

Municipality of Jasper
Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, January 9, 2024 | 9:30am
Jasper Library and Cultural Centre, Quorum Room

Virtual viewing and participation	Council attendance is in Council chambers at the Jasper Library and Cultural Centre. This meeting was also conducted virtually and available for public livestreaming through Zoom. Public viewing and participation during Council meetings is through Zoom livestreaming and in person attendance.		
Present	Mayor Richard Ireland, Deputy Mayor Scott Wilson, Councillors Helen Kelleher-Empey, Kathleen Waxer, Wendy Hall, and Ralph Melnyk		
Absent	Councillor Rico Damota		
Also present	Bill Given, Chief Administrative Officer Christine Nadon, Director of Protective & Legislative Services Christopher Read, Director of Community Development Doug Olthof, National Immigration Project Manager Amanda Stevens, Communications Manager Emma Acorn, Legislative Services Coordinator Bob Covey, The Jasper Local 2 observers		
Call to Order	Deputy Mayor Wilson called the January 9, 2024 Committee of the Whole meeting to order at 9:30am and began with a Traditional Land Acknowledgement .		
Additions/deletions to the agenda #1/24	MOTION by Councillor Kelleher-Empey that Committee add the following items to the January 9, 2024 Committee of the Whole meeting agenda: <ul style="list-style-type: none">7.1 National Immigration Project, Local Immigration Project, and Settlement Services Renewals Support10.2 In-camera session – Intergovernmental meeting agenda		
	FOR 6 Councillors	AGAINST 0 Councillor	CARRIED
Approval of agenda #2/24	MOTION by Councillor Hall that Committee approve the agenda for the January 9, 2024 Committee of the Whole meeting as amended.		
	FOR 6 Councillors	AGAINST 0 Councillor	CARRIED
Business arising from December 12, 2023 minutes	none		
Delegations	none		
Correspondence	none		

National Immigration Project, Local Immigration Project, and Settlement Services Renewals Support #3/24	Committee received an add on item to the agenda. The request for decision and presentation materials are attached to today’s minutes. Director of Community Development, Christopher Read, introduced the report to Committee and Doug Olthof, National Immigration Project Manager, delivered the presentation. MOTION by Councillor Waxer that Committee receive the presentation for information; and That Committee recommend Council approve submitting an application to continue the partnership with Immigration Refugees and Citizenship Canada (IRCC) to deliver existing and expanded national, regional, and local services for another 5-year term. FOR 6 Councillors	AGAINST 0 Councillor	CARRIED
Global Covenant of Mayors for Climate & Energy #4/24	MOTION by Mayor Ireland that Committee recommend Council postpone the consideration of joining the "Global Covenant of Mayors for Climate & Energy" until July 2024. FOR 6 Councillors	AGAINST 0 Councillor	CARRIED
2023 Community Conversations Annual Report #5/24	Committee received the annual Community Conversations Report. Director of Community Development, Christopher Read, reviewed information including schedules, topics, attendance, survey results, and future considerations. MOTION by Councillor Kelleher-Empey that Committee receive the Community Conversations Annual Report for January to December 2023 for information. FOR 6 Councillors	AGAINST 0 Councillor	CARRIED
Alberta Tourism Advocacy Summit	The Tourism Industry Association of Alberta will be holding its annual Alberta Tourism Advocacy Summit in Edmonton February 4-6, 2024. Mayor Ireland asked for this item to be added to the next Regular Council meeting agenda to allow any Councillor who wishes to attend to have it approved by Council.		
Motion Action List #6/24	Administration reviewed the Motion Action List. MOTION by Councillor Kelleher-Empey that Committee approve the updated Motion Action List with the removal of the following items: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Global Covenant of Mayors for Climate & Energy• Forest Park Hotel Parking FOR 6 Councillors	AGAINST 0 Councillors	CARRIED

Councillor upcoming meetings	Councillor Melnyk will be attending the monthly meeting of the Jasper Yellowhead Museum & Archives this evening.		
	Councillors Melnyk, Waxer, and Kelleher-Empey will be meeting as the Jasper-Hakone Committee this afternoon.		
Upcoming Events	Council reviewed a list of upcoming events.		
In-camera #7/24	MOTION by Councillor Kelleher-Empey to move in-camera at 11:05am to discuss added agenda item: <ul style="list-style-type: none">10.2 Intergovernmental meeting agenda, FOIP s. 21(1)(a)(i)		
	FOR 6 Councillors	AGAINST 0 Councillors	CARRIED
	Mr. Given also attended the in-camera session.		
Move out of camera #8/24	MOTION by Councillor Hall to move out of camera at 12:01pm.		
	FOR 6 Councillors	AGAINST 0 Councillors	CARRIED
Adjournment #9/24	MOTION by Councillor Kelleher-Empey that, there being no further business, the Committee of the Whole meeting of January 9, 2024 be adjourned at 12:01pm.		
	FOR 6 Councillors	AGAINST 0 Councillors	CARRIED

REQUEST FOR DECISION

Subject: National Immigration Project, Local Immigration Project,
and Settlement Services Renewals Support

From: Bill Given, Chief Administrative Officer

Prepared by: Christopher Read, Director of Community Development

Reviewed by: Doug Olthof, National Immigration Project Manager
Lisa Riddell, Community Development Manager

Date: January 9th, 2024



Recommendation:

- Committee receive the presentation for information and;
- Committee recommend Council approve submitting an application to continue the partnership with Immigration Refugees and Citizenship Canada (IRCC) to deliver existing and expanded national, regional, and local services for another 5-year term.

Alternatives:

- Committee receive the presentation for information only.
- Other recommendation(s) as developed by Committee.

Background:

Since 2017, Jasper has benefited from leading a vibrant and active Local Immigration Partnership which has also led to stable funding for two settlement services outreach workers in our community.

The Jasper Local Immigration Partnership (JLIP) is part of a Canada wide program to support newcomers in local communities. The JLIP is funded by Immigration, Refugees, and citizenship Canada (IRCC). Our goal is to make Jasper a welcoming place for all newcomers. We work for systemic and cultural change to help newcomers thrive. Members of the JLIP include people from community organizations and agencies, businesses, individuals, government and more.

At Jasper Settlement Services, we help immigrants learn all about Jasper. The service is free and available in multiple languages. We can access translation and interpretation services. We can help you access a computer or internet.

Some of the program results from LIP and Settlement over the last contract period have been:

- Settlement & Newcomer Network programming promoting conversation circles & language sharing events,
- Settlement Workers in School (SWIS) program delivery in our schools,
- Regular and special newcomer events such as Community Culture Nights and the 2022 Newcomer Survey
- Supports for Ukrainians, including website page and information booths,
- 1 to 1 support for many newcomers to our community, keeping our Settlement Services team busy.

In 2020, council passed the following motion, which enabled the Jasper Local Immigration Partnership as well as the National Immigration Project:

#76/20 MOTION by Councillor McGrath –

BE IT RESOLVED that Council direct Administration to sign a negotiated grant agreement between the Municipality of Jasper and Immigration Refugees and Citizenship Canada valued at \$791,846 for the continued coordination of the Jasper Local Immigration Partnership from April 2020 to March 2025, as well as contributions to the national coordination of Local Immigration Partnerships and the Community Data Project.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Since 2020, Jasper has benefitted from hosting the National Immigration Project Manager position within our Community Development department. This partnership has resulted in:

- More access to Local Immigration Partnership opportunities in programs and training,
- Mentorship and coaching from the National Immigration Projects Manager to our Settlement and LIP team,
- Increased influence at the national level for our very small and unique needs/perspectives,
- Full access to the Community Data Project,
- Enhanced relationship with a major external funder (IRCC),
- Access to best practices that streamline and enhance our local work, and
- Funding to cover administration and supervision of the program.

Discussion:

With the three “streams” of IRCC’s contracts with the Municipality all coming up for renewal, should the municipality wish to continue providing these services a letter of support for each application will be needed.

For LIP and Settlement services IRCC has requested we take a broader approach and therefore there is an opportunity not only to continue the excellent work started in the first contract period, but also support service delivery in Hinton, following a regional model similar to the Family Resource Network “spoke and hub” model – where Jasper is both a spoke and the regional hub coordinating the other spokes throughout the region. If successful, this would result in Jasper partnering with providers in Hinton to support supervised service delivery in that community.

Due to the unique nature of the National Immigration Projects stream, National Immigration Projects Manager Doug Olthof will present and speak to the attached summary of the program to date, and for the next 5 years.

Relevant Legislation:

Policy # E-115: Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion policy
Municipal Government Act

Inclusion Considerations:

This program meets many aspects of the Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion goals of the municipality, especially through the excellent support we deliver to newcomers in our community.

Strategic Relevance:

- Community Health:
 - Embrace our growing diversity.
 - Leverage and create opportunities for greater inclusion.
 - Recognize the fundamental importance of our tourism economy.
- Relationships
 - Collaborate with other municipalities, orders of government, Indigenous partners and advocacy associations.
 - Welcome the expertise, innovation, creativity and commitment of community members, groups, associations, and businesses.
- Organizational Excellence
 - Ensure residents receive quality service that provides strong value for dollar.

Financial:

This contract, with administrative and supervisory add-on payments, is included in the 2024 approved operating budget as part of the 2021-2025 contract period. Should we discontinue this partnership we would need to replace between \$45,000 and \$75,000 in annual revenue (this fluctuates somewhat depending on the activity level of the national programs). The possible expansion of services would result in additional annual revenue to cover the administration of the additional services during the contract period.

Attachments:

- National LIP Secretariat presentation



The National LIP Secretariat

The Municipality of Jasper's Role in Supporting National Collaboration



What is a Local Immigration Partnership (LIP)?

- A collaboration that works toward making communities more welcoming and inclusive of newcomers.
- Locally driven, arms-length from the federal government.
- Began as a pilot project in Ontario in 2008, now in 89 communities across Canada.
- Core funding provided by Immigration Refugees and Citizenship Canada (IRCC).
- The Jasper Local Immigration Partnership was established in 2017.



**JASPER LOCAL
IMMIGRATION
PARTNERSHIP**



What is the National LIP Secretariat?

- An IRCC-funded project to improve collaboration and information sharing between LIPs
- Mandate: **“to improve the efficacy of the LIPs through sustainable networks, shared resources, capacity building, and the amplification of diverse LIP voices.”**
- A partnership between the Municipality of Jasper and The Neighbourhood Group (Toronto)
- Executive committee is made up of coordinators from 12 Local Immigration Partnerships from across Canada.

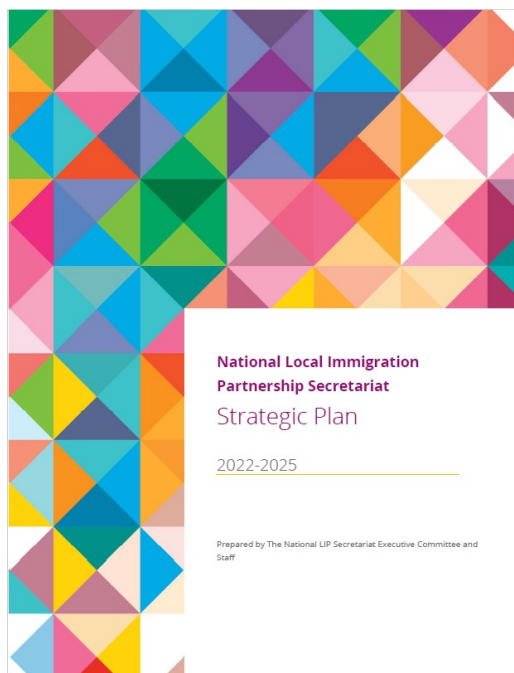


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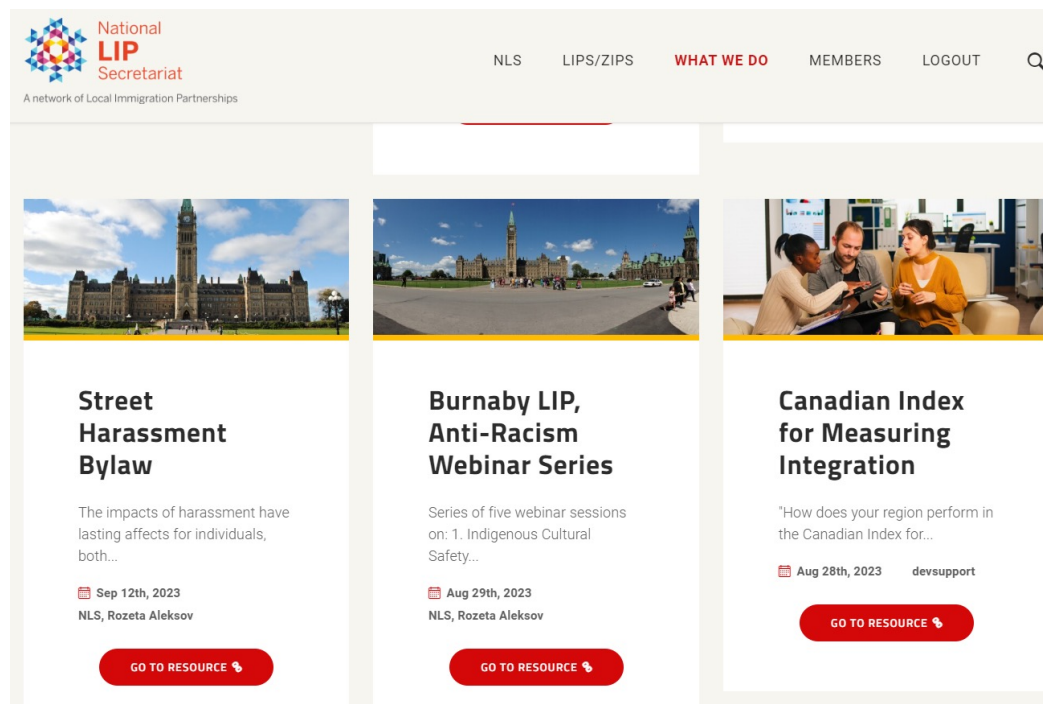
What does the NLS do?

- Library of LIP resources (thelipsecretariat.ca)
- Professional development
- Tools and templates
- Access to data/data tools
- Collective representation
- Convening the National LIP Network & issue-specific working groups
- Research
- Peer-to-peer connections
- Informs IRCC policy-making



Has the Pilot Project Been Successful?

- Continual increase in IRCC-allocated funding (400% increase in IRCC funding for Jasper's role since 2020)
- 89% of LIPs rate the NLS as valuable to their work
- Increasing role for NLS/LIPs in the national settlement and integration conversation
- Explicit reference to NLS in IRCC's recent call for funding proposals
- Unanimous support for Jasper's continued role from the NLS Executive Committee



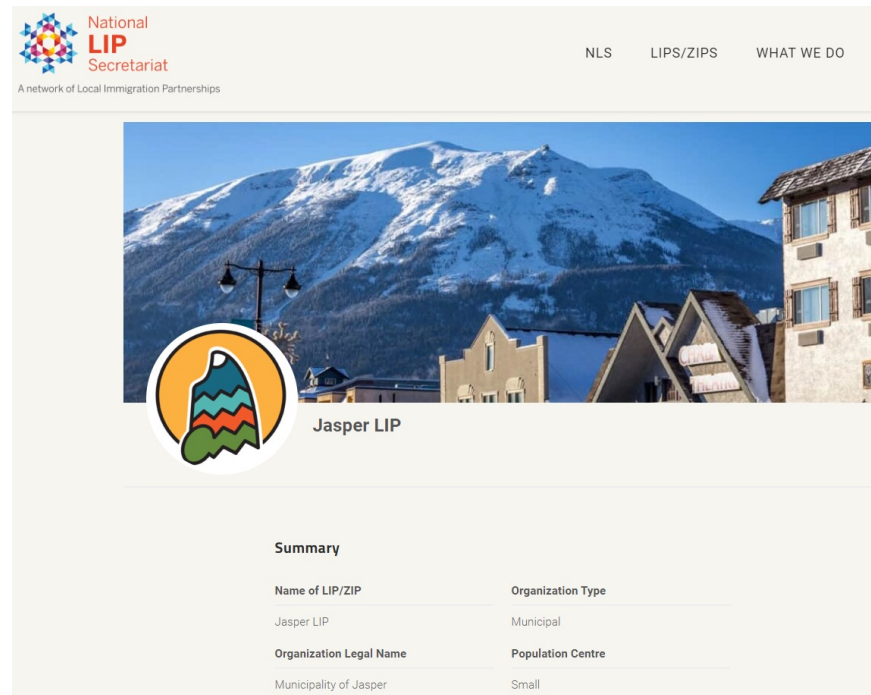
Has Jasper's Co-leadership of the NLS been Valuable?

- *"For the past four years, Doug Olthof and the Municipality of Jasper have been instrumental in co-leading the Secretariat, and in particular in strengthening our research capacity and building strong and supportive networks among LIPs in the Western part of Canada."*
Paulina Wyrzykowski, Co-Lead NLS, Toronto South LIP
- *"Doug is an active participant in our meetings, clearly articulating the experiences of the Jasper Local Immigration Partnership, but more importantly the experiences, pressures and realities of rural LIPs across the country as they work to support newcomers to Canada"*
Joanne Winter, Director, Settlement and Integration Policy, IRCC
- *"Co-leadership of this initiative successfully addresses concerns about representation...by bringing together a large, community-based eastern LIP with a small, municipal, western LIP."*
Kemoh Mansaray, Coordinator, Lloydminster LIP
- *"[Jasper's] leadership...has also contributed to the development of effective strategies addressing systemic challenges in our rural communities."*
 - Deepika Gupta, Coordinator, Grey-Bruce Local Immigration Partnership



Why Jasper?

- 2018 LIP Learning Event: The National LIP Secretariat Working Group
- 2018 National Consultation
- 2019, Jasper LIP Coordinator nominated to co-lead the project
- The co-leadership model represents the diversity of LIPs:
 - Municipal/non-profit
 - Large/small centres
 - East/West
- March 2020 Request for Decision



The screenshot shows the National LIP Secretariat website. The header includes the logo and text "National LIP Secretariat" and "A network of Local Immigration Partnerships". Navigation links for "NLS", "LIPS/ZIPS", and "WHAT WE DO" are present. The main content area features a large image of a snowy mountain and a town, with a circular logo of a mountain peak overlaid. Below the image is the text "Jasper LIP". A "Summary" section contains a table with the following information:

Name of LIP/ZIP	Organization Type
Jasper LIP	Municipal
Organization Legal Name	Population Centre
Municipality of Jasper	Small



What are the benefits to the Municipality of Jasper?

- Elevating Jasper's profile in the settlement sector
- Direct connection to professional development, resources, networks of support, high-level IRCC officials and other partners.
- Strengthening our relationship with one of the MoJ's largest external funders.
- Strengthens the MoJ's network of connections regionally and nationally
- Significant administrative funds (over \$100,000 in fiscal 2023-24)
- The National Settlement Programs Manager contributes to the MoJ's capacity in multiple areas
- Alignment with strategic priorities concerning community health, relationships and organizational excellence



What's next?

- IRCC “Call for Proposals” 2024: over \$10 billion in federal grants
- New funding stream for “Indirect Services with a National or Sector Scope”
- Graduation from a “pilot project” to an established component of Canada’s immigrant and refugee settlement system.
- The MoJ is invited to submit proposals for the continuation of the NLS, the Jasper Local Immigration Partnership and Jasper Settlement Services, including the possibility of expanding the scope of settlement services to include clients in Hinton and adding staffing capacity in support of Jasper’s role in the National LIP Secretariat.





Questions? Thank you.

Doug Olthof

