



Meeting Date: March 1, 2023

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Report No: CAO-6-2023

Subject: Community Settlement Program for London-Middlesex

Recommendation:

THAT Report CAO-6-2023, re: Community Settlement Program for London-Middlesex be received for information.

Purpose:

The purpose of this report is to advise of a review being undertaken by the London and Middlesex Local Immigration Partnership (LMLIP) to develop a model for community planning for settlement services and funding.

Background:

Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada is funding a project for LMLIP that is intended to create a framework that will be established to support local and regional communities in serving and integrating immigrants.

The purpose of the project is to create a more responsive model of settlement service delivery and funding that meets community needs, contributes to improved settlement outcomes for immigrants, and creates a more welcoming community for both urban and rural areas, respecting the challenges that exist in each.

Analysis:

Settlement service delivery and funding decisions are currently made at the federal level. The objective of this project is to create a model for community-based decision making to support immigrant settlement and integration in London and Middlesex. This project consists of large-scale stakeholder engagement, consultation, and model development.

Led by Aileen Murray and Dillon Consulting, the objectives of this project are to:

- Look at community-based models for settlement service delivery and funding;
- Discuss alternatives to present service and funding models;
- Take into account local needs and priorities; and,
- Develop a model for effective and efficient community-based decision making.

The project schedule consists of various phases:

1. Environmental Scan (July-September 2022)

Create a view of current and future opportunities and challenges for service provision to new immigrants across a range of sectors and types of organizations.

2. Planning Consultations Phase 1 (October 2022-February 2023)

Review and document conceptual frameworks, funding models and prepare background material that will inform the consultations to gather input on how services to immigrants can be delivered to serve the needs of diverse newcomers to London-Middlesex.

3. Draft Design and Models (March-June 2023)

The project team will build on the foundation of the Environmental Scan and the Planning Consultations Phase 1 to consider a long list of potential models for settlement services and funding.

4. Planning Consultations Phase 2 (July-October 2023)

Consider potential models for settlement services and funding for the London Middlesex region.

5. Final Model and Report (October-December 2023)

The final report will provide the LMLIP with a detailed account of the rationale for and the development of the recommended model for settlement services and funding in the London Middlesex Region

To learn more and/or to provide information and get involved in this study, information can be found on the website at: <https://engage.mysocialpinpoint.ca/london-middlesex-community-settlement-program>

Final reports will be available year-end at which time the findings will be brought forward to council for information so that Middlesex Centre can play a supporting role by creating a community for all to live.

Financial Implications:

N/A

Strategic Plan:

This matter aligns with following strategic priorities:

- Engaged Community

As London-Middlesex continues to grow, it is important to coordinate and provide services to ensure a prosperous place for all to live, work and feel part of community. Middlesex Centre will support the County, who is the overseeing body for this area, and other partners in the delivery of these programs where it is appropriate to do so.

Attachments:

N/A