



MINUTES OF ECSIP ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING

MINUTES 90

Date Sept. 26th, 2024

Time: 1:00pm to 2:30pm

Attendees	Andrew Sedley, Trevor Baker, Laurretta Ritchie-McInnes, Maria Cole-Gayle, Chelsey Exner, Lisa Washington, Edith Montesclaros, Mark Packer, Kwene Appah (IRCC) and Karen Gruber (ICT).
Regrets	Donna Brothwell, Lisa Wotherspoon, Lisa Cadiuex de Larios, Kurt Fuchs, SherJan Maybanting, Oladokun Peter Laniya, and Erin Goodfellow.
Recording	Jummai Umar (LIP Coordinator).
Call to Order	Maria Cole-Gayle (ECSIP Co-Chair) @1:01pm

Agenda Topics

1. Land acknowledgement	<ul style="list-style-type: none">By Maria Cole-Gayle - "We acknowledge that the land on which we gather is Treaty 4 Territory, the traditional home of the Saulteaux, Nakoda, Dakota and Lakota and homeland of the Metis Nation".
2. Approval of Agenda	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Motion by Andrew Sedley. Seconded by Trevor Baker. Carried.
3. Review of last meeting minutes	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Correction of Chelsey Johnson to Chelsey ExnerMotion by Edith Montesclaros. Seconded by Lisa Washington.Carried.
4. Business arising from last meeting minutes	<ul style="list-style-type: none">City Hall tour – did not take place as planned, ECSIP to follow up with the city for welcoming week 2025ECSIP to follow up / engage students at next years Suncrest College welcoming week event with the 3 questions:<ul style="list-style-type: none">What makes you feel welcome in our community?How long do you plan to stay in the Area?What else can we do to help you feel welcome?Addition of SHA is great to ECSIPChambers of Commerce should be invitedDonna Brothwell has retired from YBID, a new person has been hired to begin on October 1st
5. ZIP Coordinator's report	<ul style="list-style-type: none">INVOLVE training: 15 – 20 participantsMentorship may depend on participant interests, geographic location of participants

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To avoid mentorship barriers, if MCoS can provide mentor organizations with responsibilities Suggested Mentor organizations include SIGN, MCoS, MLA office, Chamber of Commerce, Yorkton Arts Council, Parkland Valley Sports, Culture, and Recreation District, ECNWC, Tourism Yorkton, Boys and Girls club, Yorkton Film Festival, Yorkton Canoe and kayak.
<p>6. Items for discussion:</p> <p>6.1 Review of welcoming week (Sept. 13th – 22nd, 2024)</p> <p>6.2 INVOLVE training and mentoring for the IAT</p> <p>6.3 Reports from IAT meeting</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ECSIP to approach welcoming week differently next year and be more assertive with partners From the newly adopted city cultural plan the city/others need to come on board and not ECSIP responsibility Welcoming Week 2025 is scheduled for September 12th - 21st, 2025. 'Global threads' will be organized and promoted well ahead of time ECSIP project for welcoming week will be "A City Hall tour with City Officials" ECSIP to follow up with the city clerk about the formation and activities of the Immigration Strategy Committee, especially since January is when new committees are typically announced or added. INVOLVE - Integrating New Volunteers with Opportunities to add Leadership Value through Education is a training program to impact leadership volunteering at decision making levels to members of Immigrants Advisory Table (IAT). Training will offer a series of interactive learning sessions and mentoring to prepare participants for leadership volunteer roles in many types of community and civic organizations. Funding for INVOLVE training: While awaiting response from MCoS's Regional Multicultural Council Funding 2024-25, Parkland Valley Sports, Culture, and Recreation District has offered us partnership to cover facilitation costs up to \$1,500 Volunteers: 2 new members joined the IAT. IAT suggests the formation of 'employment working group' to engage employers in the region 'Global threads' -
7. Other matters	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ECSIP to reach out to Chamber of Commerce to participate in the Advisory Council



	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The East Central Newcomer Welcome Centre will be organizing the 'Festival of Cultures' on November 24th at Sacred Hearts School in Yorkton. We need everyone's support, especially with promotion. So far, 12 cultures have shown interest. If you would like to volunteer, please email Ruel (rguthrie@ecnwc.ca) or Edith (emontesclaros@ecnwc.ca).• IRCC – There has been a delay in the release of CFP results and the subsequent contract negotiations with managers.
8. Next Meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Next meeting Dec. 19th 2024
9. Adjournment	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Motion by Laurretta Ritchie-McInnes. Seconded by Edith Montesclaros @1:50pm.• Carried.

ECSIP Chair

ECSIP Co-chair

Recorder