

QUINTE LOCAL IMMIGRATION PARTNERSHIP

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Minutes of the meeting 09 June 2015

MEETING :	Quinte Local Immigration Partnership www.quintelip.ca
LOCATION	Career Edge Napanee - Boardroom, 9 Advance Ave, Napanee, Ontario
PROJECT COORDINATOR ADMINISTRATOR /FACILITATOR	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • John L. Robertson - Project Coordinator – Quinte Local Immigration Partnership - Email: lip@quinteimmigration.ca (unable to attend) • Orlando Ferro – QLIP Administrator / Facilitator Executive Director – Quinte Immigration Services QUIS Email: oferro@quinteimmigration.ca
NOTE TAKER	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Orlando Ferro – QLIP Administrator / Facilitator
ATTENDEES	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sakthy Nithianandan - Settlement Officer - Ontario Region HQ, Citizenship and Immigration Canada • Cathie Findlay - Certified Job Developer - Career Edge Napanee • Tracey Snow - Business Development Officer - County of Lennox & Addington • James Timlin - General Manager - Community & Corporate Services - Town of Greater Napanee • Lyndsay Tee - Economic Development Coordinator - Town of Greater Napanee • Deirdre McDade - Lawyer - Community Advocacy & Legal Centre CALC • Paul Osborne - President - Board of Directors - Quinte Immigration Services • Carmela Ruberto - Hastings County Social Services • Danielle Vaillant – Job Search/Community Resource Specialist - META Employment Services • Joanne Leith - Employment Consultant - Community Employment Services Loyalist College • Caroline Day - Sun Life Financial • Courtney Bowering - Community Development Worker - Napanee Area Community Health Centre

Agenda topics

DISCUSSION	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introductions and opening remarks
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Acknowledgement - Special appreciation to Cathie Findlay - Certified Job Developer Career Edge Napanee for making the Career Edge boardroom available and for her support. • Acknowledgement - Special appreciation to Deirdre McDade – Lawyer Community Advocacy & Legal Centre CALC for her presentation to the QLIP Partnership.

- Statistics were made available at the meeting (Source: Statistics Canada)

Population Statistics	Lennox and Addington County (L&A) Statistics	The Town of Greater Napanee Statistics	Town of Greater Napanee as a Part of L&A
Population 2011	41,824	15,511	37.086 %
Population 2006	40,542	15,400	37.985 %
Median Age	43.3 years	44.4 years	
Immigrant Population 2006	2,495 6.154 % of L&A Population	780 5.064 % of Napanee Population	31.262 % of the L&A Immigrant Population
Immigrant Population Before 1991	2,145	650	30.303 %
1991 - 2000	240	115	47.916 %
2001 - 2006	110	15	13.636 %

- **Opening remarks** were made by Orlando Ferro with emphasis in the importance of inclusion of the Town of Greater Napanee and the County of Lennox and Addington in the Quinte Local Immigration Partnership QLIP, recognizing that service areas of several organizations overlap the geographic boundaries and the ongoing need to coordinate services to eliminate gaps that may exist.
- **Deirdre McDade Staff lawyer at CALC** – Presented the services provided by CALC in the region and the distinction between CALC and Legal Aid Ontario LAO. CALC’s “legal health checklist” was reviewed and can be found at: http://www.communitylegalcentre.ca/legal_information/Tips/LegalHealthChecklist.pdf
- CALC is carrying out a legal needs assessment and is pleased to meet with any group that may have feedback on unmet legal needs in the area. A CALC questionnaire was distributed among those present requesting feedback on services, needs, and perceived gaps in the legal field.
- **The Bay of Quinte Region immigration web portal** will be established with funding from the Province of Ontario and will help the Bay of Quinte Region ensure economic stability by attracting foreign entrepreneurs and investment. This regional immigration portal will also be included in the province-wide Ontario Immigration Portal at: www.ontarioimmigration.ca
- **Note Update:** Funding of \$100,000 has been provided by the Province of Ontario for this important project. Cristina Martins member of the Provincial Parliament for Davenport (Toronto) and Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Citizenship, Immigration and International Trade announced the Provincial funding at a Quinte Immigration Services event on June 16 2015 and stated that “The portal allows for people to find a city or municipality that fits them best before coming to Canada, and gives them more options of communities rather than well-known cities such as the GTA.”
- Planning and action is moving forward through the “portal working group” and further meetings will be scheduled very soon with dates to be announced. It is envisioned that the portal will attract more businesses as well as develop new jobs for the people who are already here. Belleville is the lead municipality for this Bay of Quinte project that will see this new website launched showcasing Belleville, Quinte West, and Prince Edward County as a great place to settle in the Province. Municipalities in the Bay of Quinte Region are invited to become more involved in this project through the working group by

contacting Karen Poste Manager of Economic and Strategic Initiatives, City of Belleville at (613) 968-6481 or Orlando Ferro Executive Director Quinte Immigration Services at 613-968-7723.

- **The Town of Greater Napanee and Lennox and Addington County**
- Coordination of a working group on immigration - possibility and next steps
- Discussions - immigration emphasis focused on economic development, job creation, employment, housing and how to attract and retain newcomers, foreign investment and entrepreneurs
- Immigration priority needed to curtail migration to larger centres.
- The QLIP Partnership invites the Town of Greater Napanee and Lennox and Addington County as well as organizations in those areas to join the QLIP.
- The Counties of Hastings and Prince Edward, the cities of Belleville and Quinte West, and thirty-seven other organizations to date have come together in the QLIP Partnership to provide a collaborative effort in order to bring positive change for newcomers in terms of streamlining services, closing gaps and avoiding duplication in services that will in turn help everyone and provide for more welcoming communities. A complete listing of QLIP Partners is available at:
<http://www.quintelip.ca/partners.html>
- **Quinte Immigration Services QUIS Pot Luck & Open House** – scheduled for Tuesday June 16, 2015
- **QLIP Partner Loyola School of Continuing Education - Celebration of Achievement** event for the students in the LINC and ESL classes on Tuesday, June 23, 2015, at 6:00 PM, 135 Palmer Rd., Belleville, (The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints – Gymnasium) Reception 6:00 PM, Ceremony 6:30 PM.

NEXT MEETING	LOCATION	TIME
Tuesday September 15, 2015	City of Quinte West Multi-Purpose Room Quinte West Municipal Offices 7 Creswell Drive, Trenton, Ontario	10:00 a.m. to 12 noon