



City of
Peterborough

TO: Members of the Arts Culture and Heritage Advisory Committee (ACHAC)

FROM: Becky Rogers, Manager Arts, Culture and Heritage Division

MEETING DATE: June 7, 2012

SUBJECT: Report ACHAC12-013
Presentation on Immigration and Diversity in Peterborough

PURPOSE

A report to inform the Committee that staff from the New Canadians Centre will attend the June 7, 2012 ACHAC meeting to provide a presentation on Immigration and Diversity in Peterborough.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Arts, Culture and Heritage Advisory Committee approve the recommendation outlined in Report ACHAC12-013 dated June 7, 2012, of the Manager of Arts, Culture and Heritage as follows:

That the presentation by the New Canadians Centre be received for information.

BUDGET AND FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no budget or financial implications resulting from the approval of the recommendation of Report ACHAC 12-013.

BACKGROUND

The New Canadians Centre (NCC) started in 1979 and was incorporated as the New Canadians Centre Peterborough in 1987. The NCC is a non-profit charitable organization dedicated to supporting immigrants, refugees and other newcomers in the Peterborough and Northumberland regions. It has a mandate to:

- To ease and promote the adjustment of immigrants and refugees to Canadian Culture.
- To provide trained staff and appropriate facilities.
- To advocate on behalf of new Canadians and to provide information and referrals.
- To continually review and adjust its services to address the needs of new Canadians.
- To increase the active participation of new Canadians in determining the direction of the agency.
- To promote cross-cultural understanding and acceptance through education and awareness projects.
- To promote fundraising projects to improve quality of community services for new Canadians.

To meet its mandate, it provides language training and assessment, information and referral services, employment assistance, counseling, community bridging and education. It provides immediate assistance and orientation to immigrants and refugees when they arrive in Peterborough.

It also works closely with the Peterborough Partnership Council on Immigrant Integration (PPCII). This Council exists to promote, advance and support coordinated immigrant integration and diversity in the Peterborough community - regardless of immigrant status or any prohibited ground as outlined in the Ontario Human Rights Code and the Canadian Human Rights Act.

The NCC and PPCII believe immigrant integration and cultural diversity are essential for long-term social, cultural, economic and environmental prosperity in the Peterborough region. Together, they have designed and implemented programs and integration strategies that have a positive and meaningful impact on their clients and on our community.

Submitted by,

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