

## Local Immigration Partnership of Fredericton

### FAQs

#### **What is the Local Immigration Partnership of Fredericton (LIPF)?**

Communities across Canada are recognizing the importance of newcomers, and are making immigration a main component of their plans for the future, both at the provincial and territorial level and increasingly at the municipal level.

Local Immigration Partnerships represent a new form of multi-level governance involving municipal, provincial and federal partners. The long-term vision for LIPs is to support the development of multi-sectoral partnership at the local community level to:

- Integrate newcomer needs into the community planning process
- Identify community-specific strategic priorities
- Implement a settlement strategy and action plans to improve newcomer outcomes

These partnerships represent an exceptional opportunity to reform the settlement landscape in Canada and broaden responsibility for the integration of newcomers.

LIPs do not deliver services directly to newcomers, but provide a collaborative framework to facilitate the development and implementation of sustainable solutions for the successful integration of newcomers that are local and regional in scope.

Our initial agreement with **Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada (IRCC)** in 2015 identified the following objectives for the Fredericton Region Local Immigration Partnership Initiative:

- Form an inclusive Fredericton Immigration Partnership Council.
- Identify newcomers' needs, community assets and conduct a gaps analysis of Fredericton with respect to newcomer integration -- highlighting key priorities.
- Develop a local and community wide newcomer integration strategy with annual action plans.
- Implement plans and evaluate results.

#### **Why was the Local Immigration Partnership of Fredericton created?**

In 2013, during an Immigration Stakeholder Session meeting, the community unanimously supported the pursuit of a Local Immigration Partnership application to Immigration, Refugees, and Citizenship Canada. **Ignite Fredericton** was subsequently tasked with the preparation of the application and lead the initiative to form the Local Immigration Partnership of Fredericton (LIPF).

In 2015, **Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada (IRCC)** approved the funding to initiate the implementation in the Greater Fredericton Region. As part of the process, a council has been created whose main tasks are to make decisions on the direction of the LIP, develop a strategic plan through a consultant based on local research, and finally, to encourage the implementation of this strategy/plan in the community.

## **Who sits on the Local Immigration Partnership Council of Fredericton?**

Eric Megarity ( <i>Co-Chair</i> ),	Deputy Mayor - City of Fredericton
Janet Moser ( <i>Co-Chair</i> )	Director BIMP/The Hive - Fredericton Chamber of Commerce
Lisa Bamford	Director Multicultural Association of Fredericton
Chief Leanne Fitch	Chief Fredericton's Police Force
Joan Kingston	Manager Downtown Health Clinic
Elaine Kenyon	Wilmot United Church
Dr. Anthony Njoku	Consultant Psychiatrist - Horizon Health Authority
Krista Ross	CEO Fredericton Chamber of Commerce
Dr. Dharendra Shukla	Technology Management and Entrepreneurship Program, UNB
Ryan Sullivan	Director of International Education - NBCC
Alisa Syeda Haider	UNB Student - Newcomer Community
Chris Treadwell	Principal - Park Street Elementary
Jeremy Nicholson	Caris - Business Representative

## **What is the mandate of the Local Immigration Partnership Council of Fredericton?**

The Local Immigration Partnership Council of Fredericton will provide direction and oversight for the development of the Fredericton Region Immigration Settlement and Integration Strategy. They will act as a consultative body with a coordinated, comprehensive and strategic approach that fits the needs of Fredericton's community, stakeholders, recent immigrants and employers. The LIPCF will also enhance the ways that community stakeholders and partners can stay connected regarding newcomer issues on an ongoing basis.

## **What are the objectives of the Local Immigration Partnership Council of Fredericton?**

The Local Immigration Partnership Council of Fredericton aims to:

1. Improve access and coordinate the immigrant integration services (settlement, language training and labour market integration) in the Fredericton region;
2. Improve labour market outcomes for immigrants living in Fredericton while successfully strengthening regional awareness and capacity to successfully integrate and retain immigrants living in the Fredericton region.

## **What is the Fredericton Region Immigration Settlement and Integration Strategy?**

This strategy is a working document based on information collected through the compilation of existing research and community consultations in order to enhance local service delivery to newcomers while also identifying community driven social innovation and addressing gaps in services.

## **How does this benefit the Fredericton Region's community?**

With the creation of the LIP, there is more communication between service providers and those helping newcomers to integrate and settle in our community. Whether it's academic institutions, service organizations, ethnocultural associations or religious groups, the goal of the LIP is to better serve the region's immigration efforts by enhancing collaboration and shifting the immigration message.