



## MINUTES

Abbotsford Local Immigration Partnership  
Abbotsford Community Services - Boardroom  
Thursday, September 20<sup>th</sup> 2018, 2:00-4:00pm

Present			Regrets
<b>ALIP</b> Manpreet Grewal Hillary Russell Kanta Naik Sue Federspiel Ghizlane Laghzaoui Balbir Gill Camilla Boisvert Harold Rosen Eyerusalem Abebe Lia Bishop Gugan Sidhu	<b>IAT</b> Sherry Wang Seydou Keita Adlin Babantaj	<b>Guests</b> Peter Prediger Tammy Johnson Byron Cruz Farida Oren Alexandra Dawley Andrea Loewen	Allan Asaph Nicola Mooney Harpreet Singh Dave Loewen Ajay Kaushal Dave Sidhu Bharati Sandhu Melissa Giles John Potts Stephen Piper

### MEETING OPENING AND INTRODUCTIONS

#### AGENDA

Agenda approved.

#### PRESENTATIONS

**Sanctuary City Vancouver:** Byron Cruz

*As part of the growing Sanctuary and Solidarity City movements across North America/Turtle Island we seek to collaborate with communities and service providers in the Coast Salish Territories (Greater Vancouver) to create safer access to services for all people based on need rather than status.*

**Inasmuch:** Tammy Johnson & Peter Prediger

*An organization that provides transition housing for refugee claimants, including Living basics, Guidance and Support, Mentoring and Integration, English coaching and Family Adoption.*

#### BREAK

#### APPROVAL

April 12<sup>th</sup> minutes approved.



## NEW BUSINESS

### Action Plan updates

- Project staff present the updated Strategic Action Plan for all three working groups.
- Council members are encouraged to review this after the meeting and let project staff know of any suggestions they may have.

### Upcoming Events

- Syrian art exhibit entitled "*Behind the Lines: Contemporary Syrian Art*" is coming to the Reach Gallery – opening night is on September 27<sup>th</sup>.  
<https://www.thereach.ca/exhibition/behind-the-lines-contemporary-syrian-art/>
- The *Library Champions* program will be taking in new participants. Participants need to register and attend an information session on November 14<sup>th</sup>, 6-7:30pm at the Clearbrook Library (32320 George Ferguson Way, Abbotsford). Balbir will send project staff an email with more information to circulate.

### CELPIP in Chandigarh

- Abbotsford Community Services just launched CELPIP testing at the Chandigarh location. The first seating was sold out within a couple of hours. The agency is excited about this program and is working to increase number of seating to accommodate this large demand.

## NEXT MEETING DATE

Next ALIP meeting will be on **Thursday, November 29<sup>th</sup>, 2-4pm**. Location TBD.