

A Partnership That Works:

Welcoming Communities Initiative &

London & Middlesex Local Immigration Partnership

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Overview

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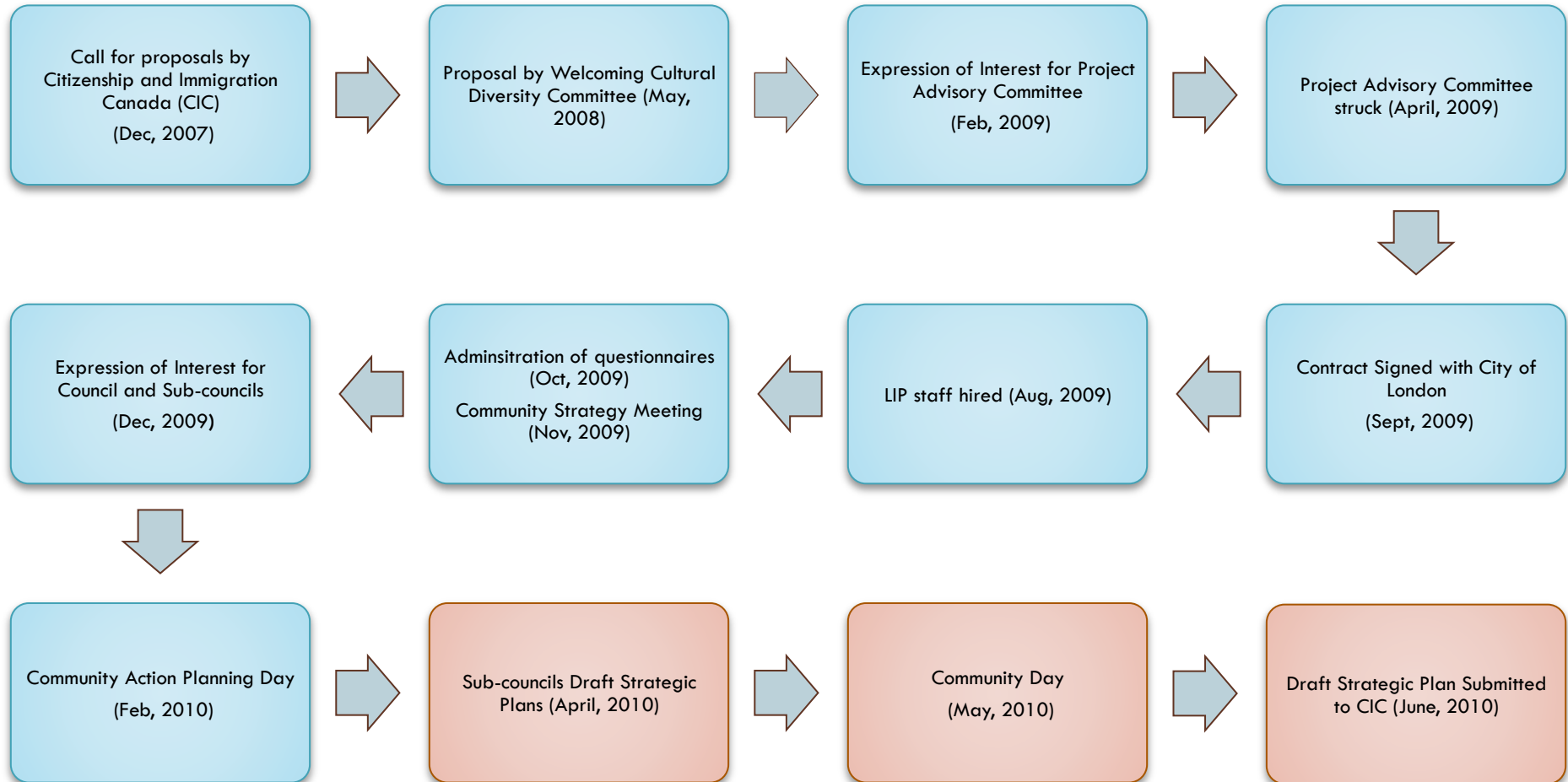
LMLIP Outcomes

1. Establish a **London and Middlesex Immigrant Partnership Council** that will develop a strategic approach to supporting immigrants, and building upon the excellent activities that are on-going and the work done to date in the areas of attraction, integration and retention of immigrants
2. Develop a **Community Capacity and Needs Inventory** that will provide the strategic framework for our community to enhance its capacity to bridge all areas of need within the community for immigrants and newcomers
3. Develop a collaborative **Community Immigrant Strategic Plan**

Areas of focus include:

- Education
- Employment
- Health & wellbeing
- Inclusion & civic engagement
- Justice & protection services
- Settlement

Progress to Date



Project Advisory Committee

- Ana Maria Escovar- *Fanshawe College*
- Andrea Hallam- *London Heritage Council*
- Anthoula Doumkou- *London InterCommunity Health Centre*
- Anne Langille- *WIL Employment Connections*
- Beverley Payne- *Wheable Adult and Continuing Education Centre*
- Debbie Turnbull- *Family Networks*
- Jean-Pierre Cantin- *College Boreal*
- Jo-elle Rinker- *YMCA*
- Mohamed Al-Adeimi- *South London Neighbourhood Resource Centre*
- Rod Cameron- *Fanshawe College*
- Sheila Carson- *Wheable Adult and Continuing Education Centre*
- Valerian Marochko- *London Cross Cultural Learner Centre*
- Vicki Esses- *The University of Western Ontario*
- Elisabeth White (Co-Chair)- *City of London*
- Kelly McManus (Co-Chair)- *United Way of London & Middlesex*



Project Advisory Committee

Roles & Responsibilities:

- ▶ Research various local and regional models of collaboration.
- ▶ Consultation with the broader community to review proposed models.
- ▶ With community endorsement, the establishment of a London and Middlesex Immigrant Partnership Council.
- ▶ Develop and disseminate a Community Capacity and Needs Inventory.
- ▶ Consultation with the broader community by holding a Local Immigrant Integration Action Planning Day to identify priority strategies as a result of this inventory.
- ▶ Development of Collaborative Community Immigrant Strategic Plan.

Partnership with WCI

- Bridge between community and research.
- Brings credibility to work of LMLIP Council

History:

- In 2005, London established the Welcoming Cultural Diversity (WCD) Committee which was co-led by City of London and United Way of London & Middlesex
- WCI, as a member of WCD, sought input for the CURA proposal
- The LMLIP came as a result of this committee
- WCI representative on LMLIP Advisory Committee

Partnership with WCI

Research:

Questionnaire

- Partnered to develop questionnaire
- LMLIP collected data
- WCI collated data

Directory and Map: Snap shot of community

- WCI collected agency information, LMLIP built on it.
- WCI created Map and directory.
- Community Capacity and Needs Report
- From information collected through surveys, WCI wrote summary report



Partnership with WCI

Central Council

- Research Liaison: Dr. Vicki Esses. Researchers are cited as key stakeholders in the LMLIP Council Terms of Reference
- Mandated by LMLIP Council Terms of Reference

Welcoming Communities initiative Local Advisory Committee

- LMLIP Co-chairs and LMLIP Coordinator are members of the committee

Partnership with WCI

Research Expertise & Support

- Presentations at Feb. 2 Action Planning Day
- Provide theoretical and research input at Council and sub-council meetings
- A number of students participated in the February 2 Action Planning Day by taking notes as well in the priority exercise that formed the base of the work for each sub-council

Thank You!



Meeting minutes and other documents can be found on:

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