

LIP FILE NUMBER:

LIP NAME/ COMMUNITY:

MONTH OF REPORT:

DATE OF LIP COUNCIL MEETING:

MINUTES ATTACHED: YES

NO, BUT WILL BE ATTACHED WITH NEXT MONTH'S REPORT

LIP ACTIVITIES UNDERTAKEN THIS MONTH

- **June 01 through to 08 2015**
- **QLIP Partners continued preparations for June 09 2015 QLIP meeting**
- QLIP Partners meeting organized for June 09 2015 at the Career Edge Boardroom in the Town of Greater Napanee Ontario arranged through a Career Edge contact Cathie Findlay via a connection originally formed through QLIP participation in the Quinte Employment Network QEN to which the QLIP Project Coordinator is a member.
  
- **June 09 2015**
- **QLIP Meeting was held on June 09 2015**  
**Career Edge Napanee, 10:00 a.m. to 12 noon, 9 Advance Avenue, Napanee, Ontario**
- This was the realization of a QLIP goal, to hold a QLIP meeting in Napanee with Town and County officials and local organizations participating.
- The Town of Greater Napanee and Lennox and Addington County (L&A County) are areas not served by a Local Immigration Partnership.
  
- **Bay of Quinte Living Council**
- QLIP Partners and QLIP Facilitator attended a Bay of Quinte Living Council meeting in June.
  
- **June 04 and 18 2015**
- **QLIP Partner Community Employment Services – Loyalist College (CES) continued employment counselling for newcomers in June**
- CES Employment Consultant met with three (3) newcomers on June 04 2015 and two (2) on June 18 2015 providing employment counselling services to five (5) newcomers June.

- **QLIP Partnership Activity Report for May 2015** completed and submitted.
- **Updates for QLIP Partners Meeting schedule for 2015/16:**

**September 15, 2015**

Location: Quinte West Municipal Offices - Multipurpose Room - 7 Creswell Drive  
Trenton, Ontario (reserved)

**November 17, 2015**

Location: Open for future planning – On June 15 2015 discussions with Hastings County Social Services to hold a QLIP meeting at Hastings County offices was offered and will be followed up in the coming months.

**January 12, 2016**

Location: Quinte West Municipal Offices - Multipurpose Room - 7 Creswell Drive  
Trenton, Ontario (reserved)

**February 09, 2016**

Location: Open for future planning

**March 08, 2016**

Location: Open for future planning

LIP PARTNER ACTIVITIES, INITIATIVES AND DELIVERABLES

- **QLIP Meeting Tuesday June 09, 2015 at Career Edge in Napanee**
- Career Edge accommodated the QLIP meeting which brought local community organizations, the Town of Greater Napanee and the County of Lennox and Addington together for discussions around Immigration.
- The representative from Career Edge advised the QLIP Coordinator upon completion of the meeting advised how important it was for newcomers to the area to find stable housing, to access ESL services and to find employment. She also noted that one of Lennox and Addington's heaviest new Immigrant' areas is north of highway seven or the northern part of the County.
- Deirdre McDade a Lawyer at Community Advocacy and Legal Centre CALC delivered a presentation outlining the services provided by CALC and services provided by Legal Aid Ontario. She reviewed their "legal health checklist" which can be found at: [http://www.communitylegalcentre.ca/legal\\_information/Tips/LegalHealthChecklist.pdf](http://www.communitylegalcentre.ca/legal_information/Tips/LegalHealthChecklist.pdf)
- She advised that CALC is doing a legal needs assessment and is happy to meet with any group who has feedback on unmet legal needs in their coverage area.

- QLIP partner CALC provides services to Hastings and Prince Edward Counties plus L&A County to include the Town of Greater Napanee, making this presentation at a the QLIP meeting in Greater Napanee significant.
- **QLIP Website continued to be edited and updated**
- QLIP Partnership website [www.quintelip.ca](http://www.quintelip.ca) continued to be reviewed and updated in June 2015 to insure current and accurate information is available.
  
- **June 16 2015**
- **Quinte Immigration Services Open House and Pot Luck dinner – Quinte Region Immigration Portal Announcement**
- QLIP Partners joined with many community leaders in celebration with many newcomers present for the Open House and Pot Luck Dinner.
- QLIP Partners have for some time recognized and voiced their concerns around the need for a regional immigration web portal for the Bay of Quinte Region. At the Open House event guest speaker MPP for Davenport Cristina Martins Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Citizenship, Immigration and International Trade announced the funding of \$100,000 for a Bay of Quinte Region immigration portal with the lead municipality being the City of Belleville in concert with the City of Quinte West and Prince Edward County.
- **Guest Speakers also included:**
- **Orlando Ferro** – Executive Director Quinte Immigration Services QUIS
- **Paul Osborne** - President of the Board of Directors of QUIS
- **Todd Smith** – MPP Prince Edward-Hastings
- **Lou Rinaldi** – MPP Northumberland-Quinte West
- **Taso Christopher** - Mayor City of Belleville
- **Jim Harrison** - Mayor City of Quinte West
- **Ryan Williams** - Bay of Quinte Living Council
  
- **QLIP Partner Bay of Quinte Living Council Meeting**
- The meeting in June was attended by QLIP Partners and QLIP Facilitator ensuring a continued emphasis on the attraction and retention of newcomers to the Quinte Region.
  
- **QLIP Partner Community Employment Services – Loyalist College (CES)**
- Employment Consultant provided five “one-on-one” employment counselling sessions to individual newcomers in June.
  
- **QLIP Partnership Activity Report for May 2015** was completed and submitted.
  
- **QLIP Partners worked toward the completion of June QLIP Report**
  
- **June 24 2015**
- **QLIP Partners and Coordinator attended the Hastings County Poverty Round Table meeting**
- Discussed the goals of the PRT in terms of poverty reduction in Hastings County. QLIP Partners ensure that newcomer interests are included in the deliberations.

- **June 24 2015**
- **Minutes of the June 09 2015 QLIP meeting in Napanee sent to all QLIP Partners**
- Distribution included invited guest attendees from Greater Napanee and L&A County.

#### LIP OUTCOMES ACHIEVED

- **1. MEETING SCHEDULE 1 OUTCOMES: Partners are engaged in newcomer settlement and implement strategies to address newcomers' needs**
- **Build potential for increased use of protocols that meet the needs of newcomers**
- **Strengthen labour market outcomes for newcomers to the Quinte Region**
- QLIP partner Community Employment Services – Loyalist College (CES) - Employment Consultant met with five (5) newcomers for employment counselling at QUIS in June 2015.
- June 04 2015 employment counselling for three (3) newcomers
- June 18 2015 employment counselling for two (2) newcomers
- The Collaborative protocol between Quinte Immigration Services QUIS and QLIP Partner Community Employment Services CES from its effective date to the end of June 2015 has provided seventy-nine (79) newcomers with “one-on-one” employment counselling, and has continued to have and enhanced outcome including jobs for newcomers and a continuing paradigm shift in patterns as newcomers are attending employment services offices more often and are bringing other newcomers with them.
- **2. MEETING SCHEDULE 1 OUTCOMES: Partners are engaged in newcomer settlement and implement strategies to address newcomers' needs**
- **Activity that promoted a welcoming community**
- **Strengthen labour market outcomes for newcomers to the Quinte Region**
- **QLIP Partners continued their promotion of the three new young professional's networks** to encourage newcomer involvement. These include Brighton-Cramahe Young Professionals, Quinte Young Professionals and Belleville's Emerging Leaders.
- **3. MEETING SCHEDULE 1 OUTCOMES: Canadians provide a welcoming community to facilitate the full participation of newcomers**
- **Activity that promoted a welcoming community**
- **Sustaining partnerships at the community level**
- **First QLIP meeting in Napanee.**
- In early June leading up to the QLIP meeting in Napanee on June 09 2015 QLIP Partners were involved and committed to ensuring a successful meeting with Napanee representatives.
- Career Edge Napanee representative provided an employment specialist perspective on placing newcomers in that area; the provision of their Boardroom at their offices, and was essential in providing contact information for Napanee officials to invite to the meeting.
- The following representatives attended and included many from the Town of Greater Napanee and Lennox & Addington County:
- **Sakthy Nithianandan** - Settlement Officer - Ontario Region HQ, Citizenship and Immigration Canada

- **Orlando Ferro** - Executive Director QUIS and QLIP Facilitator/Administrator
- **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
- **Courtney Bowering** - Community Development Worker - Napanee Area Community Health Centre
- **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
- The representatives from the Town of Greater Napanee and Lennox & Addington County responded positively to the QLIP meeting.

“It was great to have a meeting take place in Greater Napanee. There were lots of enthusiastic people around the table and building those connections and relationships is invaluable. Creating the opportunity for everyone to get together and have discussion like that is vital in moving forward. I would highly recommend another meeting in the future.” Lyndsay Tee - Economic Development Coordinator - Town of Greater Napanee.

- Greater Napanee and L&A County participants showed interest in joining the QLIP Partnership.
- Greater Napanee and L&A County participants also showed an interest in the Bay of Quinte Region immigration portal to be initiated by the City of Belleville.
- **4. MEETING SCHEDULE 1 OUTCOMES: Canadians provide a welcoming community to facilitate the full participation of newcomers**
- **Sustaining partnerships at the community level**
- **Activity that promoted a welcoming community (and strengthen local awareness)**
- **The “Bay of Quinte Living Council”**
- QLIP Partners and QLIP facilitator were involved in the Bay of Quinte Living Council in June reinforcing a welcoming community for newcomers and promoting the Quinte Region as a place for newcomers.

## FOLLOW UP

### **CONTINUED & ONGOING FOLLOW UP:**

- **CONTINUED & ONGOING FOLLOW UP: QLIP Partners and the QLIP Facilitator continue communication with and participation in the “Bay of Quinte Living Council”**
- The “Council” has an important position within the Quinte Region in terms of immigration and attracting newcomers to the area.
  
- **CONTINUED & ONGOING FOLLOW UP: QLIP Partnership meetings**
- Planning continued for the September 15 2015 QLIP meeting to be held at the Quinte West Municipal Offices - Multipurpose Room, 7 Creswell Drive, Trenton, Ontario.
- Other QLIP meeting locations to be reviewed in advance.
  
- **ONGOING FOLLOW UP: Research:** QLIP Partnership continues to explore the prospect of interviews and focus groups with newcomers.
  
- **ONGOING FOLLOW UP: QLIP Partner, TVCOGECO documentaries**
- QLIP Partners initiatives that relate to TVCOGECO video productions on the topics of newcomers and their successes/experiences in the Quinte Region will continue.
  
- **ONGOING FOLLOW UP: The Colour of Poverty campaign** and the need for disaggregated data will be pursued with the QLIP Partners in relation to data collection and newcomers in the Quinte Region that use their services. New approaches to data collection may lead to improved services for newcomers including improved policies and procedures.
  
- **ONGOING FOLLOW UP: Mentoring/Networking initiative for newcomers** to be pursued in order to foster increased success for newcomers and strengthen labour market outcomes.
  
- **CONTINUED & ONGOING FOLLOW UP: QLIP Partners continue to work with the Hastings and Prince Edward District School Board** on the Equity & Inclusive Education Committee to ensure that newcomer needs are kept current.
  
- **ONGOING FOLLOW UP: QLIP Partnership website [www.quintelip.ca](http://www.quintelip.ca)** will continue to be reviewed and updated to insure current and accurate information is available.

**PLEASE NOTE THAT ACTIVITIES REQUIRING CIC PRE-APPROVAL PER SCHEDULE 1 AND SCHEDULE 4 TERMS AND CONDITIONS MUST BE E-MAILED IN ADVANCE TO THE OFFICER.**

ACTIVITIES THAT WERE PRE-APPROVED BY CIC

- N/A

OTHER COMMENTS

- N/A

NEXT LIP COUNCIL MEETING: September 15, 2015

**Next QLIP Meeting details:**

**Date:** Tuesday, September 15, 2015

**Time:** 10:00 a.m. to 12 noon

**Location:** Quinte West Municipal Offices  
Multipurpose Room  
7 Creswell Drive  
Trenton, Ontario

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