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MEETING DATE: **2/20/2019**

MEETING TIME LOCATION: 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.
Barrie Public Library, Painswick Branch, 48 Dean Ave, Barrie, ON

ATTENDANCE: J. Dinner (LIP Placement Student); A Dunning (OPP); V. Ellis (Contact Community Services); A. Fletcher (South Simcoe Police Services); K. Fraser (Lakehead University); C. Gagnon (MTCS-RSB-CID); R. Griffiths (LIP, recording secretary); G. Hall (COS, Library Cooperative); H. Hie (Georgian College); E. Jara (Credit Canada Debt Solutions); M. Kuzma (Nottawasaga Futures); S. Laycock (SMWDB); S. Lee (LIP); K. Manners (Simcoe County Coalition); J. McGee (YMCA of Simcoe/Muskoka); K. McKenna (COS, EDO); S. Sarin (SAASC/EMA); A. Schoeder (Barrie Public Library); K. Szmanski (Barrie Public Library); I. Toor (SCDSB); M. Vandevs (COS, OW); L. Woodrow (Career Centre SCDSB); M. Wynia (COS, Long Term Care)

REGRETS: K. Barass (Conseil Scolaire Viamonde); D. Brown (Social Enterprise Canada); M. Dunot (LIP); E. Garcia (Enrique N. Garcia Translations); S. Graham (OPP); T. Khrystynko (SCDSB); L. Moorhouse (Barrie Police); L. Palson (Georgian College); I Pavlick (pavlicks.com); L. Wild (City of Barrie)

ABSENT: M. Bergin (Catholic Family Services); C. Colcy (BCHS); S. Boyd (OPP); B. Ward (NSM LHIN)

SUBJECT: **Local Immigration Partnership Meeting**

1. Welcome / Introductions

Andrew Fletcher welcomed the group and round table introductions were made.

2. Community Updates & Other Business

V. Ellis – informed the group of a job fair they are hosting at Bradford Public Library on February 27th from 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm.

J. McGee – shared that their IRCC project officer visited the YMCA to see client needs first hand. The officer and supervisor attended the location for over 2 hours, observing and speaking to staff.

H. Hie shared that the IRCC project officer visited the by Job Finding Club and observed that and the research project. The officers spoke to a few clients.

3. IRCC/MCI Updates

a. IRCC Call for Proposals

C. Gagnon shared there is a student experience program grant is now open, sports and rec and a culture, immigration seniors program as well. Call her before you submit to help write closes on March 13th.

4. Approval of Minutes of Meeting January 30, 2018

MOTION to accept the minutes with changes as indicated by J. McGee. 1st S. Laycock; 2nd J. McGee; ALL IN FAVOUR. Motion Carried.

5. County of Simcoe LIP Management Updates

S. Lee shared that there will no longer be a management report each meeting but the quarterly report will be shared. There will be a second IRCC call for proposals this spring that will include the LIPs.

6. Sub-Councils / Working Groups

a. Settlement Sub-Council- one meeting, discussed local services and the IT STARTS campaign. Mental health speaker will come to speak to this group.

b. Cultural Competency Working Group

2019 Campaign Plan - S. Lee asked what organizations present had participated in ambassador training. The goal for the social media reach is 3 million.

In an effort to increase participation from municipalities, corporate communications developed a cookbook that will be shared with media and the municipalities' communications departments.

The completion of the "Immigrants Enrich our Communities" videos and encouraged people to view them on the County of Simcoe YouTube channel.

7. Community Projects

a. Immigrant Job Finding Club- H. Hie reported they are still waiting for conformation from IRCC regarding 2020 funding, but should know soon. Currently they are midway through a group. Many are in the health care field. Often the clients they see are secondary income earners. Many are finding the networking and volunteering effective.

b. Ethnic Mosaic Alliance – S. Sarin shared an update on the EMA and the vision and mission with the group. The group is hoping to work with the fundraising program with Georgian College. C. Gangon asked if the group was incorporated in order to apply for funding. S. Sarin shared that this is still in progress but should be soon.

c. Libraries – G. Hall shared the SPICE program was expanded to Barrie and Orillia in the fall. Six Cultural Competency training sessions, facilitated by LIP staff. Thirty-seven senior volunteers were trained. This program will continue as it is self-sustaining and low cost. Library staff are very involved the #IT STARTS campaign and have sent many staff for ambassador training. Multilingual collection and multicultural book club are also ongoing.

A. Schroeder from Barrie Public Library shared that their English conversation circle has grown to two session at the downtown location.

8. #IT STARTS Photos & Library, Provincial Award, Recognition

The Simcoe County Library Cooperative received a provincial award from the Culture and Sport Ministry. To celebrate this accomplishment the group shared cake and took photos for the #IT STARTS campaign

9. Next Steps: a) IRCC Call for Proposals

S. Lee shared that the call is now open, closing April 13(?) This is for a five year funding opportunity. Applications are all submitted online. Webinar schedule has been announced.

Intro to call for proposals that would be a good starting place, in addition to Ontario specific priorities and Francophone programming.

The IRCC Consultation Report was once again reviewed with the group and discussion on what priorities the group would like to see.

Employment services are needed as well as language assessments which currently is not available within Simcoe. If they want full time English classes they need to be assessed which sometimes takes more than 3 weeks. YMCA has sometimes almost a full year wait list for ESL classes especially in lower level requirements.

S. Lee asked the group if information session(s) would be beneficial for partners to

Who is thinking of submitting a proposal that would be interested in working together? Barrie Library would be interested in partnering with settlement workers. Grant readers like partnerships to leverage community. South Simcoe needs support but also space...contact has the space but needs partnership and collaboration. Get the town/municipalities involved. If travel is an issue if municipalities could provide a new immigrant pass that would help with travel to help offset costs. A conference call to speak with people who would be interested.

Susan Laycock Janette holly Elena Valier Louise Gayle Allison,

Send email to rest of group if anyone else interested in participating.

Book teleconference and meeting Feb 28 or March 5 or 6?

S. Sarin shared lunch an learn was such an excellent program informal settlement

SCIFF funds introduction to school in Bradford but not Barrie.

b) 2019/2020 Priorities S. Lee shared the LIP Planned Activities 2019/2020 document provided to IRCC

- Health Survey & Engagement – S. Lee asked the group if this would be something the council would be interested in participating and supporting? RA summer students will be tasked with this. Including mental health questions as well as the mental health and health of international students
- Awareness Activity: EO Agencies Cultural Competency for EO service providers.

S. Lee reviewed the activities and if there is anything else to be missed please let Sandra know. The plan is successful.
