

QUINTE LOCAL IMMIGRATION PARTNERSHIP

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Minutes of the meeting 08 February 2017

MEETING :	Quinte Local Immigration Partnership www.quintelip.ca
LOCATION	Highland Shores Children's Aid - Boardroom - 363 Dundas Street West, 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"> • Kristen Farrell - Child Protection Supervisor Highland Shores Children's Aid • Andrew Redden - Economic Development Manager Hastings County • Barbara Dick - TESL Kingston - Teachers of English as a Second Language Kingston • Danielle Vaillant - Job Search/Community Resource Specialist - META Employment Services • Angela Thompson-Fortin – Service Canada • Scott Hineman - Human Resource Manager - Highline Mushrooms Wellington Ontario • Mike Hewitt - Coordinator - Manufacturing Resource Centre - Quinte Economic Development Commission • Joanne Leith - Employment Consultant - Community Employment Services Loyalist College • Bonnie DeRushie - East Central Ontario Training Board ECOTB

Agenda topics

DISCUSSION	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introductions and opening remarks
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Acknowledgement: Special appreciation to Kristen Farrell - Child Protection Supervisor Highland Shores Children's Aid for the use of the Boardroom at Highland Shores. • Economic Development Strategic discussions The QLIP meeting for March 08, 2017 was replaced with a QLIP meeting with QLIP the Economic Development Group for late March 2017, to discuss international companies wishing to expand to the Quinte Region through an immigration program.

- **Farmers Feed the World FFTW Project – Update**

Employment Strategies will be essential as many Syrian newcomers (Refugees) have or will soon reach “month 13” when support funding may end from private and government sponsors. In response to this the Farmers Feed the World FFTW pilot project embark on by Quinte Immigration Services QUIS with funding from the Canadian Red Cross and support from the Quinte Local Immigration Partnership QLIP has made much progress and will move into its next phase with an event tentatively scheduled for a date in April 2017 focused on skills matching with Syrian newcomers meeting employers with the aid of interpreters.

- **Elevate pre-employment training program**

- Quinte Economic Development Commission QEDC is the administrator of the Elevate pre-employment training program – Working with Loyalist College (Loyalist Training and Knowledge Centre LTKC) and many community and industry partners it provides workforce training that integrates job-specific skills, literacy and essential skills in the food processing industry including placements with partner industries.
- *Elevate Plus* a “SkillsAdvance” 18-month project of the Quinte Economic Development Commission and Loyalist College. <http://www.intelligencer.ca/2016/12/09/pilot-project-funding-for-industry-jobs>

- **Employment Services**

- Community Employment Services - Loyalist College, Career Edge and Meta Employment Services in the Quinte Region provide many employment services, and as well provide access to many programs including those offered through Employment Ontario <http://www.tcu.gov.on.ca/eng/eopg/programs> They may also coordinate with other agencies such as Hastings County Community and Human Services increasing support for employment potential for many in the Quinte Region including newcomers to include Syrian newcomers.
- Communication Flyer (pdf) “Community Partners Working Together” provides contact information for all three employment agencies.

- **Belleville Inclusion Committee** - Further announcements will be provided in April 2017

- Information Note: Belleville Inclusivity Committee organized a community vigil that was held February 02 2017 in support of grieving families who lost loved ones killed at a mosque in Quebec City and to show solidarity with our local Islamic community. The final number of participants was estimated at over 600, details at link: <http://www.quintenews.com/2017/02/hundreds-brave-cold-support-muslim-community/139098/>

- **Hastings County** (comprising 14 municipalities outside of Belleville/Quinte West) staff changes to include a full time marketing coordinator. More info at: <https://www.facebook.com/HastingsCounty/>

- **Service Canada**

- What kinds of fraud should newcomers to Canada watch out for? Information on the following site page is available in Arabic, English, and French. <http://www.cic.gc.ca/english/information/protection/fraud/newcomers.asp>

NEXT MEETING	LOCATION	TIME
February 15, 2018	Belleville City Hall, Sir Mackenzie Bowell (SMB) Meeting Room 3rd floor, 169 Front Street, Belleville, Ontario	10:00 to 12noon