Building Collaboration with Business and Economic Development Partners

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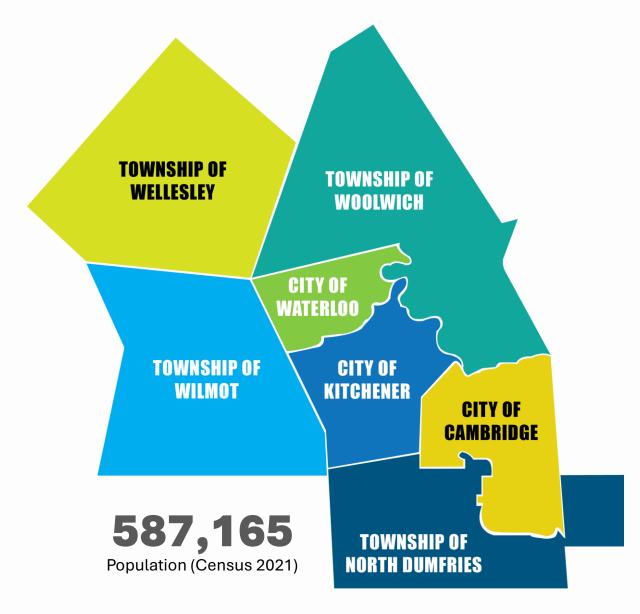
The Waterloo Region Immigration Partnership

Our beginnings: Born out of a business-led network focused on improving immigrant employment outcomes in our region.

Our mission: We work together to create the conditions for immigrants to succeed and help build a welcoming, dynamic community.

Our community: Mid-sized urban and rural regional community with two-tier local government, 8 municipalities, many economic development partners, amongst fastest growth of population and immigration nationally.

Our biggest challenge in building collaboration with economic partners: Building shared vision, purpose and understanding between economic and other partners.



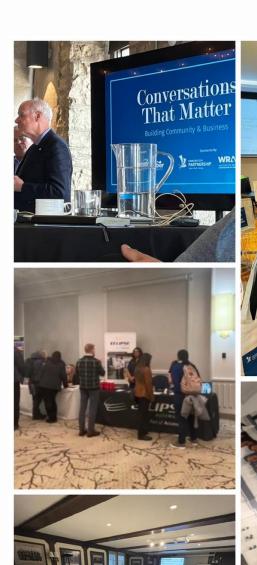




Our learnings so far

Being successful in building collaboration with business & economic partners has meant our LIP, our team and our partners recognize

- Relationships take time to grow
- Economic Partners are primary to our work
- Economic Partner needs/goals are equally valid and often aligned as those of other partners
- Economic Partners must co-lead development of the community strategy for supporting immigration
- Economic Partners should lead engagement in their sector
- Seeing opportunity and taking it brings rewards























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