



**MINUTES OF ECSIP ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING**

**MINUTES 90**

**Date Jul. 10<sup>th</sup>, 2025**

**Time: 1:00pm to 2:30pm**

Attendees	Trevor Baker, Chelsey Exner, Lisa Wotherspoon, Edith Montesclaros, Mandi Kobylko and Akweley Ninepence (IRCC).
Regrets	Kaitlyn Kizan, Shanon Nye (ICT), Maria Cole-Gayle, Juanita Polegi, SherJan Maybanting, Lisa Washington, Andrew Sedley, Laretta Ritchie-McInnes, Oladokun Peter Laniya, Lisa Cadiuex de Larios, Kurt Fuchs, and Toluwalope Oqunbiyi (IRCC).
Recording	Jummai Umar (ECSLIP Coordinator).
Call to Order	Jummai Umar (ECSIP Coordinator) @1:08pm.

**Agenda Topics**

1. Land acknowledgement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>By Jummai Umar - "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".</li> </ul>
ECSIP New representatives	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>IRCC - Toluwalope Oqunbiyi</li> <li>ICT - Shanon Nye</li> <li>SHA - Mandi Kobylko</li> </ul>
2. Approval of Agenda	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Motion by Lisa Wotherspoon. Seconded by Trevor Baker. Carried.</li> </ul>
3. Review of last meeting minutes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Motion by Chelsey Exner. Seconded by Trevor Baker.</li> <li>Carried.</li> </ul>
4. ZIP Coordinator's report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Starting April 1st 2025, ECSIP is again funded by IRCC as a grant and position is secured for the next 3 years 2025-2027 funding cycle.</li> <li>ECSIP to revisit City of Yorkton's ToR for Immigration Strategy Committee.</li> </ul>
5. Items for discussion:	
5.1 Welcoming week Sept 12 <sup>th</sup> -21 <sup>st</sup> 2025 – notes from working group meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Civic Engagement – 'Interact with your council' (Lisa to speak with Jessica on it and revert back) Broken into 2 events:             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Have an open house – a tour of City Hall before council meeting.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>



5.2 Update on Community  
Conversation on  
Immigration (The economic  
and community benefits of  
newcomer retention).

5.3 Reports from IAT meeting.

- Have City council appreciate and recognise immigrants in their meeting.
- Newcomer representation attend council meeting on September 2<sup>nd</sup>.
- Stakeholders - Have Businesses that employ immigrants in the area acknowledge welcoming week by appreciating/celebrating immigrant employees and have posters with welcoming week template.
- Ask the library if they can do any activity for welcoming week (Lisa to speak with Yuri).
- 'Global Threads' – have everyone dress their roots or culture on Friday, Sept. 19<sup>th</sup>
  - Theme "We're all in"
  - Make Posters (Lisa to have her team work on 2 samples and share poster).
  - Promote it at Schools through ECSIP Advisory Council representations for GSSD, CTTS & College.
  - Contact the Schools youth council
  - Promote on social media well ahead of time
- IRCC will no longer provide financial support for hosting community conversations in the upcoming fiscal year. However, in-kind resources remain available, such as graphic design materials (e.g., posters, PowerPoint templates, letterhead, appreciation certificates, Zoom backgrounds), printable surveys, sample social media posts, and a communications plan template.
- ECSIP will explore the CIF grant program as a potential funding source for the event.
- The ECSIP Coordinator will develop a comprehensive event plan that includes budget details, activities, venue options, and guest invitations. The plan should also outline a timeline, with the goal of hosting the event during Welcoming Week.
- IAT is keen to contribute newcomer perspectives and insights to the City of Yorkton's newly formed Workforce Development Committee, which is focused on analyzing workforce trends, identifying skill gaps, and anticipating future labor market needs.



5.4 Review of ECSIP Terms of Reference document	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• IAT supports selection of September 19<sup>th</sup> for this year's welcoming week event – "Global Threads" and agrees to invite the community to dress in attire that represents their cultural heritage.</li><li>• To be represented in next meeting agenda when more members are in attendance.</li></ul>
6. Next Meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Next meeting, Sept. 25<sup>th</sup> 2025.</li></ul>
7. Adjournment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Motion by Trevor Baker. Seconded by Lisa Wotherspoon @1:56pm.</li><li>• Carried.</li></ul>

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