

Community Focus Bulletin: ***Creating Community Conversations***



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August 27, 2015 Community Consultation on the 2015-2020 Immigrant Integration Strategy of Peterborough Peterborough, ON – August 13, 2015

The Peterborough Partnership Council on Immigrant Integration (PPCII) has recently embarked on the process of developing the second round of the Immigrant Integration Strategy for the 2015-2020 period.

PPCII states that while developing a new five year plan is an exciting undertaking for any organization, it is also time to reflect on the progress and successes from the existing 2010-2015 Immigrant Integration Strategy. Since 2011 local community agencies have collaboratively implemented over 90 projects and activities that support immigrant integration in four sectors (i.e. housing and transportation; education; health and social services; and economic development) in our area.

The community has been positive about the existing Immigrant Integration Strategy as it has been viewed as “inclusive across many sectors” and “touching on various important aspects to the life of a community that are not just immigration needs or issues” (Source: 2014 PPCII membership survey). Because of the vision and commitment of over 100 organizational and individual members of the Peterborough Partnership Council on Immigrant Integration, Peterborough is a better place to live, study, work and invest.

The new 2015-2020 strategy document reflects on an important moment in the life of the PPCII as a community partnership. To contribute to the 2015-2020 Immigrant Integration Agenda for Peterborough and have a say in shaping the future of this community, community members are invited to attend a public consultation session on the new Immigrant Integration Strategy on **August 27, 2015** from **1-3pm** at the **Peterborough Public Library Auditorium**.

The session will cover an introduction to the main strategy orientations as well as a facilitated discussion on the goals and activities of each priority area (i.e. *Social Infrastructure and Planning*; *Economic Infrastructure and Planning*; and *Outreach and Policy Change*). Local consultants, Dawn Berry-Merriam and Todd Barr, will facilitate the consultation session. To review and comment on the new strategy document please visit the PPCII website.

What: Community Consultation Session on the 2015-2020 Immigrant Integration Strategy

When: Thursday, Aug 27 from 1-3pm

Where: Peterborough Public Library Auditorium

Who: Peterborough Partnership Council on Immigrant Integration and the New Canadians Centre

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