



MINUTES OF ECSIP ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING

MINUTES 90

Date Dec. 19th, 2024

Time: 1:00pm to 2:30pm

Attendees	Chelsey Exner, Laretta Ritchie-McInnes, Maria Cole-Gayle, Trevor Baker, Edith Montesclaros, Oladokun Peter Laniya, Lisa Cadiuex de Larios, Lisa Wotherspoon, Kurt Fuchs, Kwene Appah (IRCC) and Karen Gruber (ICT).
Regrets	Lisa Washington, Andrew Sedley, Mark Packer, Kaitlyn Kizan, Juanita Polegi, SherJan Maybanting, and Erin Goodfellow.
Recording	Jummai Umar (LIP Coordinator).
Call to Order	Maria Cole-Gayle (ECSIP Co-Chair) @1:09pm

Agenda Topics

1. Land acknowledgement	<ul style="list-style-type: none">By Maria Cole-Gayle - “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">Motion by Laretta Ritchie-McInnes. Seconded by Trevor Baker. Carried.
3. Review of last meeting minutes	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Motion by Chelsey Exner. Seconded by Edith Montesclaros.Carried.
4. ZIP Coordinator’s report	<ul style="list-style-type: none">ECSIP received \$3,000 from MCoS through the Regional Multicultural Council Funding application for 2024-25 for INVOLVE training.ECSIP requires more mentors for INVOLVE training: sent request letters to 13 organizations, got positive feedback from 3 organizations.
5. Items for discussion: 5.1 Follow up with the City of Yorkton Council on Immigration Strategy Committee	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Aaron Kienle has become the new mayor, whom we met at the last meeting with the City Clerk.The meeting primarily served to brief the new mayor on the importance of being welcoming, hence the Immigration Strategy Committee.The City Clerk has not made significant progress on this matter.



5.2 ECSIP Research –
suggestions on how to
fund research

5.3 Review the INVOLVE
training and mentoring
for the IAT – More
organization boards are
needed for mentoring

5.4 Reports from IAT meeting

- From the meetings held with the City Clerk, it is still uncertain whether the Immigration Strategy Committee will be established as an independent entity.
- There may be a need to return to the council, particularly regarding the committee's operations.
- Every committee serves a purpose, such as the Library Committee. ECSIP needs to justify the Immigration Strategy Committee's necessity by addressing key questions like:
- Does the city support the idea of fostering a welcoming community?
- Does the city agree on the need for economic growth?
- The committee's membership should include ECSIP and the business community, as they play a crucial role in employment matters.
- ECSIP still awaits a feedback from Suncrest College's Applied Research department of funding opportunities.
- **INVOLVE** (Integrating New Volunteers with Opportunities to add Leadership Value through Education) is a training program aimed at enhancing leadership volunteering at decision-making levels for members of the Immigrants Advisory Table (IAT).
- The training will be followed by mentoring from existing and experienced boards.
- The ECSIP coordinator will collaborate with the Christ the Teacher Schools Division representative on the advisory council to explore mentoring opportunities from their Board.
- RCMP Victim Services may also be a good organization to approach for mentoring.
- ECSIP could consider seeking mentorship from organizations outside the region, as most boards meet virtually.
- IAT members are eagerly anticipating the INVOLVE training scheduled for February 2025.
- IAT would like the opportunity to be mentored or intern with some of the City of Yorkton Committees.



5.5 Saskatchewan Safety
Council's inquiry

- IAT would appreciate an update on ECSIP's engagement with the City Council regarding the creation of an Immigration Strategy Committee.
- IAT is interested in learning how to make our region more attractive to immigrants and identifying the necessary steps to grow the East Central Saskatchewan region.
- ECSIP Research: IAT members unanimously agreed that "Economic contributions of immigrants in East Central Saskatchewan" is an ideal topic to highlight immigrant contributions as well as the challenges they face.
- The research objective should be broad, showcasing success stories, contributions, struggles, and barriers to success across a wide range of sectors.
- The research should aim to fulfill a need and provide an accurate picture of what is happening in the region. It should be based on regional relevance and what we aim to highlight, whether reactive or proactive.
- The research can provide data on numbers of immigrants in various employment sectors, serving as a valuable future data source. It will also highlight sectors that need more workers and improvement.
- ECSIP is currently focused on the integration, settlement, and retention of newcomers. While recognizing the importance of safety, ECSIP deeply appreciates the Saskatchewan Safety Council reaching out and acknowledges the valuable work, resources, and contributions the organization has made to safety.
- The Saskatchewan Safety Council can contribute to ECSIP's efforts in various ways without formally joining, based on Section 5 (Membership) of ECSIP's Advisory Council Terms of Reference, which states:
 - "5.1 Membership on the ECSIP Advisory Council is open to designated representatives of sectors committed to enhancing settlement and integration for newcomers to the region. The designated sector representatives will have experience, expertise, and/or interest in immigration issues. They are decision-makers in their organizations or have quick connections to decision-makers."




5.6 Yorkton Chamber of Commerce's inquiry on INVOLVE mentorship for the IAT	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• They will be a valuable resource for the community by providing presentations and safety education. ECSIP is very interested in partnering in the future to bring such resources to our region.• It was agreed that the ZIP Coordinator communicates this decision to the Safety Council.• ECSIP appreciates and accepts Yorkton Chamber of Commerce's willingness to offer guest mentoring services to the IAT.
6. Next Meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Next meeting March 27th, 2025.• Proposed meeting dates for 2025 is attached.
7. Adjournment	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Motion by Oladokun Peter Laniya. Seconded by Trevor Baker @2:10pm.• Carried.

ECSIP Chair



ECSIP Co-chair



Recorder



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Proposed Meeting dates for 2025

SN	QUARTER	DATES	
		Immigrants Advisory Table	Partnership Advisory Council
1	First	21-Mar-25	27-Mar-25
2	Second	20-Jun-25	26-Jun-25
3	Third	19-Sep-25	25-Sep-25
4	Fourth	11-Dec-25	18-Dec-25