

**COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE COUNCIL MEETING
May 16, 2023**

The meeting was called to order by the Chair at 7:05 p.m., in the Conference Room, in the Administrative Centre, in Barrington, N.S., with the following members present:

- Jody Crook, Chair
 - Shaun Hatfield
 - Andrea Mood-Nickerson
 - Lindsay (Eddie) Nickerson
 - George El-Jakl – Left the meeting at 8:55 p.m. due to work commitments.
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- Chris Frotten, CAO
 - Lesa Rossetti, Municipal Clerk

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Being duly moved and seconded that the agenda be approved as circulated.

Motion carried unanimously.

Councillor El-Jakl informed members that he may have to leave the meeting early due to work commitments.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Being duly moved and seconded that minutes of the last meeting held May 9, 2023 be approved as circulated.

Motion carried unanimously.

BAY SIDE HOME TAX EXEMPTION REQUEST

Conflict of Interest

Councillor Hatfield declared conflict of interest, vacated his seat and left the meeting room.

Councillor Hatfield's sister-in-law is the Administrator of Bay Side Home.

Councillor Mood-Nickerson declared conflict of interest, vacated her seat and left the meeting room.

Councillor Mood-Nickerson is a member of Bay Side Home Board of Directors.

A letter has been received from Bay Side Home Corporation requesting that they be exempt from municipal taxes.

Discussion took place regarding the request and it was decided that additional information be obtained from the Department of Health and Wellness and Bay Side Home Corporation to determine how taxes are currently being paid.

Once the requested information is collected, the matter will be brought back to committee for consideration.

Councillor Hatfield and Councillor Mood-Nickerson returned to the meeting.

PRESENTATION - BRENDA LAGRANDEUR, LOCAL IMMIGRATION PARTNERSHIP CO-ORDINATOR

Brenda LaGrandeur, Local Immigration Partnership Co-ordinator, appeared before the meeting. She provided information on local immigration partnerships and outlined priority areas. A copy of her presentation is attached and forms part of the minutes.

Ms. LaGrandeur was thanked for her presentation and left the meeting.

MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

RCMP Community Meetings

The CAO informed members that RCMP Community Meetings have been scheduled for May 23rd, 24th and 25, 2023. Meetings will be advertised to inform the public.

2023-24 GRANTS TO ORGANIZATIONS

In advance of the meeting, members were provided with grant applications submitted by various groups for funding for 2023-2024.

Resolution COW230505

Being duly moved and seconded that it be recommended to Council that Centreville Baptist Church Food Bank and the Villagedale Community Association Food Bank be granted \$2,500.00 each for the 2023-2024 fiscal year.

AFFIRMATIVE

Jody Crook
Shaun Hatfield
Andrea Mood-Nickerson
Lindsay (Eddie) Nickerson

NEGATIVE

George El-Jakl

Motion carried.

It was agreed that the request from the Shelburne County Special Olympics be moved to the \$0 to \$500.00 category.

It was further agreed that the Woods Harbour Days grant request be moved to "Special Events".

It was agreed by consensus of members that the following grants be recommended to Council for approval for 2023 - 2024.

Organization	Amount Requested 2023-2024	Amount Approved 2023-2024
Grants \$0 - \$500		
Archelaus Smith Museum	\$500.00	\$500.00
Atwoods Brook Cemetery Association	\$500.00	\$500.00
BMHS	\$500.00	\$0.00
BMHS Student Council	\$500.00	\$0.00
Barrington Farmers Market	\$500.00	\$500.00
Bear Point Rifle Club	\$500.00	\$500.00
Centreville Cemetery	\$500.00	\$500.00
Forbes Point Cemetery Association	\$500.00	\$500.00
Forest Hill Cemetery Association	\$500.00	\$500.00
Forest Ridge Academy	\$500.00	\$0.00
Greenwood Cemetery Company	\$500.00	\$500.00
Newellton Community Hall	\$500.00	\$500.00
Sea Side Cemetery Club	\$500.00	\$500.00
Shelburne Association Supporting Inclusion	\$500.00	\$500.00
Shelburne County Basketball Association	\$500.00	\$0.00
SHYFT Youth Services	\$500.00	\$0.00
Wayne Perry Memorial Park	\$500.00	\$500.00
West Baccaro Community Cemetery	\$500.00	\$500.00
Woodside Cemetery Co.	\$500.00	\$500.00
Woods Harbour Community Centre	\$500.00	\$500.00
Shelburne County Special Olympics	\$1,000.00	\$500.00
Grants between \$501 and \$2,500		
Barrington Municipal Agriculture Exhibition	\$2,500.00	\$2,500.00
Centreville Baptist Church Food Bank	\$2,500.00	\$2,500.00
Southwest Nova Biosphere Reserve Association	\$1,000.00	\$0.00
Villagedale Community Association	\$2,500.00	\$2,500.00
Yarmouth County Hospice Society	\$1,530.75	\$0.00
Road Improvement Grants		
Barrington Lake Road Association	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
Goose Lake Associaton Limited	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
Special Events Grant		
Woods Harbour Days	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00

Councillor El-Jakl left the meeting due to work commitments.

ASSET MANAGEMENT PLAN 2023-2032

In advance of the meeting, members were provided with a copy of the Asset Management Plan which covers the next 10 years – 2023-2032. This plan will assist in extending the useful life of municipal assets and provides strategies for maintaining, repairing and replacing assets over time.

Resolution 230506

Being duly moved and seconded that it be recommended to Council that the 2023-2032 Asset Management Plan be accepted, as presented.

Motion carried unanimously.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS 3 YEAR COST SHARE AGREEMENT

Members were informed that the current Cost Share Agreement with the Province for Paving J Class Roads is due to expire March, 2024. The Province has provided a new three year agreement to be entered into with the Minister of Public Works to continue the program.

Resolution 230507

Being duly moved and seconded that it be recommended to Council that the Warden and CAO be authorized to sign Cost Share Agreement No. 2023-004.

Motion carried unanimously.

SALE OF FORMER VIC BUILDING

The CAO informed members that this matter was placed on the agenda for confirmation of the decision that was made back in May 2022 to commence the process to sell the VIC building on or before July 1, 2023 and to get further direction on the preferred method and conditions of sale.

It was agreed that:

- the building only be offered for sale initially (building must be removed from property)
- list through real estate company
- list at appraised value of \$168,000.00
- If no offers are received then list building and property for sale through real estate company
- If no offers are received then issue a Request for Proposals.

FLAG POLICY DISCUSSION

This matter was placed on the agenda by Councillor Hatfield for the purpose of reviewing the Flag Policy. He informed members that after having reviewed the policy in more detail, he has no concerns.

ADDITIONAL COMMUNITY FLAGPOLE

This matter was placed on the agenda by Councillor Hatfield for the purpose of discussing the idea of installing another Community Flagpole, possibility at Island View Park, in Barrington Passage.

After some discussion, it was agreed that we continue with one flagpole at the present time. If and when, we are unable to accommodate requests received then the installation of another flagpole will be considered.

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NSFM UPDATE

In advance to the meeting members were provided with a NSFM Monday Memo Summary Sheet covering the period April 18th to May 15, 2023.

AGENDA ITEMS FOR FUTURE MEETINGS

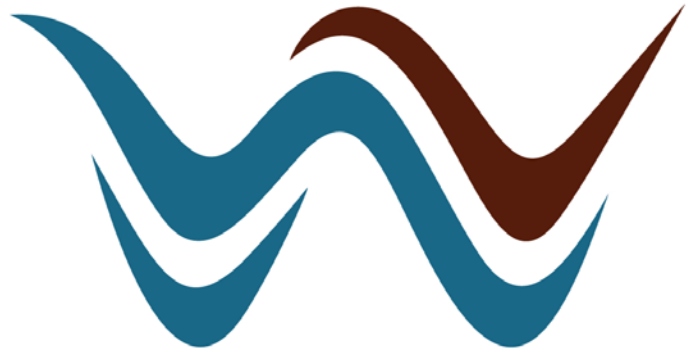
- Swimming Pool – Councillor Mood-Nickerson.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 10:07 p.m.

Chair

Secretary for the Meeting



Western NS

Immigration Partnership

Council Presentation Spring 2023

Brenda LaGrandeur

Western NS Local Immigration Partnership Coordinator

What is a Local Immigration Partnership?

Local Immigration Partnerships (LIP) bring partners together that share a common goal of making their region more welcoming to newcomers.



Western NS Local Immigration Partnership
Strategic Plan
2022-2025



Western Regional
Enterprise Network

Funded by:

Financé par :

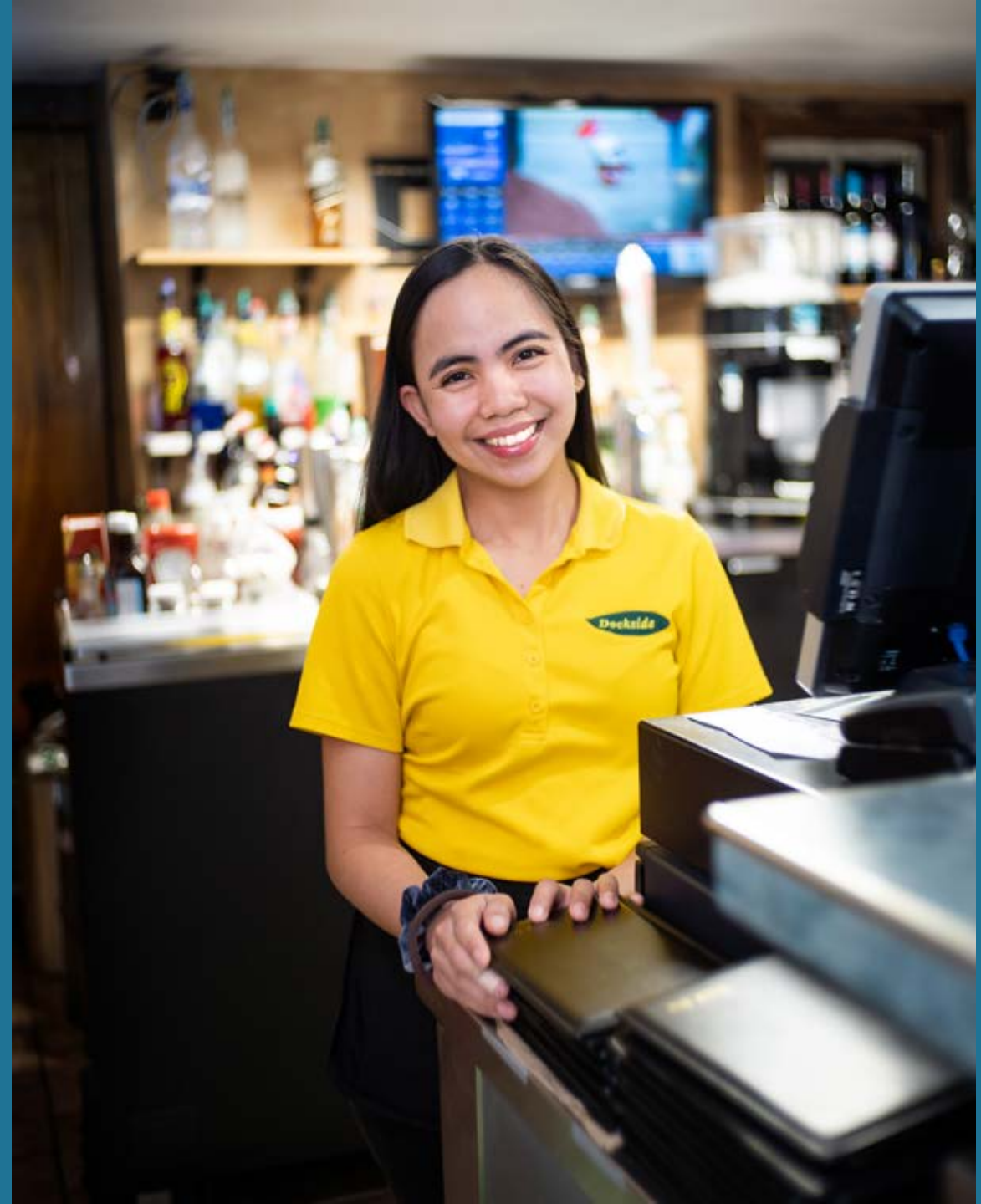


Immigration, Refugees
and Citizenship Canada

Immigration, Réfugiés
et Citoyenneté Canada

Priority Areas

1. Attracting talent
 2. Employer outreach and support
 3. Fostering welcoming communities
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Attracting Talent

Marketing project-
partnership with the Yarmouth
& Area Chamber of Commerce

\$35,000 approved (NS LSI)

- New look/logo
- Photography project
- Videography project
- Welcome folders
- Retractable banners
- Rack cards
- Welcome guide refresh and reprint (\$2500 from NS Acadian Affairs)
- New website (www.welcometowesternns.ca)





www.welcometowesternns.ca

Employer Support

Newcomer Experience Workshop (\$650 partnership with Ignite)



NEWCOMER EXPERIENCE WORKSHOP

Join us!

November 18, 10 am - 12 pm | **IGNITE Yarmouth**



Are you interested in hiring International Talent?

Join us to learn about the resources available to employers and how they can support you in hiring and retaining foreign talent.

- April 18th, 2023
- 8:30am-12:30pm
- Digby Firehall 163 First Avenue, Town of Digby



Register by clicking here

For info, phone 902-245-5716



Employer Support

Immigration Ready Employers project- Funded by IRCC (\$6500)

www.immigrationready.westernren.ca

So, you're interested in hiring an international worker?

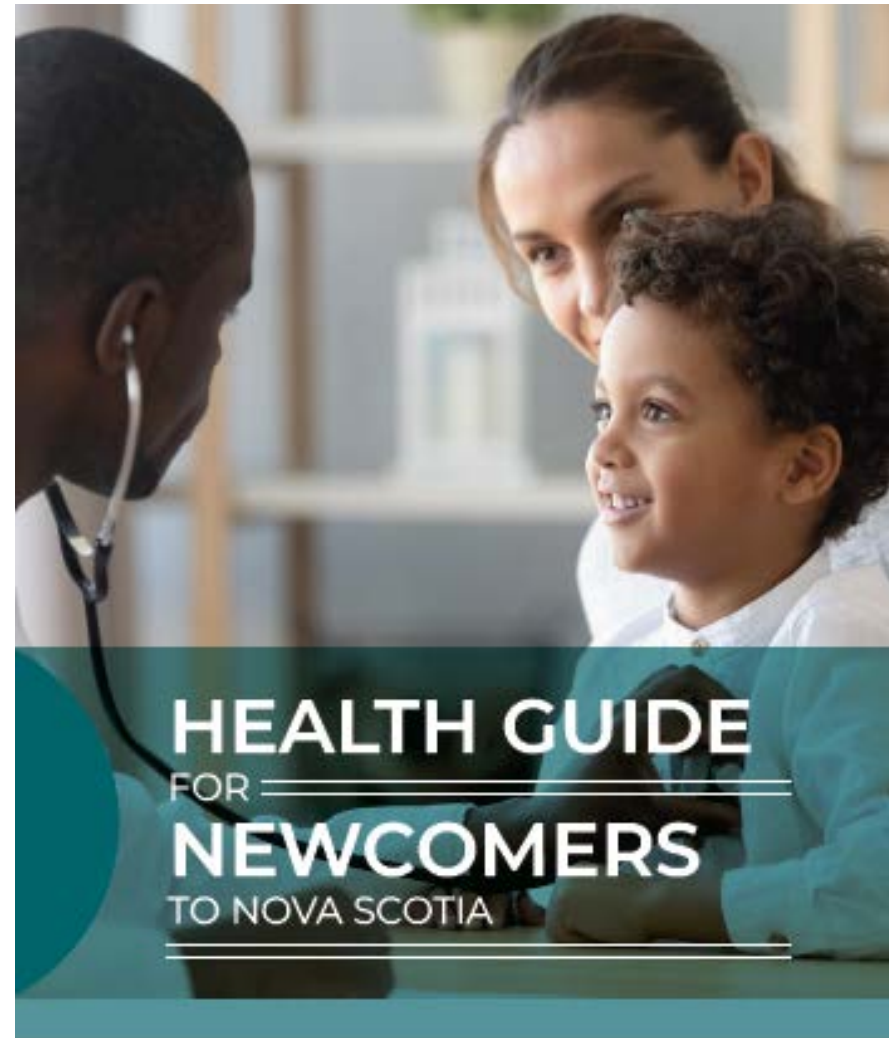
If you are considering hiring an international employee and do not know where to start, this online tool could help.

[Take the Quiz](#)



Fostering Welcoming Communities

Newcomer Health Guide-
\$6300 funded by Population
Growth Branch of NS Labour
Skills and Immigration





Fostering Welcoming Communities

**Newcomer Welcome Event –
funded by IRCC \$8500**

So, what's next...

- Speed networking for newcomers
- Mapping of credential recognition for key positions in our region
- 2nd Annual Newcomer Welcome Event

