

# City Council Information Items

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# Information Report

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Service Area	Public Services
Date	Friday, June 19, 2020
Subject	<b>Guelph Wellington Local Immigration Partnership Update</b>

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## Executive Summary

### Purpose of Report

The purpose of this report is to update Council on Guelph Wellington Local Immigration Partnership (GWLIP) achievements in the 2019-2020 federal fiscal year (April 1-March 31), as well as its strategic plan going into 2020-2021.

### Key Findings

#### **GWLIP Project Achievements 2019-2020**

The activities listed below were completed in 2019-2020. These activities served to increase knowledge and capacity in sectors serving immigrants; highlighting local needs, increasing access to local immigrant data, and reinforcing positive attitudes towards immigrants in the community. Selected projects include: the immigrant housing study; refugee settlement study; international student study; newcomer bike host program research; neighbourhood-level snapshots of immigration data; interactive map of community services; community inclusion campaign; supporting cultural programs and activities; employer roundtable events; and participating in economic development forums. Recommendations from GWLIP research studies have informed the 2020-2021 strategic plan.

#### **GWLIP Strategic Priorities and Selected Activities 2020-2021**

The following projects will build on GWLIP's work from the previous year, and are built on three strategic pillars. These pillars are increasing access to services; supporting education and cultural connection; and enhancing employment and entrepreneurship opportunities for immigrants. Selected activities include: the interactive dashboard of local, neighbourhood-level immigrant data through the City of Guelph; increasing access to medical interpretation services; pilot housing mentor service; Bikes 4 Community Connection bike hosting pilot; newcomer community kitchen pilot; community inclusion campaigns; initiatives to support international students; and a newcomer youth mental health study.

### Financial Implications

GWLIP is 100% funded by the Federal government, specifically the Ministry of Immigration Refugees and Citizenship Canada (IRCC). GWLIP has been successful in their application for continued funding through a five year IRCC Grant 2020-2025. There are no financial implications to the City of Guelph.

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## Report

### Details

The GWLIP was established in 2009 and is hosted by the City of Guelph. It serves the areas of both Wellington County and the City of Guelph. Directed by a Leadership Council of community stakeholders, GWLIP engages local service providers, businesses, and other institutions involved in the settlement and integration of newcomers. It supports community-level research, strategic planning, policy development, and improves the coordination of services that facilitate immigrant settlement and integration.

Immigration impacts our economy, tax base, services, and politics. As of 2016, 21% of Guelph's total population and one quarter of Guelph's working-age population are immigrants, and this proportion is expected to increase as Canada's aging population and low birth rate requires even higher levels of immigration to stimulate economic activity. GWLIP has an important role to play to coordinate local efforts to ensure immigration is a success for all residents.

GWLIP has three strategic priorities: increasing access to services; supporting education and cultural connection; and enhancing employment and entrepreneurship opportunities for immigrants. Through increasing access to services, GWLIP enhances the coordination and collaboration among community programs and services to provide immigrants and immigrant families with timely, clear and relevant information, and provides tools to access and navigate support services. Through the supporting education and cultural connection priority, GWLIP fosters cultural and social connections to support newcomers in their integration and language enhancement, as well as sharing knowledge on student integration. Through employment and entrepreneurship, GWLIP will continue to engage with employers to raise awareness of international talent, promote newcomer entrepreneurship, and support all levels of government in reviewing economic development policies around newcomer economic integration and workforce needs.

GWLIP has recently completed the 2019-2020 fiscal year, and has achieved its strategic goals for that period. Selected projects in 2019-2020 include the immigrant housing study, refugee settlement study, international student study, newcomer bike host research, neighbourhood-level snapshots of immigration data, interactive map of community services, a community inclusion campaign, supporting cultural programs and activities, employer roundtable events, and participating in economic development forums. Overall, GWLIP activities have increased knowledge about newcomer needs in the community to support policy and planning decisions. GWLIP activities have helped identify gaps in service delivery and promoted diversity, inclusion, and community connection. As an organization, GWLIP works toward facilitating the settlement process for newcomers, while remaining responsive to emerging needs in the community. Recommendations from GWLIP research studies have informed the 2020-2021 strategic plan.

Recognizing that work plans may need to be altered given the COVID-19 public health emergency, GWLIP plans to undertake the following projects and activities in 2020-2021 through consultation with our community partners:

### 1) Update Interactive Services Map

Update the current interactive map to ensure that community service information is accurate, up to date, and readily available.

### 2) Interactive Dashboard

In collaboration with the City of Guelph and GWLIP, create an interactive dashboard on the City of Guelph's website showing Statistics Canada census data on immigrant demographics at the neighbourhood level, in support of various sectors, services, and citizens.

### 3) RentSmart: Newcomer Lens [Housing Study recommendation 2019-2020]

Support the County of Wellington in including a newcomer lens in this landlord/tenant housing education program. The program will be promoted in the settlement sector, and to prospective landlord and tenant participants.

### 4) Housing Mentoring Program [Housing Study recommendation 2019-2020]

In partnership with Wellington County, the RentSmart program and the People and Information Network, train volunteers to provide a wide variety of housing supports to newcomer families, especially those who have English language barriers.

### 5) Housing Guide [Refugee Study recommendation 2019-2020]

In partnership with the Guelph and Wellington Task Force for Poverty Elimination and Wellington County Housing Services, develop and distribute an updated Housing Access Guide by adding housing information and resources for newcomers. The guide will be available to settlement services, as well as the wider population.

### 6) Improve Access to Medical Interpretation Services [Refugee Study Recommendation 2019-2020]

In partnership with Waterloo-Wellington Local Health Integration Network and Kitchener Waterloo Multicultural Centre, convene and collaborate to develop resources that will increase awareness about the WWLHIN's free Medical Interpretation Service. This will support awareness and outreach in the Health and Settlement sectors.

### 7) Transportation Project

Transport related projects are twofold. The first activity will conduct research into newcomer transport choices, challenges, and barriers with support from University of Guelph's Community Engaged Scholarship Institute. The report will inform future policy and program development at multiple levels of government. The second project is a newcomer bike-mentoring pilot in partnership with Immigrant Services Guelph Wellington, the Guelph Coalition for Active Transportation, and the City of Guelph. The goal is to encourage newcomers to use active transport and bikes as a safe, sustainable, and affordable means of alternative transportation while supporting social and cultural integration.

## **Financial Implications**

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successful in their application for continued funding through a five year IRCC Grant 2020-2025. There are no fiscal implications to the City of Guelph.

## **Consultations**

This report was written in consultation with GWLIP co-chairs Sandra Cocco, Executive Director - Immigrant Services Guelph Wellington, and Trish McComb Early Years Intake and Eligibility Manager, County of Wellington.

## **Strategic Plan Alignment**

The GWLIP Strategic Plan aligns with the City of Guelph Strategic Plan priorities through the work to foster an inclusive community, celebrating diversity and the differences that make the community stronger. GWLIP also encourages Guelph's businesses to recognize and attract talent that will support growth and provide meaningful opportunities for all. This plan also supports the promotion of active transport, provision of housing that meets community needs as well as well-being and safety. GWLIP research increases knowledge in the community and this informs policy development, direct service planning, and program delivery.

## **Departmental Approval**

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# Information Report

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Service Area	Corporate Services
Date	Friday, June 19, 2020
Subject	<b>New Closed Meeting Investigator – Aird and Berlis LLP</b>

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## Executive Summary

### Purpose of Report

To notify the public that the City of Guelph's closed meeting investigator, [Local Authority Services](#) (LAS), has contracted a new third party, [Aird and Berlis LLP](#), to conduct closed meeting investigations on its behalf.

### Key Findings

In 2007, City Council appointed LAS as its closed meeting investigator. Between 2007 and 2019, Amberley Gavel Ltd was contracted by LAS to conduct investigations. As of January 1, 2020, Aird and Berlis LLP has assumed responsibility for conducting closed meeting investigations on behalf of LAS.

### Financial Implications

None.

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## Report

### Details

The [Municipal Act](#) (the Act) allows any person to request an investigation with respect to whether a municipality has complied with the open meeting exceptions contained in [Section 239 of the Act](#).

[Section 239 of the Act](#) requires that meetings of City Council be open to the public except where the subject matter being considered is:

- a. the security of the property of the municipality or local board;
- b. personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees;
- c. a proposed or pending acquisition or disposition of land by the municipality or local board;
- d. labour relations or employee negotiations;
- e. litigation or potential litigation, including matters before administrative tribunals, affecting the municipality or local board;
- f. advice that is subject to solicitor-client privilege, including communications necessary for that purpose;

- g. a matter in respect of which a council, board, committee or other body may hold a closed meeting under another Act;
- h. information explicitly supplied in confidence to the municipality or local board by Canada, a province or territory or a Crown agency of any of them;
- i. a trade secret or scientific, technical, commercial, financial or labour relations information, supplied in confidence to the municipality or local board, which, if disclosed, could reasonably be expected to prejudice significantly the competitive position or interfere significantly with the contractual or other negotiations of a person, group of persons, or organization;
- j. a trade secret or scientific, technical, commercial or financial information that belongs to the municipality or local board and has monetary value or potential monetary value; or
- k. a position, plan, procedure, criteria or instruction to be applied to any negotiations carried on or to be carried on by or on behalf of the municipality or local board.

If an individual believes that a meeting of City Council or committee has been held in closed session without the subject matter fitting the categories noted above, they may request a closed meeting investigation.

An online [request for closed meeting investigation form](#) is available for anyone interested in requesting an investigation. The [accountability and transparency page](#) on Guelph.ca contains further information and instructions.

In addition to the requirements of the Act, the City of Guelph [closed meeting protocol](#) provides additional guidance to members of the public, City Council and staff in relation to closed meetings. In the interest of accountability and transparency, Guelph City Council seeks to conduct its decision making in public as much as possible.

### **Financial Implications**

None.

### **Consultations**

None.

### **Strategic Plan Alignment**

The Working Together for our Future strategic plan priority seeks to improve how the City communicates with residents. By ensuring that all meetings of City Council are conducted in public, except where permitted by the Act, residents of Guelph can watch and participate in the City Council decision making process. By providing an easy to access closed meeting investigation request process, residents can be further assured that the City of Guelph continues to meet in closed only where permitted by the Act.

### **Departmental Approval**

None.

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# Provincial and Federal Consultation Alert

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## Proposed Amendment to A Place to Grow: Growth Plan for the Greater Golden Horseshoe

### Ministry

Municipal Affairs and Housing

### Consultation Deadline

July 31, 2020

### Summary

The Ontario government is consulting on a proposed amendment to A Place to Grow: Growth Plan for the Greater Golden Horseshoe. This update includes changes to the population and employment forecasts, the horizon year for planning, and other policies with the stated goals of increasing housing supply, creating jobs, attracting business investment, and better aligning with infrastructure.

The government is also consulting on a new Land Needs Assessment Methodology, which municipalities would use to ascertain the amount of land required to accommodate housing and jobs.

### Proposed Form of Input

Submit staff comments on the Environmental Registry of Ontario posting at the links below.

### Rationale

The proposed amendment and land needs assessment methodology are technical in nature and an interdepartmental team response with consultant support are appropriate for this review.

### Lead

[Melissa Aldunate](#), Manager, Policy Planning and Urban Design

### Links to Ministry Website

<https://ero.ontario.ca/notice/019-1680>

<https://ero.ontario.ca/notice/019-1679>

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Summer 2020  
2nd Quarter

# The INFORMANT

**CRIME STOPPERS**   
**GUELPH WELLINGTON**  
**1-800-222-TIPS (8477)**

## A MESSAGE FROM CRIME STOPPERS GUELPH WELLINGTON (CSGW)

Since 1988 Crime Stoppers Guelph Wellington (CSGW) has offered residents of the City of Guelph & County of Wellington the ability to report information that can help solve crimes, anonymously and confidentially.

CSGW provides an invaluable option for residents who want to stop criminal activity, but for whatever reason, do not want to contact police directly or be involved in the criminal justice system. While we enjoy respectful and productive relationships with our investigative partners, we understand that may not be the case for all residents.

The CSGW Board of Directors is united in supporting anti-racism initiatives, standing firmly against hatred and discrimination of any kind, and doing our part to raise awareness for the lives lost in violence and show solidarity for the families and communities most impacted.

This is not a time for mere words. CSGW is taking action to engage with organizations that represent Black, Indigenous and People of Colour (BIPOC) as well as ethnic and religious groups that enrich our communities. We look forward to inviting them to understand Crime Stoppers' purpose. More importantly, we look forward to learning from, and working with these organizations to build stronger, more inclusive communities.

Respectfully,



Deryck West, Chair  
on behalf of the CSGW Board of Directors



[www.csgw.tips](http://www.csgw.tips)

## PROGRAM EDUCATION



Due to COVID-19 restrictions, CSGW is looking to transition from traditional methods of providing CSGW program education, to online platforms.

This is being considered for student programs, seniors programs, human trafficking presentations and EPACT presentations.

The programming is in the initial stages and so we ask that you continue to check our website for updates and further details as they become available. Also stay tuned on our social media – Facebook, Twitter and Instagram.

## PROGRAM STATISTICS

*Since inception from 1988 through  
May 2020*

Total # of Tips .....	21,563
Arrests.....	1,562
Charges Laid.....	4,363
Narcotics Seized .....	\$27,367,752
Property Recovered.....	\$10,262,501
Authorized Rewards.....	\$172,425

## FUNDRAISING

### GUELPH SHREDDING EVENT

**Saturday September 12th — 9am—1pm**

**Sponsored by SKYJACK**



Proudly supported by **Skyjack Inc.** for a second year, our event will be held at 201 Woodlawn Road West in Guelph. **Appropriate social distancing practices will be in place.**

A mobile **Wasteco** shredding truck will be on site and our volunteers will arrange for a smooth drive-thru operation for your convenience. For a \$5 donation per “bankers box size” of **paper only** shredding, you will have the security of knowing you are helping to prevent identity theft.

Further details will be posted on our website and social media, so be sure to check closer to the date. Start saving your papers now!

### MULCH SALES

The traditional spring 2020 mulch sales were cancelled this year due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Instead, a different event was offered at both **Young’s Home Hardware** in Mount Forest and **JL’s Home Hardware** in Guelph. During the month of May, for every bag of mulch sold, 25c was donated to CSGW.

**THANK YOU** to our PARTNERS and to our COMMUNITY for your support during this time.

**CONTINUE TO CHECK OUR WEBSITE  
FOR FUNDRAISING EVENTS, UPDATES  
AND FURTHER DETAILS. WE WILL  
ALSO CONVEY THIS INFORMATION VIA  
OUR SOCIAL MEDIA PLATFORMS –  
FACEBOOK, TWITTER AND  
INSTAGRAM.**



June 16, 2020

Hon. Doug Ford  
Premier  
Premier's Office  
Room 281  
Legislative Building, Queen's Park

Dear the Honourable Doug Ford:

Please be advised that at it's June 11<sup>th</sup>, 2020 meeting, Grey County Council endorsed the following resolution for your consideration:

CW93-20      Moved by: Councillor Robinson      Seconded by: Councillor Keaveney

**Whereas now more than ever in our increasingly electronic world, Grey County families and business owners have a need for reliable and affordable broadband to conduct business and stay connected both locally and beyond; and**

**Whereas broadband is a contributing social and economic driver in supporting the vitality and growth of our communities; and**

**Whereas families require internet to enable their children to complete school assignments, take online courses, maintain a human connection, or just stream movies at home; and**

**Whereas Grey County agriculture production, medical, health care, manufacturing, retail and the service industry depend on reliable high-speed connections to support and ensure business continuity and success; and**

**Whereas connectivity has been a lifeline for those businesses and sectors with access to reliable broadband during this global pandemic; and**

**Whereas reliable broadband will continue playing an essential role in the economic and social recovery of communities across Grey**

**County post-pandemic; and**

**Whereas not all areas of Grey County are within a connectivity coverage area which continues to be increasingly challenging, and amplified by the COVID-19 pandemic; and**

**Whereas Grey County has unserved areas as well as under-served areas that receive inadequate or disproportionately low levels of service; and**

**Whereas while it is important for the Provincial Government to look at both the number of people and the number of businesses that can be serviced by broadband expansion, it is essential, as well, that the Province provide broadband service to areas that have a small number of people, yet cover a vast geographical area; and**

**Whereas the need for broadband infrastructure improvement is now;**

**Now Therefore Be It Resolved that Grey County representing our Grey County residents and business owners alike, call to action Premier Ford; Minister of Infrastructure, Minister Scott; Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs, Minister Ernie Hardeman and Associate Minister of Energy & MPP Walker to champion the implementation of broadband in the unserved and under-served areas of Grey County; and**

**That this resolution be forwarded to all Ontario municipalities for their endorsement.**

If you require anything further, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours truly,

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Hon. Bill Walker, Associate Minister of Energy & Bruce – Grey - Owen Sound MPP  
Hon. Ernie Hardeman, Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs  
All Ontario Municipalities



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### **VIA E-MAIL**

June 19, 2020

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Dear Premier and Ministers,

### **RE: Support for Rural Broadband**

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On behalf of the Council of the Corporation of the Municipality of Mississippi Mills, this is to advise you that the following resolution was adopted by Council at its meeting held on June 16, 2020.

**Resolution No. 246-20**  
**Moved by Councillor Maydan**  
**Seconded by Councillor Dalgity**

**WHEREAS** in December 2016 the Canadian Radio-television and  
Telecommunications Commission declared broadband internet an essential service  
for Canadians;



**AND WHEREAS** access to internet in many rural communities in Ontario is limited or non-existent;

**AND WHEREAS** current broadband investment projects across Ontario will still leave many residents unserved;

**AND WHEREAS** the COVID-19 pandemic has underscored the digital divide leaving many rural residents unable to participate in e-commerce, online schooling, are unable to move businesses online or access healthcare and other services online;

**AND WHEREAS** communities and municipalities are developing economic recovery plans;

**AND WHEREAS** there may be potential federal and provincial funding for shovel-ready infrastructure programs to kick-start the economy;


**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Municipality of Mississippi Mills calls on the provincial and federal governments to include rural broadband investment as part of the economic recovery shovel-ready projects for municipalities;

**AND THAT** Council direct staff to circulate this resolution to the Prime Minister of Canada; the Federal Minister of Rural Economic Development; the Federal Minister of Innovation, Science and Industry; the Federal Minister of Economic Development; the Minister of Infrastructure and Communities; the Federal Minister of Health; the Premier of Ontario; the Minister of Municipal Affairs; the Minister of Economic Development, Job Creation and Trade; the Minister of Heritage, Sport, Tourism and Culture Industries; the Minister of Education; the Minister of Infrastructure; and all Ontario Municipalities; the Association of Rural Municipalities of Ontario; the Association of Municipalities of Ontario and The Federation of Canadian Municipalities.

**CARRIED**

Should you have any questions please feel free to follow up with our office directly at 613-256-2064 or [jharfield@mississippimills.ca](mailto:jharfield@mississippimills.ca)

Kind Regards,

  
Jeanne Harfield  
Clerk