



MINUTES OF ECSIP ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING

MINUTES 90

Date Dec. 18th, 2025

Time: 1:00pm to 2:30pm

Attendees	Lauretta Ritchie-McInnes, Lisa Washington, Trevor Baker, Chelsey Exner, Edith Montesclaros, Shanon Nye (ICT), Lisa Cadiuex de Larios, Andrew Sedley, Oladokun Peter Laniya, Akweley Ninepence (IRCC) and Lisa Wotherspoon.
Regrets	SherJan Maybanting, Kaitlyn Kizan, Mandi Kobylko, Kurt Fuchs, Toluwalope Oqunbiyi (IRCC), and Derek Williams.
Recording	Jummai Umar (ECSIP Coordinator).
Call to Order	Lisa Washington @1:02 pm.

Agenda Topics

1. Land acknowledgement	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• By Lisa Washington - “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 Lauretta Ritchie-McInnes. Seconded by Lisa Wotherspoon. Carried.
3. Review of last meeting minutes	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Motion by Trevor Baker. Seconded by Lisa Cadiuex de Larios.• Carried.
4. ZIP Coordinator’s report	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Revisit City of Yorkton Council on ECSIP’s Ask: The ISC working group has been tasked with regrouping to refine and re-strategize ECSIP’s request to City Council, particularly in light of recent changes to Canadian immigration policies.• The working group requires more members.• ECSIP presentation at the P2P conference: The ECSIP Coordinator was commended for effectively highlighting and promoting the important work of ECSIP to the public.• ECSIP presentation as guest speaker was well received at PVSCR District’s AGM, ECSIP can also proactively target Organization’s AGMs to increase visibility and public awareness.



	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ECSIP Coordinator to stay in communication with the Society for the Involvement of Good Neighbours (SIGN)'s Executive Director to explore a staff presentation in the spring.
<p>5. Items for discussion:</p> <p>5.1 Review of ECSIP 2025 – 2028 Action Plan</p> <p>5.2 Review of ECSIP Terms of Reference Addendums</p> <p>5.3 Update on ECSIP research/partnership with Suncrest College</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A small working group collaborated on the revisions, and the updated version was presented to the PAC, reviewed collectively during the meeting, and is now ready to serve as the working document for the 2025–2028 cycle. Action plan to be submitted to IRCC. Terms of Reference Addendums was reviewed collectively during the meeting. Changes to Addendum II (ECSIP Meeting schedules for 2026) was recorded. The updated Terms of Reference document is to serve as the working document for the 2025–2028 cycle, which is subject to annual review. ECSIP has selected the Mitacs Intern pathway to undertake a small-scale research project in collaboration with Suncrest College's Applied Research Department, laying the groundwork for a future funding application. Suncrest College's Applied Research Department has submitted a Business Strategy Initiative application to Mitacs on behalf of ECSIP, focusing on the topic "Impact of Community Programs on Immigrant Settlement and Adjustment in East Central Saskatchewan". ECSIP is currently awaiting approval, typically a 4 - 6 weeks process, before moving forward. To ensure feasibility within the available funding, research will focus on three communities, rather than covering the entire region. The research findings will be grounded in the realities of East Central Saskatchewan, ensuring they accurately reflect local experiences and conditions



<p>5.4 Schedule meeting to review ECSIP's ask to City of Yorkton Council</p> <p>5.5 Proposed 2026 meeting schedule</p> <p>5.6 Reports from IAT meeting</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Edith has volunteered to join Andrew and Peter in the ISC (Immigration Strategy Committee) working group.• The ISC working group is recommended to further clarify and strengthen the framework around ECSIP's request.• The ECSIP Coordinator will circulate a poll among working group members to determine a preferred meeting time in February.• The proposed meeting will review ECSIP's request in the context of recent federal immigration policy updates, drawing on best practices from other communities since our last engagement, with updates to be presented at the next ECSIP meeting in March 2026. • All December meetings will be scheduled one week earlier than originally planned.• All meeting times have been adjusted to run from 1:30 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. • IAT Membership Reconfirmation: Following the email reconfirmation process, the IAT now has 12 active members committed for the next two years.• Expansion of INVOLVE Training: Building on the strengthened commitment to volunteering developed through the IAT's participation in INVOLVE, the IAT recommends opening access to INVOLVE training for newcomers interested in serving on boards.• A needs assessment and promoting the opportunity through targeted posters to support meaningful newcomer participation and community integration which may also increase newcomer interest in joining the IAT.
<p>6. Any other business</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• INVOLVE continuity could be extended to boards that are seeking volunteers, providing them with a structured pathway to engage and support newcomer participation.• Initiate discussions with MCoS to explore opportunities for collaboration on a Training of Trainers (TOT) model for INVOLVE.• The Chamber of Commerce could also be included by exploring their interest in supporting or participating in a TOT for INVOLVE.



	<ul style="list-style-type: none">ECSIP Coordinator will share an availability poll with Lisa Washington and Chelsey Exner to continue discussions on “Building Capacity/Volunteer Network” for immigrants.
7. Next Meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Next meeting, March 26th 2026.
8. Adjournment	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Motion by Chelsey Exner, Seconded by Peter Laniya @2:00 pm.Carried.

ECSIP Chair

ECSIP Co-Chair

Recorder