



MINUTES OF ECSIP ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING

MINUTES 90

Date Mar. 27th, 2025

Time: 1:00pm to 2:30pm

Attendees	Lisa Washington, Andrew Sedley, Trevor Baker, Mark Packer, Chelsey Exner, Laretta Ritchie-McInnes, Oladokun Peter Laniya, Lisa Cadiuex de Larios, Kurt Fuchs, Toluwalope Oqunbiyi (IRCC), and Erin Goodfellow.
Regrets	Kaitlyn Kizan, Karen Gruber (ICT), Edith Montesclaros, Lisa Wotherspoon, Maria Cole-Gayle, Juanita Polegi, Andrea Dielschneider and SherJan Maybanting.
Recording	Jummai Umar (LIP Coordinator).
Call to Order	Lisa Washington (ECSIP Co-Chair) @1:05pm

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">'Welcoming week' was added as item 5.5Motion by Peter Laniya, Seconded by Andrew Sedley. Carried.
3. Review of last meeting minutes	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Motion by Laretta Ritchie-McInnes. Seconded by Lisa Cadiuex de Larios.Carried.
4. ZIP Coordinator's report	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Update on the request for mentors for INVOLVE training and mentoring for IAT: The following individuals have confirmed their participation as mentors:<ol style="list-style-type: none">Lisa Washington (East Central Newcomer Welcome Centre)Sherjan Maybanting (East Central Newcomer Welcome Centre)Darlene Stakiw (Yorkton Tourism & Parkland Valley District)Karen Muir (Yorkton Arts Council)Juanita Brown (Yorkton Public Library)Rhonda Rosenberg (MCoS)



<p>5. Items for discussion:</p> <p>5.1 Update on INVOLVE training for IAT</p> <p>5.2 Accomplishments of LIPs and RIFs 2024</p> <p>5.3 Follow-up with the City of Yorkton regarding ECSIP's requests</p> <p>5.4 Community Conversation on Immigration (The economic and community benefits of newcomer retention)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• INVOLVE training was held on March 1–2, 2025, with the mentor training session scheduled for March 29, 2025.• Two mentors have withdrawn from the program due to their busy schedules and other commitments.• Continue reaching out to potential mentors and exploring other opportunities• Consider reconnecting with the Yorkton Lion’s Club to see if they can provide support or recommend suitable mentors.• ECSIP's growth and increasing visibility both regionally and nationally is truly encouraging to witness.• Such recognition highlights the impactful work being done and the meaningful contributions ECSIP is making to communities.• It’s a testament to everyone’s dedication and the importance of building connections and fostering collaboration.• Consider pausing briefly to allow the new City Council time to establish their priorities.• Work on building more alliances, such as with the Chamber of Commerce, to help advocate for the need for ISC to the City.• Engage with the Yorkton Chamber of Commerce by proposing a presentation at their economic development meeting.• Address the impact of severe cuts in immigration numbers and the SINP on the business community.• Include ‘Follow-up with the City of Yorkton regarding ECSIP's requests’ as an agenda item for the December 2025 meeting, ensuring sufficient time to collaborate with allies and other stakeholders.• It’s a relevant conversation to have since we are experiencing policy changes• How to access funding for the event• Start researching on the workings of how to host the event.• Tap into resources from other LIPs, get a template from others• It will help build momentum with the City of Yorkton as well• Look carefully at our community to bring questions that are relevant to us.
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5.5 Welcoming week 2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Invite municipal leaders to the event• Have a time line for the event to happen – target hosting the event during welcoming week• Welcoming Week 2025 is scheduled to take place from 12th to 21st, 2025.• Follow up with IAT regarding the Global Threads initiative.• Plan potential activities to be held at the City Centre Park.• Inform the City of Yorkton about the event well ahead of time to ensure proper planning and coordination.• Plan to reach out to City of Yorkton to include ‘welcoming week’ as an agenda item to be presented at the City Council meeting on July 14th for further discussion and approval.• Formed a Welcoming Week working group with members Lisa Washington, Peter Laniya, Andrew Sedley, and Lisa Cadiuex de Larios. Convene meetings to develop actionable plans for the points mentioned above and present progress at the next Advisory Council meeting on June 26th.• Working group to prepare a detailed proposal for the City Council presentation, clearly outlining welcoming week activities, event's purpose, anticipated outcomes, and the benefits it will bring to the community.
6. Next Meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Next meeting, June 26th 2025.
7. Adjournment	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Motion by Laretta Ritchie-McInnes. Seconded by Lisa Cadiuex de Larios @2:15pm.• Carried.

ECSIP Chair

ECSIP Co-chair

Recorder