nithianandan – Settlement Officer - Regional Headquarters Citizenship and Immigration Canada who attend the QLIP meeting.

#### Acknowledgement

- Special appreciation goes out to Linda Lisle and the City of Quinte West for arranging the meeting at the Multi-Purpose Room in the City of Quinte West Municipal Offices
- **Introductions included new QLIP Partners:** Highline Mushrooms, the Military Family Resource Centre and the Bay of Quinte Living Council
- **Minutes of June 17, 2014** QLIP Meeting were reviewed and accepted
- **Kaitlin McCallum** - Employment and Training Consultant - Ministry of Training, Colleges and Universities Belleville Office, Eastern Region, presented an overview of the Ministry of Training, Colleges & Universities MTCU services.
- MTCU provides for a vast array of programs related to education, training and employment including programs that newcomers may qualify for. Information on the program areas listed below can be found at their website: <http://www.tcu.gov.on.ca>
- **(\*Revised MTCU Section)**
- *Programs/information locally is generally accessed through our numerous area Service Providers also available on our website and easily found in the community by the Employment Ontario signs*

#### *Focused on:*

- *Second Career program – for people who have received a layoff (includes people seeking re-entry into the workforce after medical/maternity leave) and require skills upgrading*
- *Literacy and Basic Skills – provides literacy and basic skills supports geared to individual needs/goals (can sometimes be in preparation for another program such as Second Career)*
- *Upcoming Canada Ontario Jobs Grant program – cost-sharing funding for employers looking to train current or new employees*
- **Susan Sweetman** - Executive Director - Military Family Resource Centre Trenton  
Provided information on the services available, and more information is available at: <http://www.familyforce.ca/sites/Trenton/EN/Pages/default.aspx>
- **Loyola School of Adult & Continuing Education** Algonquin and Lakeshore Catholic District School Board advised of their upcoming Open House on October 09, 2014. Noted that Loyola also has night school classes. In addition acknowledged the great contribution of Highline Mushrooms in their support for their employees taking ESL training at Loyola including covering the cost.

- **P. Golda Whittaker** - Youth Entrepreneurship Program Coordinator - Prince Edward/Lennox & Addington Community Futures Development, attend the QLIP meeting. Prince Edward/Lennox & Addington Community Futures Development Corporation (PELA CFDC) <http://www.pelacfdc.ca> is a community-based, not-for-profit corporation whose objective is to encourage local entrepreneurship and economic development.
- **CEOTIS Marketing Coordinator Kelly Bacon** – Quinte Immigration Services (Central Eastern Ontario Translation and Interpretation Services CEOTIS) provided the QLIP partners with a presentation on the practicality of having translation and interpretation services available for business and industry including the health and safety aspects. She also provided examples of the success that have been afforded to Quinte Health Care, Kingston Hospitals and corporations in the greater Quinte Region.
- More information on Translation Services is available at: <http://www.quinteimmigration.ca/translation>
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- **Update: QUIS & Community Employment Services Loyalist College CES** Collaboration Protocol - Employment Counselling for Newcomers – Partners were advised of the success of the collaborative effort of CES and QUIS such that 41 newcomers have been availed of one-to-one employment counselling since the start-up in August of 2013. CES website: <http://www.loyalistcollege.com/employment/community-employment-services>
- **META Employment Services** – New training initiative – More complete information is available at their website at: <http://metaemploymentservices.com>
- **New QLIP Partner - Highline Mushrooms Representatives Karen Rushlow HR Advocate and Jay Kettle General Manager** from Highline Mushrooms Wellington farm in Prince Edward County attended. Highline Mushrooms is a major employer of newcomers to the Quinte Region and they provided the QLIP Partnership information on their employment of newcomers and accomplishments assisting newcomers. In addition to salary they have benefits and many scholarships. More information can be found at: <http://www.highlinemushrooms.com/en/index.php>
- **QLIP Strategy and Action Plan 2014 / 2015 / 2016** was distributed for follow-on discussions and advised that all aspects will be pursued, and that the Action Plan can be considered a “living document” as it will be adapted to changes in the QLIP and the Quinte Region environment as new horizons and challenges appear.
- **The Town of Greater Napanee** received funding from the Eastern Ontario Development Fund (EODF) that will assist in the development of businesses’ and provide job opportunities. Information is available at: <http://www.greaternapanee.com/en/doingbusinesshere/programsandincentives.asp>
- The Goodyear Company in Napanee is one of the largest employers in the Quinte Region - possible expansion in discussions.
- **QLIP Partnership was advised of the nomination of the QLIP Project Coordinator for the 2014 Business Achievement Awards Program**, for Not-For-Profit of the Year 2014, identified as one of the community's leading entrepreneurs. The awards are centred in the communities of Belleville, Brighton, Quinte West, or Prince Edward County. QLIP Project Coordinator hopes that the nomination and the awards process will be an opportunity to raise the profile of the QLIP Partnership in the community.

**QLIP Tentative Meetings schedule:**

**Revised**

- **Thursday January 15, 2014** - The Travelodge Hotel - Belleville - Sagonaska Room
- **Tuesday February 10, 2015** - Belleville City Hall - Sir Mackenzie Bowell Room 3rd floor - 10 a.m. to 12noon
- (Note: Reading Week Loyalist College 16 – 20 February 2015)
- **Tuesday March 10, 2015** – Location to be determined
- (Note: Mid-winter Break Public schools 16 – 20 March 2015)
- Meetings will normally be from 10 am to 12 noon  
(Meet and greet may be from 9:30 to 10 a.m. for some meetings)

NEXT MEETING	LOCATION	TIME
<b>Thursday January 15, 2014</b>	<b>The Travelodge Hotel (formerly the Ramada) 11 Bay Bridge Rd, Belleville, Ontario Sagonaska Room</b>	<b>10:00 a.m. to 12 noon</b>