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DATE:	5/5/2021
TIME:	9:30 p.m. to 11:30 am
LOCATION:	Microsoft Teams; On-line Meeting
ATTENDANCE:	T. Christman (North Simcoe Muskoka LHIN), J. Craft for P. Markle(Barrie Chamber of Commerce), A. Dubeau – Co-Chair (County of Simcoe - County Councillor), M. Dunot (County of Simcoe – Local Immigration Partnership), A. Fletcher – Co-Chair (South Simcoe Police), C. Gagnon – ex officio (Province of Ontario), B. Grbic for C.Colcy (Barrie Community Health Centre), G. Hall (County of Simcoe - Library Cooperative), H. Hie, (Georgian College, Employment Services), N. Huether (County of Simcoe - Economic Development Office), M. Kuzma (Nottawasaga Futures), B. Laurin (Ontario Provincial Police), S. Lee (County of Simcoe – Local Immigration Partnership), J. Maranan (Canadian Mental Health Association -York and South Simcoe), J. McGee (YMCA of Simcoe/Muskoka), L. Moorhouse (City of Barrie Police Services), I. Oliveria (Bradford Immigrant and Community Services), J. Rajalingam (Simcoe Muskoka Catholic District School Board), J. Saunders (Child Youth and Family Services Coalition of Simcoe County), A. Scavarelli (County of Simcoe – Ontario Works), A. Schroeder for C. Vanderkruys (Barrie Public Library), R. Shepard for S. Laycock (Simcoe Muskoka Workforce Development Board), S. Sarin (Ethnic Mosaic Alliance), K. Stevenson (Lakehead University), I. Toor (Simcoe County District School Board), C. Vellinga for L. Palson (Georgian College), L. Wild (City of Barrie – Mayor’s Office), R. Young – Recording Secretary (County of Simcoe – Local Immigrant Partnership)
REGRETS:	L. Woodrow (Barrie Career Centre), S. Zuercher (County of Simcoe – Early Learning & Childcare Services)
ABSENT:	R. Haggins (Credit Canada), E. Onuoha (Contact South Simcoe), I. Pavlik (pavliks.com), , M. Wynia (County of Simcoe – Long Term Care)

SUBJECT:	Local Immigration Partnership Meeting
1. <u>Welcome/Introductions</u>	A. A. Dubeau/A. Fletcher welcomed the group.
2. <u>Community Updates & Other Business</u>	- N. Heuther: The County’s EDO hosted Dimensions of Diversity, Keys to Building a Thriving Workforce in support of the #TSTARTS campaign on March 24 with an employer panel. There were 170 registrants and the feedback was very positive. On May 25 the EDO and LIP will participate on a panel hosted by the Newcomer Centre of Peel as part of a rural employment initiative to learn more about living in Simcoe County. On June 2 nd , the EDO is

hosting a virtual job fair that will include a panel for connecting internationally trained professionals.

- H. Hie: JFCI has two new staff members and is continuing to work with clients virtually. The OSLT is offering the Professional Managers course in the fall. S. Lee recognized M. Arbour for her great work with the JFCI.
- J. McGee: YMCA of SM is developing new pre-employment training and support for newcomers including: the Power of Trades through the Ottawa YMCA; and, a long-term care assistant training. The courses area part-time at 20 per week and requires Conestoga English Level 5.
- I. Olivera: BICS continues of offer settlement support and language services online. BICS is actively engaged in distributing vaccine information in various languages to the community to overcome vaccine hesitancy and encourage vaccination.

3. Approval of Minutes – February 3, 2021

MOTION to accept the minutes as provided. 1st H. Hie; 2nd A. Scavarelli; ALL IN FAVOUR.
Motion Carried

4. Approval of Partnership Council Terms of Reference

MOTION to accept the Terms of Reference (April 2021) as provided. 1st J. McGee; 2nd A. Scavarelli; ALL IN FAVOUR. Motion Carried

5. County of Simcoe LIP Secretariat Update – S. Lee

- Committee Report: A report to the Committee of the Whole regarding the Federal Funding Applications made to IRCC and Heritage Canada by the LIP was presented to County Council and both received pre-approval by County Council.
- The LIP was invited to sit on the Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit (SMDHU) vaccination steering committee. The LIP is sharing multilingual information and resources on immigration.simcoe.ca I. Olivera noted that BICS has been providing multilingual outreach and there has be a notable increase in vaccinations in the Bradford area (an identified hotspot).
- The 2020 progress report is completed.
- A new federal immigration program started May 5th (Temporary resident to permanent resident pathway) for international student graduates, health care workers, essential non-healthcare workers and French-speaking or bilingual candidates. The program duration is six months or when the cap of 400,000 immigrant is reached.

6. Immigrant Health Outcome Survey

- M. Dunot: The Health Outcome Survey was conducted in March. The survey was released in English, French and five non-official languages. 119 surveys were completed in non-official 33308languages underscoring the need to provide surveys in other languages to include all immigrants' responses. See attached.



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Outcome Survey.pdf

7. 2021 #ITSTARTS

- M. Dunot: An overview of the 2021 #ITSTARTS campaign was provided (see attached).
- Co-chairs A. Dubeau and A. Fletcher extended appreciations to the LIP team for a great campaign noting deepening engagement and conversation. The results highlighted the

increased social media reach and reduction in negative online commentary in this year's campaign.



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8. Sub-Councils/Working Groups – M. Dunot

- Sub-council Feb 4 Report (see attached)



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Council Report.pdf

- A follow-up Train the Trainer session will be offered to the 2020-2021 cohort.
- Cultural Competency Working Group will meet next week.
- The Newcomer Recognition Awards is again being planned as a virtual event to be launched in November. The deadline for nominations is September 24th. Forms will be uploaded to the website.

9. Community Projects

- Immigrant Job Finding Club – **H. Hie**
JFCI, as noted previously, has some staffing changes. The program continues to be busy with virtual networking events, mentoring events, and 1:1 mentoring. JFCI is looking for success stories and employer champions to help advertise and promote the initiative.
- Ethnic Mosaic Alliance – **S. Sarin**
The EMA is providing an information session to six municipalities interested in donating land and expects to have news at the next meeting.
- Libraries – **G. Hall**
The libraries continue to provide programs virtually and through curbside pickup. They have added new e-books on discrimination/diversity and new foreign language e-books. The Simcoe County Library Cooperative purchased PressReader providing online access to magazines and newspapers from over 120 countries in 20 languages.

10. Planning Priorities 2021 - 2022

- Planning priorities were reviewed, discussed and a poll was conducted. The action plan will be provided at the next meeting.



2021-2022 LIP Planning Priorities.p



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Adjournment.

Next Meeting

Wednesday September 8, 2021

9:30 am to 11:30 am

Video Conference

Educational Inclusions



Prejudice and
Discrimination Toward



Xenophobia and
anti-immigrant attitudes



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