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MEETING DATE: **1/30/2019**

MEETING TIME LOCATION: 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.
Simcoe County Administrative Offices, Oro Medonte Boardroom

ATTENDANCE: K. Barass (Conseil Scolaire Viamonde); D. Brown (Social Enterprise Canada); A Dunning (OPP); M. Dunot (LIP); V. Ellis (Contact Community Services); K. Fraser (Lakehead University); C. Gagnon (MTCS-RSB-CID); R. Griffiths (LIP, recording secretary); D. Hamilton (YMCA OF Simcoe./Muskoka); H. Hie (Georgian College); C. Ignas (SMCDSB); M. Kuzma (Nottawasaga Futures); S. Lee (LIP); D. Lainez (Spanish Church); K. Manners (Simcoe County Coalition); J. McGee (YMCA of Simcoe/Muskoka); K. McKenna (COS, EDO); L. Palson (Georgian College); S. Sarin (SAASC/EMA); I. Toor (SCDSB); M. Vandevs (COS, OW); C. Vellinga (Georgian College, International); L. Woodrow (Career Centre SCDSB)

REGRETS: A. Fletcher (South Simcoe Police Services); E. Garcia (Enrique N. Garcia Translations); S. Graham (OPP); G. Hall (COS, Library Cooperative); T. Khrystynko (SCDSB); E. Jara (Credit Canada Debit Solutions); L. Moorhouse (Barrie Police); I Pavlick (pavicks.com); L. Wild (City of Barrie)

ABSENT: M. Bergin (Catholic Family Services); C. Colcy (BCHS); S. Boyd (OPP); E. Cudanin (FilCan Barrie); T. Christman (NSM LHIN); S. Laycock (SMWDB); B. Ward (NSM LHIN)

SUBJECT: **Local Immigration Partnership Meeting**

- Welcome / Introductions
S. Lee welcomed the group. Round table introductions were made.
- Community Updates & Other Business
J. McGee shared that there are currently 22 people on the ESL waiting list.
L. Woodrow shared that on February 14th the Employment Services of Barrie will host a Spring Hire Community Job Fair at Liberty North in Barrie. Current clients are being offered a VIP session from 1:00 pm-2:00 pm.
K. Barras shared the French School Board is holding their Open Doors currently occurring at various French elementary schools in the County.
L. Palson shared that the International Center is hosting a Chinese Lunar New Year celebration on Feb 7th from 12:00 pm – 300 pm. There are currently over 3000 international students attending the various Georgian College campuses.
- IRCC/MCI Updates
C. Gagnon shared she will remain the provincial representative on the LIP Council. Approximately half the projected new immigrants will be welcomed to Ontario. Roughly 60% will come in the economic category, 26% will be family reunification and the remaining 16% will be refugees and humanitarian.

4. Approval of Minutes of Meeting September 12, 2018
MOTION to accept the minute as provided. 1st J. McGee; 2nd H. Hie; ALL IN FAVOUR. Motion Carried.
5. County of Simcoe LIP Management Report
The group was provided the 3rd quarter report in lieu of the management and sub-council report. S. Lee highlighted the community presentations completed for the ITSTARTS campaign.
6. Sub-Councils / Working Groups
 - a. Settlement Sub-Council
 - b. 2018 Newcomer Recognition Awards - M. Dunot shared the increase in sponsorship, attendance and nominations; 13 Awards in 12 categories and 173 attended. Nominations can be sent to sclip@simcoe.ca all year long. The LIP is looking for interested working group members and sponsorship.
 - c. Cultural Competency Working Group
2019 Campaign Plan – M. Dunot shared the updates on this year's IT STARTS campaign and encouraged people to register for ambassador training.
7. Data Presentation – Sandra Lee
S. Lee provided an update on the 2016 Census: Immigrants and Recent Immigrants Profile, Simcoe County Census Division and Municipalities (Census Subdivisions). Discussion of what the priorities for the LIP in addition to the Simcoe County occurred.
8. Next Steps – 2019/2020 Priorities
S. Lee provided an overview of the results of the IRCC review in June of 2018 and the community consultation that the LIP held in June 2018. CORE principles were shared with the group; Client Centred, Responsive to Need, Outcomes Driven, Effective use of Resources. Group discussed potential areas of focus and partnership opportunities.
9. IRCC Call for Proposal
S. Lee asked the group what priorities for their organization would be?

J. McGee – language including childminding. Also employment (resume, interview, employment retention)

H. Hie - Job Finding club to continue would like to remain flexible to go to other communities; mobile services.

L. Palson shared that the social isolation change maker team working on this both newcomers and international students. Employment skills for co-op placement, with soft skills.

D. Brown shared that there is currently a six week wait for accreditation appointment.

K. McKenna mentioned that to her knowledge there is no WHIMIS and working at heights training available in different languages. D. Brown indicated that there is some on line training available, she will share the information with the group.

Suggestions:

- Gap employment – international students-support employers in understanding the benefits of hiring students.
 - Geographical focus on areas of growth (Innisfil, Essa, New Tecumseth). Encourage anyone who is a service provider to look at outside funding to support immigrants,
 - Mental Health
 - 211 similar tool just for immigration.
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Once the call for proposal is received, the LIP will host some information sessions in different locations across the County to foster partnerships.

What currently exists?

- Language Barrie 53 spots with 22 waiting
- Bradford 22 plus 12 waiting
- Child-minding
- Settlement 3.5 workers (Barrie, Bradford, Innisfil); 2.8 across (employment focus) excluding Barrie, Bradford and Innisfil. GAP there are not enough people to support.

10. Community Projects

- a. Poverty to Employment Project – Project is now complete and M. Dunot has now made the transition the LIP Project Coordinator position as R. Holt will not be returning.
- b. Immigrant Job Finding Club – H. Hie provided a brief update, including the next networking event being held in February. She is currently waiting for an agreement in hopes of continuing the project.
- c. Ethnic Mosaic Partnership – S. Sarin provided a brief update including the change of name to the Ethnic Mosaic Alliance. She shared that the board had some training in January where the mission, vision statement and values were updated. This group's future goal to build a multicultural centre by 2027. Suggestion to partner with Georgian college Fundraising program that could possibly assist in the development of a fundraising plan.
- d. SPICE – G. Hall was not present to provide an update at this time

Next meeting on February 20th at Barrie Public Library, Painswick Branch.

Educational Inclusions: 2016 Census: Immigrants and Recent Immigrants Profile; Mosaic. IRCC Newsletter; Newcomer Recognition Awards Program
