

Municipality of Chatham-Kent
Community Human Services Department
Information Report

To: Mayor and Members of Council

From: April Rietdyk,
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Date: February 16, 2018

Subject: National Local Immigration Partnership (LIP) Learning Event

This report is for the information of Council.

Background

The Municipality of Chatham-Kent is a contribution agreement holder with Immigration Refugees and Citizenship Canada (IRCC) for the CK Local Immigration Partnership Program. Council will recall that IRCC designated Chatham-Kent as Canada's first Welcoming Community in September 2015. IRCC has issued an invitation to attend a national LIPs meeting in Calgary, AB on March 20-21, 2018 and will provide 100% coverage for all expenses in connection with this trip.

Attendance at the National LIPs Learning Event will offer the following benefits to Chatham-Kent:

- CK can contribute towards building a national community of practice and can share best practices from the work occurring at the CKLIP table.
- Allow CK to contribute to IRCC's ongoing policy and planning process in view of preparing a strategic plan to support LIPs in the future.
- Ensure that Chatham-Kent remains involved in national discussions regarding immigration, settlement, and welcoming communities, in support of the CK Plan 2035 "People and Culture" pillar.
- CK can advocate for the importance of immigration in the context of a rural community facing labour shortages.

Comments

The Municipal Corporate Travel and Business Related Expenses Policy states "Council shall be informed of all travel out of the province prior to departure, if acting on behalf of the Municipality of Chatham-Kent or being paid by the Municipality." In support of CK Plan 2035 and Council's support of a welcoming community, two staff members from the Community Human Services Department will be attending the event in Calgary.

An update information report will be brought forward to Council following the event.

Consultation

Immigration Refugees and Citizenship Canada (IRCC) have approved the attendance of two representatives from the Municipality of Chatham-Kent.

Financial Implications

There are no financial implications to attend the National LIPs Learning Event as all expenses will be covered by Immigration Refugees and Citizenship Canada (IRCC).

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Attachments: none

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