



2014-2016 Fraser Valley Diversity and Immigration Partnership Council

Partnership Council members are local residents who are leaders in their industry or sector, with a drive to increase success in the region, specifically in the areas of newcomer settlement and cultural diversity. Members are influencers who are open to innovation and interested in networking with a cross-section of city leaders to achieve strategic goals.

Benefits of Membership in the Partnership Council

Organizations and their representatives will enjoy the following benefits and advantages of being part of the Fraser Valley Diversity and Immigration Partnership Council:

- ✓ Networking events
- ✓ Education and capacity-building
- ✓ Professional development opportunities for members
- ✓ Access to new, locally-based research
- ✓ Regional recognition
- ✓ Secretariat support

Roles and Responsibilities of Partnership Council Members

The Members are part of the Immigration Partnership table to accomplish the following actions:

- ✓ Formulate a strategic vision of newcomer integration in Abbotsford
- ✓ Participate in Partnership Council; attend meetings and contribute to planning
- ✓ Act as a conduit between the council, the settlement sector & their own organizations

As a whole, Members will work together to leverage resources, secure funding, increase awareness and education of community residents, support continuous outreach and in-reach, and implement initiatives through their various organizations, networks, and partners.

Schedule of Meetings

Partnership Council meetings are held 5 times a year with dates agreed with partners. Working Groups for each thematic area will have their separate meetings and activities on a regular basis. In advance of meetings, members should devote 1-2 hours of time to review meeting documents and respond to email and telephone communications. Members are asked attend at least 80% of the meetings.