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ANNUAL REPORT

TRI-CITIES LOCAL IMMIGRATION PARTNERSHIP

PARTNERSHIP TABLES

The Tri-Cities LIP participated in several local partnership tables, providing immigration-related perspectives at these tables, and supporting aligned priorities:

- Healthier Communities Partnership
- Tri-Cities Seniors' Networking Table
- Tri-Cities Child & Youth Mental Health Local Action Team

FORUM: USING EVIDENCE TO ENHANCE COLLABORATIVE PARTNERSHIPS

With the release of the Census 2016 data, the Tri-Cities Local Immigration Partnership invited Statistics Canada and Dr. Daniel Hiebert to share immigration-related information relevant to the Tri-Cities along with analysis on how the data could support services in the communities. Over 80 attendees representing over 30 organizations were able to connect and discuss how to further enhance partnerships. Discussions highlighted the interest from mainstream organizations to be engaged in future opportunities with the Tri-Cities LIP.

ORGANIZING AGAINST RACISM AND HATE (OARH) NETWORK INFORMATION SESSION

The Tri-Cities LIP collaborated with the Province of British Columbia, Multiculturalism Division in engaging community stakeholders in the upcoming establishment of the Tri-Cities Organizing Against Racism & Hate (OARH) Network. Over 60 attendees representing 25 organizations in the Tri-Cities attended the information session. 80% of the attendees expressed an interest in becoming involved in the OARH Network.

DIVERSITY BRINGS STRENGTH CAMPAIGN

To celebrate BC Multiculturalism Week, TC LIP in partnership with Council members and support from the Province of British Columbia developed a Diversity Brings Strength public awareness campaign to highlight attributes that refugees bring to the Tri-Cities. The campaign included posters in public areas, was shared through social media and through the Tri-City News. During this campaign, TC LIP saw an increase in website visits as well as social media followers.



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Message from our Co-Chairs

In our first year of implementation, the spirit of collaboration was truly evident in our community. Tri-Cities Local Immigration Partnership Council members actively led the implementation of our strategic priorities by leveraging existing resources and programs, and identifying opportunities for collaboration. Through your partnership, we have been able to implement our communications plan as a mechanism for sharing best practices, resources and most of all, local information that would ultimately support our newcomers.

This year, we were able to gather community stakeholders along with Statistics Canada and Dr. Daniel Hiebert to hear about the Census 2016 data and how we can use evidence to further enhance our partnerships. Our discussions highlighted the need to share community level data and to continue to engage other stakeholders to support the integration of newcomers.

Our recent strategic plan review enabled us to reflect on the strategic priorities, examine them through a collaborative lens and put forward recommendations that will further the impact of the LIP in our community.

As we look to the future, we are emboldened by the commitment of our community partners, and will continue to pursue new opportunities to inform, engage and collaborate with the Tri-Cities communities so we can continue to build welcoming and inclusive communities.



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VISION

All residents live, work and belong in a welcoming and inclusive community

MANDATE

The mandate of the Tri-Cities Local Immigration Partnership (TC LIP) is to foster a more welcoming and inclusive community and improve the integration of newcomers.

The Tri-Cities LIP will

- Enhance collaboration, coordination and planning at the community level in order to foster a more welcoming and inclusive community and improve settlement and integration outcomes for newcomers and the community at large; and
- Endeavour to be a source of expertise and information on issues, strategies and trends related to immigration for organizations, government and service systems

STRATEGIC PRIORITIES

The Tri-Cities Local Immigration Partnership developed its Strategic Plan for 2017- 2020. Four strategic priorities were identified:

- 1 Immigrant labour market integration
- 2 Access to Community Information & Services
- 3 Social engagement of Tri-Cities newcomers
- 4 Civic engagement of Tri-Cities newcomers



WORKING GROUPS

The Tri-Cities Local Immigration Partnership called three working groups to lead and oversee the implementation of the strategic priorities.

Labour Market Working Group

This working group consists of representatives from Back in Motion, Douglas College Training Group, S.U.C.C.E.S.S., ISSofBC and the Tri-Cities Chamber of Commerce. Overseeing the immigrant labour market integration priority, the group collaborated on leveraging existing services around Self-Employment and discussed opportunities to collaborate on local job fairs and to support employers around building inclusive workplaces with support from the Immigrant Employment Council of BC.

Professional Development Working Group

This working group consists of representatives from Coquitlam Public Library, ISSofBC, SHARE Family & Community Services Society and S.U.C.C.E.S.S. with the mandate of identifying common opportunities to build the capacity of front line staff in supporting newcomers in the community. The group developed and conducted a staff survey on topics of interest and collaborated on a funding application to deliver a series of learning opportunities based on the survey results.

Youth Engagement Working Group

This working group consists of representatives from the City of Coquitlam, City of Port Coquitlam, ISSofBC, School District #43, SHARE Family & Community Services Society, and S.U.C.C.E.S.S. The group discussed opportunities for collaboration around the integration of late-arriving youth and to support the integration of Tri-Cities newcomer youth in mainstream services. The City of Port Coquitlam identified an initiative to engage newcomer youth with support from settlement agencies and School District #43, and were successful in accessing funds to support a portion of the initiative.