



MINUTES OF ECSIP ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING

MINUTES 90

Date Sept. 14, 2023

Time: 1:00pm to 2:30pm

Attendees	Edith Montesclaros, Lisa Washington, Oladokun Peter Laniya, Andrew Sedley, Trevor Baker, Chelsey Johnson, SherJan Maybanting, Mark Packer and Donna Brothwell.
Regrets	kurt Fuchs, Lauretta Ritchie-McInnes, Andrea Dielschneider, and Susan Robertson.
Recording	Jummai Umar (LIP Coordinator).
Call to Order	Maria Cole-Gayle (ECSIP Co-Chair) @1:03pm

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 Andrew Sedley. Carried.
3. Review of last meeting minutes	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Motion by Edith Montesclaros. Seconded by Lisa Washington. Carried.
4. LIP Coordinator's report	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Terms of Reference document - Review will be done yearly and LIP Coordinator to send a notice for review 2 weeks before the year end.• LIP Promotion - IRCC provided additional funding for production of promotion materials (pull-up banner, posters and rack cards).• LIP Outreach/Establishing Connections: follow-ups to communities outside of Yorkton to create awareness on ECSIP activities. Communities visited include Springside, Foam Lake, Saltcoats, Bredenbury, Langenburg, Norquay, Esterhazy, Ituna, Melville and Grenfell.



	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Online Survey to newcomers: QR code has been attached to survey links for easy access, members are encouraged to share survey at their various offices and community groups. • Welcoming week – <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ECSIP will bring “Welcoming Week” information to City Council and possibly fit into City calendar. • ECSIP to partner with other organizations to participate in welcoming week activities and programmes hence forth. • Prepare at least 2 months ahead of time. • Get welcoming week information across municipalities. • YBID to promote in advert of Yorkton weekly news. • YBID to promote in ‘June days’ activities. • Parkland Valley to promote at talks and events. • 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 Welcoming communities toolkit-1 Summary</p> <p>5.2 Development of a “good neighbor policy”</p> <p>5.3 Reports from IAT meeting</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Findings/conclusions from Toolkit 1 summary in relation to ECSIP’s vision of retention be incorporated into the strategic plan • ECSIP will take findings to City Council and bring ECSIP vision to City Council • ECSIP will engage the City Council for a community strategic plan, which <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • should encourage businesses to invest in rentals • should have a housing strategy • Some investment into student housing • ECSIP will engage the City Council for the development of a ‘good neighbour policy’ • Welcoming week - IAT is interested in participating in future ‘welcoming week’ activities such as – having a resource bank



	<p>ahead of time to support newcomers, learning about the First Nations – A perfect timing, as it coincides with the month of ‘truth and reconciliation’.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• More participation in IAT - Getting more participation and involvement of people in IAT will go a long way in promoting ECSIP activities, being strategic and exploring other options in getting people to commit to the IAT, Suggestions made on ECSIP promotion includes<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Promote ECSIP activities at all community events like ‘city wide registration’, and ‘sun flower event’.• Have more frequent adverts of ECSIP in the media• Use the Schools as outlet to promote ECSIP activities• Use informal settings for IAT meetings – having a gathering like pot locks, kids’ games or gym night.
6. Development of a local settlement strategy identifying key community-specific priorities	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 3 ECSIP Advisory Council members volunteered to meet to bring the city of Yorkton’s attention to urgent ‘gaps and community needs’ for immigrants, the goals and mission of ECSIP, and the city-wide involvement in welcoming week.• ECSIP to use an existing strategic plan template– like the schools’ division’s template when developing hers.• ECSIP Strategic plans will be informed by outcome of survey, summary of toolkit-1 and outcome of presentations to City Council.
7. Next Meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Next meeting December 7th 2023
8. Adjournment	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Motion by Trevor Baker, Seconded by Peter Laniya @1: 15pm.• Carried.

ECSIP Chair

ECSIP Co-chair

Recorder