

# QUINTE LOCAL IMMIGRATION PARTNERSHIP

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## Minutes of the meeting 24 November 2016

MEETING :	Quinte Local Immigration Partnership <a href="http://www.quintelip.ca">www.quintelip.ca</a>
LOCATION	Belleville Public Library & John M. Parrott Art Gallery, Meeting Room 3rd floor, Belleville, Ontario (10:00 a.m. to 12 noon)
PROJECT COORDINATOR ADMINISTRATOR /FACILITATOR	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>John L. Robertson</b> - Project Coordinator – Quinte Local Immigration Partnership - <b>Email:</b> <a href="mailto:lip@quinteimmigration.ca">lip@quinteimmigration.ca</a></li> <li>• <b>Orlando Ferro</b> – QLIP Administrator / Facilitator Executive Director – Quinte Immigration Services QUIS <b>Email:</b> <a href="mailto:oferro@quinteimmigration.ca">oferro@quinteimmigration.ca</a></li> </ul>
NOTE TAKER	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>John L. Robertson</b> – QLIP Project Coordinator</li> </ul>
ATTENDEES	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Paul Osborne</b> - President - Board of Directors - Quinte Immigration Services</li> <li>• <b>Lavinia Pureveen</b> – Project Coordinator for QUIS pilot project – Farmers Feed The World FFTW</li> <li>• <b>Hunter Hanna</b> – Loyalist College Placement Student at QUIS</li> <li>• <b>Joanne Leith</b> - Employment Consultant - Community Employment Services Loyalist College</li> <li>• <b>Marcela Klein-Rezac</b> - Social Worker, MSW, RSW - Quinte and District Rehabilitation Inc.</li> <li>• <b>Stephanie Kaladeen</b> - Cultural Mosaic Millennial Project Proposal</li> <li>• <b>Brad Labadie</b> - Executive Director East Central Ontario Training Board ECOTB</li> <li>• <b>Danielle Vaillant</b> - Job Search/Community Resource Specialist - META Employment Services</li> <li>• <b>Barbara Dick</b> - TESL Kingston - Teachers of English as a Second Language Kingston</li> <li>• <b>Trevor Pross</b> - Chief Executive Officer - Belleville Public Library and John M. Parrott Art Gallery</li> </ul>

## Agenda topics

DISCUSSION	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Introductions and opening remarks</b></li> </ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Acknowledgement:</b> Special appreciation to Trevor Pross - Chief Executive Officer - Belleville Public Library and John M. Parrott Art Gallery for the use of the third Floor Boardroom and for assistance in the success of the meeting.</li> </ul>

- **Stephanie Kaladeen** - Cultural Mosaic Millennial Project Proposal presentation to QLIP Partners drew much discussion and suggestions for possible funding (Heritage Canada, Trillium grants, United Way), partnerships could include United Nations Association in Canada Quinte UNAC and the Ambassadors for Belleville endeavour. QLIP Partners also suggested various contacts. Stephanie has been invited to present her project ideas at the January 11, 2017 QLIP meeting in Quinte West especially as it is focused on Quinte West.
- **Farmers Feed the World FFTW Project - Update** - Project Coordinator highlighted the success of the projects recent Info Session held in Belleville with over 100 participants including 77 Syrian Refugees. As a pilot project much was learned at the info session. Syrian newcomers were most concerned about how to get from their current situation to actually acquiring jobs. As a follow-on FFTW is redesigning a module of information to be delivered and shared with other settlement services organizations. Video content of the first panel information session is being edited as part of future information deliveries. More information is available at: <http://www.quinteimmigration.ca/farmers-feed-the-world-english>
- **Employment counselling at QUIS** - Update on the continued success of the innovative protocol in place at Quinte Immigration Services QUIS with Joanne Leith Employment Consultant with Community Employment Services Loyalist College meeting with newcomers one-half day per week for employment counselling in the familiar and trusted environment at QUIS. Success stories were noted and reference was made to the paradigm shift that continues as more newcomers become comfortable with actually attend employment services providers in their establishments. It was noted that the various Employment Ontario Services providers including CES Loyalist College, Meta Employment Services and Career Edge work cooperatively to ensure newcomers are provided with services they can utilize including access to specific training.
- **CEOTIS Central Eastern Ontario Translation and Interpretation Services** – Update on the services of CEOTIS and the need for these services in the provision of assistance to newcomers in the Quinte Region
- **Belleville Public Library** - provided a document in print and in pdf format about the library services in Arabic for the Syrian newcomers. Copies were made available and the pdf will be forwarded to the QLIP Coordinator.
- **Bay of Quinte Living – Quinte Region Immigration Portal** - The “welcome Portal” maintained by Bay of Quinte Living has new features including QuinteJobs.ca <http://quintejobs.ca>
- Suggested web link be added to the QUIS website and Facebook to assist newcomers.
- Numerous concepts were discussed and views expressed in reference to many Syrian refugee newcomers and their need to acquire employment, especially in agriculture and in relation to the needs of employers in farming and Agra-industries. Suggestions and possible options ranged from job fairs to farm tours and more.

QLIP Tentative Meetings for February and March 2017: Time 10 a.m. to 12 noon

- Wednesday, Feb 08, 2017: Highland Shores Children's Aid, Boardroom, 363 Dundas St. West, Belleville, ON
- Wednesday, Mar 08, 2017: Belleville City Hall, Sir Mackenzie Bowell (SMB) Meeting Rm 3rd floor, 169 Front St, Belleville, ON

NEXT MEETING	LOCATION	TIME
To be announced	To be determined	10:00 a.m. to 12 noon