



**MINUTES OF ECSIP ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING**

**MINUTES 90**

**Date Mar. 28, 2024**

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

Attendees	Mark Packer, SherJan Maybanting, Donna Brothwell, Edith Montesclaros, Chelsey Johnson, Lisa Washington, Lisa Cadiuex de Larios, Lisa Wotherspoon, Maria Cole-Gayle, and Trevor Baker.
Regrets	Andrea Dielschneider, Andrew Sedley, Oladokun Peter Laniya, Kurt Fuchs and Laurretta Ritchie-McInnes.
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"> <li>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".</li> </ul>
2. Approval of Agenda	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Motion by Donna Brothwell. Seconded by Chelsea Johnson. Carried.</li> </ul>
3. Review of last meeting minutes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Motion by Edith Montesclaros. Seconded by Trevor Baker. Carried.</li> </ul>
4. ZIP Coordinator's report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>LIP Outreach/Establishing Connections:</b> follow-ups and visitations to <b>Melville, Kamsack, Canora, Langenburg, Foam Lake, and Moosomin.</b></li> <li><b>Addition to ECSIP Advisory Council:</b> Suncrest College is now being represented by Lisa Cadiuex de Larios.</li> <li><b>ECSIP Presentation:</b></li> <li><b>Yorkton</b> – ECSIP Immigration Strategy working group's proposal was presented at the City of Yorkton on Dec. 18<sup>th</sup> Council meeting, with the following asks to council members:             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>That an <b>Immigration Strategy Committee</b> be created,</li> <li>That the <b>City adopt a friendly/welcoming neighbor policy;</b> and</li> <li>That the <b>City have a yearly celebration of the welcoming week occur</b></li> </ul> </li> <li><b>Foam Lake:</b> – ECSIP also had a PowerPoint presentation on ECSIP's works, vision and mission in Foam Lake on Feb. 13<sup>th</sup> at Foam Lake Council meeting. Both presentations were well received.</li> <li><b>ECSIP's Business Luncheon for Employers:</b> ECSIP hosted local businesses / employers to lunch on March 27<sup>th</sup> with the theme was "fostering</li> </ul>



	<p>collaboration and connection among diverse employees". The essence of the event is to promote GBA plus and intersectionality more broadly in communities across the country.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Speakers from diverse backgrounds to share their insights on collaboration, inclusion, and workplace diversity.</li> <li>• Event was well attended and presented real-world examples of organizations that have successfully promoted collaboration among diverse teams and highlighted the importance of inclusive policies and practices.</li> </ul>
<p>5. Items for discussion:</p> <p>5.1 Response from City of Yorkton Council</p> <p>5.2 Working group report</p> <p>5.3 Yearly review of ToR.</p> <p>5.4 Reports from IAT meeting</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• City of Yorkton invited ECSIP Immigration Strategy working group to a preliminary planning meeting which held on March 5<sup>th</sup> 2024, meeting was well received, working group awaits more recommendations from City administration as to the possibility and workings of the would-be Immigration Strategy Committee.</li> <li>• <b>Immigration Strategy working group</b> – City of Yorkton Council received and filed ECSIP’s Dec. 18<sup>th</sup> PowerPoint presentation and further refer ECSIP’s requests to administration for further information and recommendations with a letter on Feb. 6<sup>th</sup> 2024.</li> <li>• <b>Strategic / Action plan working group</b> – Four (4) ECSIP Advisory Council members (Trevor Baker, Lisa Cadieux de Larios, Edith Montesclaros and Lisa Washington) volunteered in the group. The CTTCS strategic plan template was adopted, it has been modified using the IRCC deliverables for ECSIP.</li> <li>• ECSIP terms of reference document is subject to an annual review, and the next review is slated for the next meeting.</li> <li>• ZIP Coordinator will share the document in advance of the upcoming meeting. This will allow members to review it prior to the meeting on June 27<sup>th</sup> and provide any feedback, additions, amendments, or corrections.</li> <li>• IAT members are interested in volunteering in an event in next year’s welcoming week – to celebrate our diversity of cultures, food and history.</li> </ul>





	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• IAT members suggested wearing traditional clothing throughout the welcoming week as a way to celebrate diversity.</li><li>• 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"><li>1. Employment and entrepreneurship opportunities</li><li>2. Access to transportation</li><li>3. Access to affordable, adequate and suitable housing.</li><li>4. Educational opportunities.</li><li>5. Social engagement opportunities.</li><li>6. Positive attitudes toward immigrants, cultural diversity, and the presence of newcomers in the community.</li><li>7. Links between main actors working toward welcoming communities. (Newcomers are lacking access to information on settlement services).</li></ol></li></ul>
6. Next Meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Next meeting June 27<sup>th</sup> 2024</li></ul>
7. Adjournment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Motion by Lisa Washington. Seconded by Trevor Baker @1:45pm.</li><li>• Carried.</li></ul>

ECSIP Chair

ECSIP Co-chair

Recorder