



MINUTES OF ECSIP ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING

MINUTES 90

Date Dec. 07, 2023

Time: 1:00pm to 2:30pm

Attendees	Edith Montesclaros, Susan Robertson, Laretta Ritchie-McInnes, Oladokun Peter Laniya, Andrew Sedley, Trevor Baker, Maria Cole-Gayle, Chelsey Johnson, SherJan Maybanting, kurt Fuchs, Mark Packer and Donna Brothwell.
Regrets	Andrea Dielschneider, Lisa Washington, and Alison Dubreuil.
Recording	Jummai Umar (LIP Coordinator).
Call to Order	Maria Cole-Gayle (ECSIP Co-Chair) @1:07pm

Agenda Topics

1. Land acknowledgement	<ul style="list-style-type: none">By Maria Cole-Gayle - "We acknowledging 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 Donna Brothwell. Seconded by Edith Montesclaros. Carried.
3. Review of last meeting minutes	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Motion by Chelsea Johnson. Seconded by Susan Robertson. Carried.
4. LIP Coordinator's report	<ul style="list-style-type: none">LIP Outreach/Establishing Connections: follow-ups and visitations to some communities outside of Yorkton to create awareness on ECSIP activities. Communities visited include Neudoff, Lemberg, Abernerthy, Dubuc, Whitewoods, Stockholm, MacNutt, and Invermay.IRCC's Visit: IRCC's Mark Packer visited the LIP and the East Central Newcomer Welcome Centre on Sept. 27th 2023 in person.Addition of Suncrest College to ECSIP Advisory Council: Suncrest College is being represented by her President and CEO, Alison Dubreuil.ECSIP working groups: ECSIP's first working group known as "Immigration Strategy working group" started with 3 ECSIP Advisory Council members.



	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The working group will present ECSIP to City of Yorkton Council, and draw the City of Yorkton’s attention to urgent ‘gaps and community needs’ for immigrants.• Welcoming week: ECSIP is partnering with the East Central Newcomer Welcome Centre Inc. and the Communities to plan and organise next year’s welcoming week events well ahead of time and make it known annual series of event.• Professional Development – LIP Coordinator attending meetings and collaborating with other LIPs to ensure we are on the right track and learning from others.
<p>5. Items for discussion:</p> <p>5.1 ECSIP’s presentation and proposal of an ‘immigration Strategy committee’ to City of Yorkton Council (Dec. 18th 2023, 5:00 -7:00pm)</p> <p>5.2 ECSIP’s proposal of adoption and renaming of a “good-neighbour policy” for Yorkton (“friendly neighbour policy”)</p> <p>5.3 Reports from IAT meeting.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The working group will recommend to City council positive ways to grow the city’s population through immigration, attraction of immigrants and retention of immigrants.• working group members met with the Mayor of Yorkton to brief him on it, the information session with the Mayor was well received and had a positive feedback.• Presentation to City of Yorkton Council is slated for Dec. 18th 2023, it is important for ECSIP members to be present and show support at the presentation.• LIP Coordinator will present to City Council • Good neighbour policy: ECSIP plans to collaborate with the City of Yorkton to formulate its own ‘good neighbour policy’ and possibly rename it – ‘friendly or welcoming neighbour policy’. • More people volunteered and participated in the IAT• IAT is interested in participating in future ‘welcoming week’ activities such as – having a resource bank ahead of time to support newcomers, learning about the First Nations history and culture.



<p>5.4 Schedule of meetings for 2024 - (March 28th, June 27th, Sept. 26th and Dec. 19th 2024)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> IAT members are interested in volunteering in an event in next year’s welcoming week – to celebrate our diversity of cultures, food and history. Identified Newcomer ‘Needs’ by IAT - These are some gaps and needs prioritized so far by the IAT for newcomers from previous meetings. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Employment and entrepreneurship opportunities Access to transportation Access to affordable, adequate and suitable housing. Educational opportunities. Social engagement opportunities. Positive attitudes toward immigrants, cultural diversity, and the presence of newcomers in the community. Links between main actors working toward welcoming communities. (Newcomers are lacking access to information on settlement services). Meeting schedule looks good and will be maintained.
<p>6. Development of ECSIP action plan with specific, measurable and time bound activities to implement community’s strategic priorities</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ECSIP to use an existing strategic plan template– like the schools’ division’s template to build hers with goals and high-level actions. Identified need can be grouped together to make template simpler A working group be started for strategic/action plan Further discussions at the next meeting Letter of support for LIP to continue
<p>7. Next Meeting</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Next meeting March 27th 2024
<p>8. Adjournment</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Motion by Laretta Ritchie-McInnes. Seconded by Peter Laniya @2:05pm. Carried.

ECSIP Chair

ECSIP Co-chair

Recorder