



SMITHS FALLS LOCAL IMMIGRATION PARTNERSHIP COUNCIL

Call for Expressions of Interest

The Town of Smiths Falls is now recruiting individuals and organizations to be part of a new Local Immigration Partnership (LIP) Council.

Benefits of Immigration

The attraction and retention of newcomers is an increasingly important aspect of community development, particularly for small towns and rural areas. Immigration can sustain and grow community populations thereby providing stability to social institutions. The multiculturalism inherent to newcomer communities, an advantage in itself, has been shown to be positively correlated with the presence of creative economies. Newcomers also represent a rich source of professionals to complement the local workforce and investors/entrepreneurs to stimulate economic diversification, revitalization and growth.

Project Description

The LIP Council will act as a strategic planning body that works to coordinate and enhance the integration of newcomers into the community. As such, membership is to include, but is not limited to, representation from Smiths Falls and Region:

- Newcomer community and cultural networks
- Public sectors including health, education, housing and recreation
- Settlement service providers
- Businesses and economic development organizations
- Local government

Phase One of the initiative is to be completed by March 31st, 2012. During this phase, the LIP Council will develop a local settlement strategy and a corresponding implementation plan, meanwhile gathering the information and feedback necessary to support these deliverables.

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Member Expectations

The first term of the LIP Council will extend until March 31st, 2012 to coincide with the completion of Phase One of the initiative. During this term, members will be expected to attend seven (7) LIP meetings and periodically provide feedback via email.

LIP Council members will act in an advisory capacity, drawing on their expertise and community connections to support the development of the project deliverables. Terms of Reference with further details regarding member roles and responsibilities will be finalized and adopted by the LIP Council within a month of its assembly.

How to Apply

Up to two (2) members of any organization can participate on the LIP Council though each person must complete a separate application form. Individuals representing the community at large are also encouraged to apply. To indicate your interest or that of your organization, please complete and submit the attached Expression of Interest form to:

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Applications will be accepted up to **4:30pm** on **Monday, May 9th, 2011**. All applications received will be reviewed and short listed for appointment by the Smiths Falls Town Council. LIP Council members will be chosen with the objective of achieving a broad representation of stakeholder groups and based on the applicant's relevant experience, demonstrated commitment to community collaboration and ability to serve the identified term.

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Expression of Interest

I, _____ (please print name), acting in my capacity as a representative of _____ (please identify organization being represented, if applicable), confirm my interest in participating in the Smiths Falls Local Immigration Partnership Council for the duration of Phase One of the initiative which will conclude March 31st, 2012.

Please provide a brief comment on how you can contribute to the Smiths Falls Local Immigration Partnership Council.

Date:

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