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MEETING DATE: **1/29/2020**

MEETING TIME LOCATION: 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.
Simcoe County Administrative Offices, Simcoe County Conference Room
1110 Highway 26, Midhurst, ON

ATTENDANCE: D. Brown (Social Enterprise Canada); A. Dubeau (County Councillor); A Dunning (OPP); A. Fletcher (South Simcoe Police Services); C. Gagnon (MTCS-RSB-CID); E. Garcia (Enrique N. Garcia Translations); B. Grbic (BCHC); R. Griffiths (LIP, recording secretary); D. Hamilton (for J. McGee-YMCA of Simcoe/Muskoka); H. Hie (Georgian College, Employment Services); E. Jara (Credit Canada Debt Solutions); M. Kuzma (Nottawasaga Futures); S. Lee (LIP); K. McKenna (COS, EDO); L. Moorhouse (Barrie Police); L. Palson (Georgian College); J. Rajalingam (SMCDSB); S. Sarin (EMA); I Toor (SCDSB); M. Wynia (COS, Long Term Care)

REGRETS: M. Dunot (LIP); G. Hall (COS, Library Cooperative); K. Fraser (Lakehead University); I. Oliveria (BICS); A. Schroeder (Barrie Public Library); L. Woodrow (Career Centre SCDSB);

ABSENT: K. Manners (Simcoe County Coalition); M. Norris (Conseil Scolaire Viamonde); I Pavlik (pavliks.com); L. Wild (City of Barrie);

SUBJECT: **Local Immigration Partnership Meeting**

1. Welcome/Introductions

A. Fletcher welcomed the group, noting that January 29's importance as "Bell Let's Talk" Day. A. Fletcher indicated the relevance of the campaign to immigrants. Round table introductions were made.

D. Brown shared that this is her last meeting prior to retirement. The group welcomed new member, Andrew Scaravelli, Ontario Works, Manager.

2. Community Updates & Other Business

D. Brown shared the ongoing implementation of a project that will connect immigrants through cell phones and laptops accessing service virtually. She will update the LIP when the project is active.

M. Kuzma shared new funding programs, focused on rural women in business and immigrants. He will share a flyer when it becomes available.

K. McKenna shared the good news story of a local employer who hired an attendee from the Peel Regional job fair that EDO participated in earlier. This hire was a direct result of resumes gathered at that event.

A. Fletcher shared that the town of Bradford West Gwillimbury is in the process of developing a community hub. Community consultations are focusing on the immigrant community and the connection to social services. He will keep the group updated at future meetings.

3. Approval of Minutes –November 27, 2019

MOTION to accept the minutes as provided. 1st L. Palson; 2nd D. Hamilton; ALL IN FAVOUR.
Motion Carried.

4. IRCC/MCCSS Updates

C. Gagnon shared that the Rural Economic Development program, administered by OMAFRA, deadline is February 24, 2020. This funding envelope provides cost-share funding to develop strong communities with an attraction of workers in rural areas. She suggested to contact C. Oosterbann, program advisor, for further information. Funding decisions for submitted applications will not be ready until April 2020 or later.

IRCC sent their regrets and will endeavor to attend the May meeting.

5. County of Simcoe LIP Secretariat Update

S. Lee shared M. Dunot is on a medical leave. A temporary position will be posted soon. Further discussion on the Progress Report will occur at the May meeting.

She shared information about two funding applications submitted to the Anti-Racism Action Plan with the Federal Government. One application is focused on supporting the #ITSTARTS campaign, with the inclusion of a Cultural Competency event. The second application supports employers' Cultural Competency skill development. When funding decisions have been made the LIP secretariat will share with the group.

6. Sub-Councils/Working Groups

- a. Settlement Sub-Council - Did not meet during this period. Meeting scheduled for early March.
- b. Cultural Competency Working Group – Did not meeting during this period. Waiting to hear back from funding applications. The Ethno-cultural and Faith-based group inventory was shared. The document will be shared electronically.
- c. #ITSTARTS Working Group – LIP secretariat has provided 14 #ITSTARTS presentations to internal and community groups. Ambassador training registration is open. There are currently spaces available. Ambassador Training 2.0 is scheduled for February 18th. Chris D'souza will provide training designed to expand knowledge and deepen learning for ambassadors. The group was encouraged to have their organization be a community champion for the #ITSTARTS campaign. Information on reported hate crime data and the increase on social media was shared. L. Palson inquired whether some of the shared statistics could be shared as part of the training
- d. 2019 Newcomer Recognition Awards – a debrief meeting was held with the working group. The 2020 awards will be held Thursday October 29th, a week later than previous years. The sponsorship package will be available shortly. The group was encouraged to consider having their organization sponsor the event this year.

7. Community Projects

- a. Immigrant Job Finding Club – H. Hie shared the next networking session will occur on January 28. With the new fiscal year starting, they will be improving their outreach, working with libraries and other points of entry for service delivery.
 - b. Ethnic Mosaic Alliance – S. Sarin shared that the group has a new board member. Business plan and next steps are complete. First birthday celebration will be held on March 10th at the Simcoe County Museum. K. McKenna, from Simcoe County Economic Development Office, will be the keynote speaker. An invitation will be circulated when available.
 - c. Libraries – S. Lee shared information on the funding received from the Federation of Canadian Municipalities. Three workshops will be held at five different libraries: Bradford, Barrie, New Tecumseth, Collingwood, and Essa. The workshops are titled; Welcome to
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Canada: Constitution 101; Public Service: What are my skills? and; Local Leadership Opportunities. Wrap up Lunch and Learn to be held at Tangle Creek Golf and Country Club on Saturday May 23rd. H. Hie offered to assist in the development of the second workshop.

8. Georgian College – Leslie Palson, Dean of International at Georgian College provided a presentation on the International Student population and changes over the past several years.



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9. Health Survey
Further discussion of the health survey will occur at the next meeting

Next Meeting – Wednesday March 29th, 2020, 9:30 am to 11:30 am, Simcoe County Administration Centre, Simcoe County Conference Room



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