

QUINTE LOCAL IMMIGRATION PARTNERSHIP

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Minutes of the meeting 18 September 2019

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"> • Paul Osborne - President - Board of Directors - Quinte Immigration Services QUIS • Jen Achilles - Communications Manager - Bay of Quinte Regional Marketing Board • Helen Rector – Accounting Manager - Quinte Immigration Services QUIS • Karen Poste - Manager of Economic and Strategic Initiatives City of Belleville • Mike Hewitt - Coordinator - Manufacturing Resource Centre - Quinte Economic Development Commission QEDC • Dr. Aruna Alexander - UNAC United Nations Association Canada - Quinte Branch and City of Belleville Inclusion Committee. • Chantale Blanchette - Project Officer - Francophone Immigration Support Network of East Ontario • Brad Labadie - Executive Director - Centre for Workforce Development CFWD • Barbara Dick - TESL Kingston - Teachers of English as a Second Language Kingston • Rob Gilmour - Principle - Loyola School of Adult and Continuing Education - Algonquin and Lakeshore Catholic District School Board

Agenda topics

DISCUSSION	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introductions and opening remarks
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Acknowledgement - Special appreciation to Karen Post - Manager of Economic and Strategic Initiatives and staff - City of Belleville, and the City of Belleville for their provision of the Sir Mackenzie Bowell Meeting Room at Belleville City Hall.

- **Jen Achilles** - Communications Manager - Bay of Quinte Regional Marketing Board provided a presentation on the current changes and upgrades being implemented to the Bay of Quinte Welcoming Portal available at <https://immigration.bayofquinte.ca> The changes were based in part on focus group results. The language as written was adjusted and changed to simplify the message and to reduce problematic wording and making the site easier to read. Examples were presented on the Smart board for the QLIP Partners.
- The Welcome Portal pages that public will locate are now worded to ensure readers with limited English skills have an easier read and the improved word spacing provides improved readability and clarity.
- The insert on the right is a screen shot from the “Bay of Quinte Immigration welcome portal” under education for International Students and is provided as an example of the improvements to the site.
- **New Federal government national application for funding process anti-racism** program has launched and is open to a wide range of applicants including municipalities.



- <https://www.canada.ca/en/canadian-heritage/services/funding/anti-racism-action-program/application-guidelines.html>
- **Discussion - Destination Canada Mobility Forum 2019 – in Paris and Brussels**
For those employers interested in recruiting professionals.
Destination Canada Mobility Forum 2019 - Registration is now open for the 15th edition of Destination Canada Mobility Forum which will take place Friday November 15th, Saturday November 16th and Sunday November 17th in PARIS (France) and on Tuesday November 19th in BRUSSELS (Belgium). A preparatory meeting for all Canadian participants will take place at the Embassy of Canada in Paris on Thursday November 14th in the afternoon.
- **Destination Canada Mobility Forum is an annual event organized by the Government of Canada in Paris and Brussels.** It connects Canadian employers and organizations with skilled French-speaking and bilingual candidates in various fields. The forum is open to participation by Canadian institutional representatives (provinces, territories, regions, municipalities, economic development agencies, francophone organizations, etc.) as well as Canadian employers with positions to fill in provinces and territories other than Quebec.

- Employers that are interested will find information at the Destination Canada Mobility Forum 2019 site: https://www.canada.ca/en/immigration-refugees-citizenship/services/work-canada/hire-foreign-worker/french-speaking-bilingual-workers-outside-quebec/destination-canada.html?utm_campaign=not-applicable&utm_medium=vanity-url&utm_source=canada-ca_destination-canada-forum
- **Francophone issues noted** - It was discussed that a northern New Brunswick mayor is rolling out the welcome mat for Quebecers upset with their province's move to restrict some people from wearing religious symbols. Cyrille Simard, the mayor of Edmundston, says there are opportunities for people who want to move to New Brunswick.
- **The Centre for Workforce Development CFWD** received funding under the Ontario Labour Market Partnership program through the Ontario Ministry of Training, Colleges and Universities to examine participation rates and identify the root causes of this issue and develop strategies to address them. This project, spanning all of Eastern Ontario, is a collaborative initiative led by CFWD.
- CFWD has also received funding through the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs (OMAFRA) Rural Economic Development (RED) Fund to look at developing a rural immigration strategy for Hastings, Prince Edward and Lennox and Addington Counties. Working in partnership with the City of Belleville, the City of Quinte West, Prince Edward County, Hastings County, Lennox and Addington County, Quinte Economic Development Commission, Bay of Quinte Regional Marketing Board and Trenval, CFWD has hired a research consultant Chela Brekon, Fraser View Group to support the project. The Centre for Workforce Development conducts a number of projects each year for further information view their projects at: <https://cfwd.ca/projects>
- **There is a current lack of affordable housing in the Quinte area which affects employment and attraction of** employment candidates including being a disincentive to newcomers seeking employment in the Quinte Region.
- **Loyola New Location / Open House** – Loyola School of Adult and Continuing Education - Algonquin and Lakeshore Catholic District School Board in Belleville held their open house on September 20th from 11:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m. at their new location, 161 Bridge St W Unit 5, Belleville, ON (corner of Bridge and Sydney near Meta Employment). ESL and LINC classes for newcomers <https://learningatloyola.ca/campus/belleville> Facebook Loyola: <https://www.facebook.com/LoyolaSchoolOfAdultAndContinuingEducation>
- **Quinte Region Career & Training Fair** - with 35 Employers represented <http://quintecareerfair.ca> October 9th, 2019 from 3:00PM to 7:30PM Location will be Quinte Sports and Wellness Centre Gym. ASL interpreter available 4:00 pm- 6:00 pm. Information has been available on the Quinte Immigration Services QUIS Facebook.
- **Elevate PLUS Training Program – 17th cohort graduation** October 15, 2019. A free training and hands-on experience for a career in the Bay of Quinte region's manufacturing sector. This program integrates comprehensive job-specific skills and literacy and essential skills with the direct participation of manufacturing and food processing employers in both delivery and program design. Eligibility Requirements: Unemployed (18 and over) or working 20 hours per week or less; Strong desire to gain full-time employment with the opportunity to start or re-start a career; Able to attend classes and on-site work placement for 6 weeks. <http://loyalisttraining.com/workshops/upcoming-workshops/elevate-plus-training-program>
- **Economic Development through Immigration EDTI Pilot Project – Update provided by Helen Rector** - Quinte Immigration Services QUIS <http://www.quinteimmigration.ca> EDTI designed to assist immigrant businesses including entrepreneurs wishing to move or relocate to the Quinte Region within Canada and internationally, and also to match newcomers with job opportunities in relation to labour shortages. The Pilot Project is housed at Quinte Immigration Services QUIS with information available on the QUIS website and marketed through the "Bay of Quinte Immigration website". Partners contributing to the EDTI include: City of Quinte West Economic Development - Prince Edward County Economic Development - City of

Belleville Economic Development - CEOTIS (QUIS) Translation Interpretation Services - QLIP Quinte Local Immigration Partnership - Centre for Workforce Development CFWD

- **Rural Employment Initiative REI – “skilled workers ready to relocate to the rural Ontario including the Quinte Region” was discussed.** The REI connects skilled immigrants in Peel Region and the Greater Toronto Area with employers in rural Ontario that have sustainable job opportunities, and facilitates their movement from the metropolitan GTA to rural Ontario. REI has over 300 skilled immigrant clients who are seeking employment outside of the GTA, interested in relocating to rural Ontario. Many of these candidates have skills in areas such as healthcare services, Human Resources, skilled trades and business management.
<http://www.ncpeel.ca/services/look-for-employment>

NEXT MEETING	LOCATION	TIME
Wednesday October 23 2018	City of Quinte West Quinte West Municipal Offices Multi-Purpose Room 7 Creswell Drive, Trenton, ON	10 a.m. to 12 noon