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Minutes – QLIP Temporary Foreign Worker Working Group

Date: Tuesday, May 9, 2023

MEETING :	Quinte Local Immigration Partnership Temporary Foreign Worker Working Group www.quintelip.ca
LOCATION	Zoom online platform (11 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.)
NOTE TAKER/FACILITATOR	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Catherine Fisher Andrews – Quinte LIP Program Coordinator, Quinte Local Immigration Partnership - Email: lip@quinteimmigration.ca
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REGRETS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Elizabeth Edwards, Corp of the County of Prince Edward County • Eduardo Huesca - Program Coordinator and Outreach Worker, OHCOW

(*Note: This meeting was not recorded)

Welcome - Opening remarks, land acknowledgement

- Cat Fisher Andrews welcomed the meeting participants and provided a land acknowledgement for the region

Introductions

- Participants each had time to introduce themselves and provide information on why they were interested in sitting on this QLIP Working group. Many members also provided some background information on TFWs conditions and circumstances as well as ideas for areas of focus to support TFWs.

Discussion: Creating Terms of Reference / Guidelines (formal vs. informal group structure)

- Group participants had a brief discussion about the formality of the working group structure.
- It was decided that a semi-formal structure would be best including a set of guidelines for the working group, but not necessarily forming Terms of Reference. However, a semi-formal structure that allows for areas of focus/projects to be identified and completed will be needed
- Meetings will initially be held monthly and timing of meetings will be open to change as needed
- Current participants can choose going forward to attend regularly or on an ad hoc basis

Temporary Foreign Workers overview of key statistics (10 mins)

- Yuliya Lohvynenko presented a brief overview of active workforce for Eastern Ontario and inflow of Temporary Foreign Workers for Eastern Ontario.
- The information indicated that by 2046, TFWs migrating to Ontario will be estimated to make up 72% of Ontario's incoming migrants.
- The slides for this presentation are available through the QLIP

Brainstorming/Discussion on TFW needs in our region (20 mins)

- Initial identification of key areas of focus/Potential Projects
 - A very brief discussion on key areas of focus and potential projects ensued towards the end of the meeting. Ideas that were given through the meeting during introductions and at the end of the meeting were recorded on a spreadsheet.
 - It was decided that this topic will carry over to the next meeting and further conversation will take place to add to the key areas and potential projects.

Discussion on Chairperson for TFW working group (5 mins)

- It was decided that the QLIP TFW working group may have a roving chair person. Final thoughts on this will be discussed at the next meeting.
- Dorothy Wigmore volunteered to chair the next meeting.
- It was unanimously decided that Dorothy Wigmore will chair the next QLIP TFW Working Group meeting.

Other Business (5 mins)

- None

Adjournment/ Next Meeting date: June 2023. Date and time to be determined by poll of members