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**MEETING DATE:** **5/29/2019**

**MEETING TIME LOCATION:** 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.  
Innisfil Town Hall, 2101 Innisfil Beach Road, Innisfil, ON L9S 1A1

**ATTENDANCE:** D. Brown (Social Enterprise Canada); V. Chapman (COS, Research Analyst); A. Dubeau (County Councillor); V. Ellis (Contact Community Services); K. Fraser (Lakehead University) C. Gagnon (MTCS-RSB-CID); R. Griffiths (LIP, recording secretary); G. Hall (COS, Library Cooperative); H. Hie (Georgian College); C. Ignas (SMCDSB); E. Jara (Credit Canada Debt Solutions); M. Kuzma (Nottawasaga Futures); S. Laycock (SMWDB); S. Lee (LIP); J. McGee (YMCA of Simcoe/Muskoka); K. McKenna (COS, EDO); L. Palson (Georgian College); S. Sarin (SAASC/EMA);

**REGRETS:** K. Barass (Conseil Scolaire Viamonde); A Dunning (OPP); M. Dunot (LIP); E. Garcia (Enrique N. Garcia Translations); A. Fletcher (South Simcoe Police Services); L. Moorhouse (Barrie Police); I Pavlik ([pavliks.com](http://pavliks.com)); I Toor (SCDSB); L. Wild (City of Barrie) L. Woodrow (Career Centre SCDSB); M. Wynia (COS, Long Term Care)

**ABSENT:** C. Colcy (BCHS); S. Graham (OPP); K. Manners (Simcoe County Coalition)

**SUBJECT:** **Local Immigration Partnership Meeting**

1. Welcome/Introductions

A. Dubeau welcomed the group on behalf of A. Fletcher who was unable to attend.

2. Community Updates & Other Business

J. McGee shared that [simcoe.com](http://simcoe.com) produced a story with a recent immigrant focus [simcoe.com/news-story/9369674-barrie-area-sees-historic-shift-in-immigration-patterns-mayor-lehman/](http://simcoe.com/news-story/9369674-barrie-area-sees-historic-shift-in-immigration-patterns-mayor-lehman/)

H. Hie informed the group that a new OSLT program begins this October, with a focus on professional managers. Marketing materials will be forwarded to the group when available.

K. Fraser invited the group to Lakehead University, Orillia Campus on Monday June 24<sup>th</sup> from 4:00 – 5:00 pm to for a presentation by Paola Silk, a local immigrant entrepreneur. Please contact her if you would like to attend.

S. Laycock informed the council that she will be retiring on June 28<sup>th</sup>. S. Lee congratulated her and thanked her for her continued support since the inception of the LIP.

3. Approval of Minutes – March 27, 2019

MOTION to accept the minutes as provided. 1<sup>st</sup> L. Palson; 2nd E. Jara; ALL IN FAVOUR.  
Motion Carried.



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#### 4. IRCC/MCCSS Updates

- Call for Proposal Updates/Partnerships S. Lee shared the 5 year funding cycle closed April 15<sup>th</sup>/30<sup>th</sup>.
- *H. Hie* shared that Georgian College applied for 5 years of funding for continuing the work of the Job Finding Club for Immigrant. This included partnering with the COS Library Cooperative and YMCA. These partnerships will allow service to be offered in all areas of the County of Simcoe. H. Hie discussed the Employment Ontario budget reductions and how they may affect service delivery.
- *J. McGee* shared that the YMCA applied for continued funding with an addition of a second English learning room, and two additional settlement workers (one youth and one employment focused). The YMCA, in partnership with COS Library Cooperative, applied for funding to deliver citizenship classes. The proposal included a facilitator, prep classes and testing. The desire to hold a citizenship ceremony in Simcoe County was expressed by the Partnership Council. YMCA also partnered with Huronia Transitions Shelter to support groups of immigrant women and children who experience violence.
- *V. Ellis* shared that CONTACT submitted a proposal, with the assistance of the YMCA, for an OSLT style project, to provide low English level work specific classes to support entry level employment (i.e. cleaning staff).
- *D. Brown* - Social Enterprise Canada submitted for additional accreditation supports in Simcoe County and increasing technology in serving immigrants.
- *C. Gagnon* no updates at this time.

#### 5. County of Simcoe LIP Secretariat Update

*S. Lee* shared that the LIP applied for five years of funding to continue the work of the LIP. In addition a proposal for an Immigrant Employment Council (IEC) was submitted. Continued work on completing the IRCC annual report is a priority for the secretariat in May.

#### 6. Sub-Councils/Working Groups

*S. Lee* shared the attached report



Sub Council  
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- a. Settlement Sub-Council
- b. Economic Integration Sub-Council
- c. 2019 Newcomer Recognition Awards *S. Lee* informed the group that nominations are now open with focus on schools. Council members are encouraged to nominate. Sponsorship confirmation was shared and request from the partnership members to sponsor.
- d. Cultural Competency Working Group
- e. # IT STARTS Working Group - *S. Lee* shared the results of the campaign
  - 2019 Campaign Review
  - Logo discussion
  - Participation Questionnaire



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#### 7. Community Projects

- a. Immigrant Job Finding Club (JFC) – April 1<sup>st</sup> marked the new fiscal for 3<sup>rd</sup> year of funding. The first club, of the year began with 12 participants. Last year 88% of clients who completed the JFC were employed. Next networking event is soon, information will be forwarded to the group when available.

- b. Ethnic Mosaic Alliance (EMA) - S. Sarin invited the group to attend Celebrate Barrie June 1<sup>st</sup> and visit their booth. This is an opportunity to inform the area what EMA is and how to get people involved. The group was successful in their application to the County of Simcoe for an Arts and Culture grant. These funds will be used to further build the capacity of the board and continue their work on their strategic plan.
- c. Libraries – SPICE program still in operation. The continuation of the multi-cultural book club and the multi-lingual book pools are in jeopardy as they both rely on inter-library courier service, which was recently cut by the provincial government.

8. Health Survey

- a. Review of March Meeting Notes S. Lee shared the results of from the last LIP meeting discussion.
- b. V. Chapman, Research Analyst, Presentation



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- c. Next Steps – S. Lee lead the group in a discussion regarding what data relating to immigrant health experience in Simcoe County would be valuable to collect. The survey will focus on the immigrant health care experience and will be developed by the County of Simcoe Research Analyst department in partnership with a LIP working group. Group discussed questions and dissemination strategies. L. Palson, K. Fraser, and J. McGee volunteered to be part of the Immigrant Health Research Working Group. This group will meet over the summer and will report back to the council in September.
9. 2020 Progress Report – S. Lee asked the group to kindly share any community programs or initiatives that reflect the four settlement themes; readiness, opportunity, inspire and celebrate that could be included in the report. Corporate Communication will provide an overview of the production of the report at the next meeting in September.

**Next Meeting** – Wednesday September 25<sup>th</sup> 2019, 9:30 am to 11:30 am – 2284 Nursery Road, Midhurst

*Educational Inclusions; Newcomer Recognition Awards Poster*

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