

## **Meeting notes from Advisory council meeting – 13 Jan 2022.**

The meeting started with introductions of everyone in attendance.

There was a short video presentation about what a LIP is and what is expected of the Advisory Council

### **Vision**

We talked about ensuring that our vision was detailed enough that it would be useful in guiding our work. We talked about the characteristics of a welcoming community.

*Action to be taken: The LIP Coordinator will create a draft of a vision that will be included in the Terms of Reference for review by the Advisory Council.*

### **Terms of Reference**

We talked about not reinventing the wheel. It was agreed that we use an existing LIPs terms as a starting point for ours. Grand Prairies' document was talked about as a possible model to work off of. It was discussed that we could take bits and pieces from many different LIP's to ensure our document works for our local needs. This will be considered a living document that will need to be reviewed regularly.

*Action to be taken: The LIP Coordinator will work on putting together a draft for the council's review.*

### **Stakeholders that are missing**

There was talk about big employers and business organizations that should be included. The importance of having more representation from the rural and northern communities in our areas was mentioned. This representation can also come from the Immigrant Advisory Table. The use of sub committees was brought up. This would help ensure members are focusing on areas of personal importance and expertise to both improve engagement, as well as to keep the advisory council at a manageable size.

List of possible additions;

Suma,

Chambers of commerce,

Harvest meats,

Sask. Economic development.

*Action to be taken: The LIP Coordinator will forward the created poster we used in the past. If you have anyone that you know might be interested and a good fit, you can forward my contact information to them or their information to me.*

**Name:**

We had a brief discussion of a name for this project. Some of the words that were important to the group were “East Central Saskatchewan” and “Immigration.” We came up with three names that seemed to be a good fit. They are East Central Saskatchewan Immigration Council, East Central Saskatchewan Immigration Partnership, and East Central Saskatchewan Immigration Advisory Council.

*Action to be taken: The LIP Coordinator will send out a poll with the three options, everyone will have the chance to pick the name that they prefer.*

**Other**

A reoccurring theme to this meeting was the need to be directed by a need’s assessment. This assessment including directions determined by the to be formed Immigrant Advisory table will determine our priorities. An overall Inclusive approach was important. We want to ensure that this group includes all immigrants, regardless of status, or amount of time since landing in Canada or our local area.

There was a conversation about the local need for more less skilled labor. This included employees in the services and retail sectors. The current process is set up to target higher skilled labour and people with degrees.

**Next Meeting:**

April 7th, 2022 at 1 pm