

QUINTE LOCAL IMMIGRATION PARTNERSHIP

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Minutes of the meeting 07 December 2017

MEETING :	Quinte Local Immigration Partnership www.quintelip.ca
LOCATION	Belleville City Hall, Sir Mackenzie Bowell (SMB) Meeting Room 3rd floor, 169 Front Street, Belleville, Ontario. (10:00 a.m. to 12 noon)
PROJECT COORDINATOR ADMINISTRATOR /FACILITATOR	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • John L. Robertson - Project Coordinator – Quinte Local Immigration Partnership - Email: lip@quinteimmigration.ca • Orlando Ferro – QLIP Administrator / Facilitator - Executive Director – Quinte Immigration Services QUIS - Email: oferro@quinteimmigration.ca
NOTE TAKER	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • John L. Robertson – QLIP Project Coordinator
ATTENDEES	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stella Weese - Victim Services - Hastings, Prince Edward, Lennox & Addington Counties • Carmela Ruberto - Policy and Program Coordinator - Hastings County Community & Human Services • Marcela Klein-Rezac - Social Worker, MSW, RSW - Quinte and District Rehabilitation Inc. • Trevor Crowe - Community Development Coordinator - Corporation of the County of Prince Edward • Trevor Pross - Chief Executive Officer - Belleville Public Library and John M. Parrott Art Gallery • Gina Cockburn - Co-Director of Legal Services - Community Advocacy & Legal Centre CALC • Paul Osborne - President Board of Directors - Quinte Immigration Services • Karen Kitchen - QUIS Board of Directors • Ashley Spuehler - Settlement Worker - Quinte Immigration Services QUIS • Garnet Thompson - Councillor City of Belleville • Brenda Snider - Executive Director - Volunteer & Information Quinte • Tracey Legault-Davis - Manager of Information Services and Special Event Planner - Volunteer & Information Quinte • Mike Hewitt - Coordinator - Manufacturing Resource Centre - Quinte Economic Development Commission • Barbara Dick - TESL Kingston - Teachers of English as a Second Language Kingston • Dr. Aruna Alexander - UNAC United Nations Association in Canada - Quinte Branch & City of Belleville Inclusion Committee • Brad Labadie - Executive Director - East Central Ontario Training Board ECOTB • Allison Davies - SBC Manager & Business Advisor - Small Business Centre

DISCUSSION

• **Introductions and opening remarks**

- **Acknowledgement** - Special appreciation to Karen Post - Manager of Economic and Strategic Initiatives - City of Belleville and the City of Belleville for their provision of the Sir Mackenzie Bowell Meeting Room at Belleville City Hall.
- **Carmela Ruberto - "Situation Table - Community Safety and Well Being Committee"**
- Members from 31 vital organizations in Hastings County meet weekly to work together on situations that require rapid interventions to support individuals and families who are in high risk situations. 40 cases were acted on in 2017. Community Safety and Well Being Committee Situation Table FACT Form 2016 information provided on the Situation Table.
- The group finds system efficiencies to help at-risk families receive the community resources needed.
- "By bringing the agencies together, we can form a multi-agency intervention using the four filters of information sharing, with very positive outcomes."
- The four filter model that the agencies uses to share information includes individual agency screening, determining risk with de-identified information, limiting disclosure of agency recognition and door knock intervention.
- Community Safety and Well Being Committee Situation Table FACT Form 2016
- http://www.hpechildrenandyouth.ca/wp-content/uploads/2017/03/Factoid-Form-Visual-2016.Blue_.pdf
- **Stella Weese - Victim Services** of Hastings Prince Edward and Lennox & Addington Counties – an in-depth overview of services was provided, more information is available at:
<http://www.victimservicesquinte.ca/about.html>
- Victim Services offers 24 hours a day, 7 days a week short term crisis support and is the only agency in the Quinte Region providing immediate on-site crisis, trauma, safety and support services to victims in response to the needs of individuals, families and communities affected by crime and sudden tragedies. Service is provided in all communities in Hastings, Prince Edward, Lennox & Addington Counties. They offer practical assistance, information and a referral program to victims.
- **Safer and Vital Communities Grant** - Overview - Discussion
Creating a Safer Ontario through Community Collaboration - 2018/19 - 2019/20
Quinte Immigrations Services will be seeking support from community partners in its application for this grant in relation to gaps in services to newcomers to the Quinte Region.
- **Ashley Spuehler - Settlement Worker - Quinte Immigration Services QUIS** – discussion/information.
- QUIS <http://www.quinteimmigration.ca/> relies on partnerships to amplify the response to vulnerable newcomer communities. Partnerships can fill gaps in services for newcomers. The QUIS partnerships includes the Belleville Public Library that provides a space for a QUIS Settlement Worker to offer information to individual newcomers on Thursdays from 4pm to 7pm including those who cannot come to the QUIS offices in the daytime hours, have accessibility issues and those who may be using Belleville Transit to reach services like the Belleville Public Library. There is a need for increased partnerships in order to fill gaps in services to newcomers many of whom are in vulnerable situations, open to fraud and exploitation.
- **Belleville Inclusion Committee (BIC) Priorities** – Strategic Priorities – Discussion
- Garnet Thompson Councillor City of Belleville and Dr. Aruna Alexander UNAC Quinte presented information on the Belleville Inclusion Committee (BIC) and on developing strategies for diversity awareness and inclusivity and how to create the climate of inclusivity to counter racism and discrimination including Vigilance, Community involvement, Education, Marketing/Communications and more.

- The new logo BIC – window logos provided at the meeting. In the New Year there will be a celebration of the anniversary of Belleville joining CCMARD the Canadian Coalition of Municipalities Against Racism and Discrimination. More information is available from the **CCMARD Tool Kit**:
- http://unesco.ca/~media/unesco/sciences%20sociale/2012%2003%2022%20ccmard%20brochure_en%20final.pdf
- Comment – certain agencies would fit into the BIC e.g. marketing.
- **Volunteers and Information Quinte** – Discussions on the need for partner information on the BIC and other Partner agencies prompted a discussion on the services available from VIQ
- VIQ – database of all agencies – ability to broadcast to all agencies, information to a vast number of agency connections in the Quinte Region.
- Volunteer and Information Quinte has the capacity for reaching the general public and provides a central focus for agencies and volunteers. VIQ maintains a database of possible volunteers for hundreds of agencies, and a volunteer for the 211 Ontario support line. Agencies needing assistance in “getting the word out” can contact VIQ as they have the ability to “broadcast” information.
- Transportation to ESL classes at Loyola has been a persistent struggle and VIQ may assist in finding solutions.
- VIQ <http://viq.ca/> presents a weekly article in local newspapers/online and have included information on local services. For assistance: Contact - Brenda Snider volunteer@viq.ca or Tracey Legault-Davis info@viq.ca
- **General funding for immigration services** - The 2017 report of the Ontario Auditor General published a few of months ago, indicated that changes in the general funding for immigration services and its aggregates in Ontario will undergo substantial changes with additional levels of scrutiny, evidence base data reporting and accountability required by all stakeholders (and municipalities) receiving MCI funding. The audit report on immigration services can be found on the link below:
http://www.auditor.on.ca/en/content/annualreports/arreports/en17/v1_313en17.pdf
- **QLIP Meetings (10 a.m. to 12 noon)**
- January, 2018 to be determined
- February 14 2018 (Wednesday) Highland Shores Children’s Aid CAS Boardroom Belleville
- Mar 21, 2018 (Wednesday) Belleville City Hall SMB Meeting room 3rd floor

NEXT MEETING	LOCATION	TIME
Friday, January 26, 2018	Belleville City Hall Sir Mackenzie Bowell (SMB) Meeting Room 3rd floor, 169 Front Street, Belleville, Ontario	10 a.m. to 12 noon