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MEETING DATE: 5/16/2018

MEETING TIME LOCATION:

9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

Simcoe County Museum - Meeting Room A

ATTENDANCE: M. Agema (Georgian College); K. Barrass (Conseil Scolaire

Viamonde); D. Brown (Social Enterprise Canada); A Dunning (OPP);

M. Dunot (LIP); A. Fletcher (South Simcoe Police); K. Fraser

(Lakehead University); C. Gagnon (MCI); R. Griffiths (LIP, recording secretary); C. Ignas (SMCDSB) E. Jara (Credit Canada Debit Solutions); T. Khrystynko (SCDSB); S. Laycock (SMWDB); S. Lee (LIP); K. Manners (Simcoe County Coalition); J. McGee (YMCA of Simcoe/Muskoka); L. Moorhouse (Barrie Police); T. Nicholson (LIP); S. Sarin (SAASC/EMP); G. Wauchope (County of Simcoe); L. Wild (City

of Barrie); L. Woodrow (Career Centre SCDSB)

REGRETS: M. Bergin (Catholic Family Services); T. Christman (NSM LHIN); C.

Colcy (BCHS); E. Garcia (Enrique N. Garcia Translations); G. Hall

(COS, Library Co-op); H. Hie (Georgian College); M. Kuzma

(Nottawasaga Futures); E. McIntosh (CONTACT Community Services);

L. Palson (Georgian College); R. Sullivan (COS,EDO); I. Toor

(SCDSB); B. Ward (NSM LHIN);

ABSENT: S. Boyd (OPP); E. Cudanin (FilCan Barrie); S. Graham (OPP); I.

Pavlick (pavlicks.com); G. Perry (Lakehead University)

SUBJECT: Local Immigration Partnership Meeting

1. Welcome / Introductions

Andrew Fletcher welcomed the group and round table introductions were made. Special welcome to the RVH delegation.

2. RVH Presentation

Jane Cocking provided the attached presentation.



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Group was asked to complete the survey at www.rvhplanourfuture.ca/

3. <u>Muhammad Afzal Mirza</u> - Baitul Islam Mosque Deferred to another meeting.

4. Community Updates & Other Business

- D. Brown shared that there are 9 Syrian English learners participating in the Conversation Circle at the Midland Public Library.
- K. Barrass informed the group that the French school board just celebrated its 20th anniversary with a well-attended event in Oakville.
- M. Agema shared with the group that Georgian College's summer student intake consists of 600 new students of which, 575 are international students
- T. Khrystynko shared that her numbers have increased over 50% (ESL classes).
- K. Fraser shared that there are currently 75 English language learners and in July there will be 200 arriving, with the majority from Mexico. (Lakehead University)
- A. Fletcher informed the group of the community safety and well-being strategy that is currently being implemented as a proactive system that works to coordinate local emergency services.
- E. Jara shared her program, Newcomer Money 101, and informed the group that she can provide presentations to newcomers to familiarise them with the banking system in Canada.

5. IRCC/MCI Updates

C. Gagnon waiting to see the direction of the incoming government.

6. Approval of Minutes of Meeting January 17, 2018 & March 21, 2018

Motion -THAT the minutes of the Partnership Council meeting held on January 17th, 2018 be confirmed and adopted, as circulated. G. Wauchope Second: T. Nicholson. All in favour. MOTION CARRIED

Motion -THAT the minutes of the Partnership Council meeting held on March 21st, 2018 be confirmed and adopted, as circulated. L. Moorhouse Second: M. Dunot. All in favour. MOTION CARRIED

7. County of Simcoe LIP Management Report

S. Lee shared the attached report. Highlighting the LIPs across Canada. Currently there are 77 across Canada with 35 in Ontario. The group was provided copies of the IRCC newsletter sharing the work being done by LIPs.



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8. Sub-Councils / Working Groups

- a. Economic Integration Sub-Council
- b. Cultural Competency Working Group
 - i. Stand Up April 23 May 4 2018 T. Nicholson recognized several group members for their support with the campaign. Data will be shared with the group once it is available. The next campaign will run end of March that corresponds with the National Day to End Racism.
- c. 2018 Newcomer Recognition Awards Working Group
 - i. T. Nicholson shared new sponsors that have been confirmed. Nominations have been distributed to all the schools. Discussion regarding nominations and new categories added this year.



9. Community Projects

- a. Poverty to Employment Project M. Dunot shared the results from the Community Connection Events held in Barrie, Alliston and Bradford West Gwillimbury. In addition, Developing Service Referrals were facilitated in Wasaga Beach and Collinwood. Project completion includes working with the final cohort of students from the Georgian College Research Analyst Program.
- b. MCI Project Employer Breakfasts M. Dunot shared the information on the upcoming breakfasts; May 23, May 29 and June 21. These events will include information for employers on the benefits of hiring international talent and retaining and welcoming those employees.
- c. *Immigrant Job Finding Club* T. Nicholson provided a brief update in H. Hie's absence. Currently a group is running now and one is scheduled to begin in June. The program is experiencing High success rates in the employment of participants.
- d. *Ethnic Mosaic Partnership* S. Sarin provided an update that funding was received from MCI, to provide training to the board. A consultant provided an overview of what could be provided to the group. Work is continuing on the not-for-profit application. Discussion of work of EMP and how other groups can join the Partnership. S. Lee shared that there will be an AGM type meeting to be held in the fall in order to share information with the broader community. J. McGee indicated that she would be pleased to share information on not-for-profits.
- 10. Community Consultation June 4, 2018, 1 4 PM, Simcoe County Museum S. Lee shared the information on the event. The target is broader public sector and sharing information on culturally competent service delivery. Current Simcoe data, system transformations (Library, Job Finding Club, and Employment Ontario) and immigrant stories will be part of the afternoon's activities. All LIP council members were encouraged to attend.

Next Meeting – Wednesday September 12, 2018, 9:30 am to 11:30 am – Innisfil Town Hall, 2101 Innisfil Beach Road, Innisfil L9S 1A1

Educational Inclusions ~ Newcomer Recognition Awards Nomination Package, Employer Breakfast Invite, Language Map, Immigration Map, IRCC Settlement and Integration News Bulletin, Community Consultation Invitation