

## **Municipality of Chatham-Kent**

### **Community Human Services**

#### **Community Attraction & Leisure Services – Community Attraction & Promotion**

#### **Information Report**

**To:** Mayor and Members of Council

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**Date:** May 28, 2018

**Subject:** National Local Immigration Partnership Learning Event Update

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This report is for the information of Council.

#### **Background**

In March of 2018, Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada (IRCC) hosted the first National Local Immigration Partnership Learning Event in Calgary, Alberta. The intent of the event was to contribute to IRCC's ongoing policy and planning process in view of preparing a strategic plan to support Local Immigration Partnerships in the future. The Municipality of Chatham-Kent is the Contribution Agreement holder with IRCC for the Chatham-Kent Local Immigration Partnership (LIP). Council was notified at the March 5, 2018 Council Meeting that two staff members from Community Attraction and Leisure Services would be in attendance at the event.

#### **Comments**

LIPs were first introduced to the Canadian settlement landscape in Ontario 10 years ago. Over the past decade, the LIP model has expanded to other provinces and there are now 77 nationwide. Chatham-Kent's LIP began in 2010 and has created and updated a local settlement plan that identifies immigrant newcomers and their needs in Chatham-Kent that then supports the coordination of settlement services for immigrants in the Municipality.

Learnings from the National LIP Learning Event:

- IRCC is considering extending the LIP funding cycle from three to five years in order to support long-term strategic planning.
- IRCC is developing a national performance measurement framework, using the Theory of Change model to assess performance measurement. The Theory of Change requires LIPs to use evolving indicators to measure success along short, medium, and long-term outcomes.

- IRCC presented the [Characteristics of a Welcoming Community](#), developed by Pathways to Prosperity Canada, which outlines 17 themes for LIPs to align efforts to and suggests performance indicators to use for measurement.
- LIPs are also being considered for leveraging communication between local communities and the federal ministry. LIPs have been invited to join the National Settlement Council (NSC) in order to provide feedback from community-level stakeholders outside the settlement sector on federal immigration policy. CK LIP will support the regional LIP representative at the NSC table and continue to share information both to and from CK community stakeholders.

In addition to the knowledge gained at the LIP Learning Event, Chatham-Kent staff contributed to the building of a community of practice, the refinement of the performance framework and outcome measurement tools, and shared best practices from Chatham-Kent.

Looking to the future and in preparation for responding to the next Call for Proposals (scheduled for release in early 2019), CK LIP has reviewed its local settlement strategy following the release of Census and National Household Survey information, and is currently using the Theory of Change to assess performance and update the Local Settlement Strategy within the 17 characteristics of the welcoming community framework. In relation to the framework, the priority welcoming characteristics for CK to work on in 2018 include improving outcomes for employment opportunities, fostering social capital, and accessible and suitable healthcare.

### **Financial Implications**

There are no financial implications resulting from this Information Report. The costs associated with attending the National LIP Learning Event were 100% covered by IRCC.

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