



# Human Development Council

Identifies and addresses social issues in Greater Saint John  
through research, information, coordination and networking.

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Mayor Don Darling  
City of Saint John  
PO Box 1971  
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Dear Mayor Darling,

The Saint John Human Development Council (HDC) has been pleased to host our community's Local Immigration Partnership (LIP) since 2017. As Agreement Holder with Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada (IRCC), the HDC has provided oversight, office and meeting space, along with many in-kind supports to bolster the city's efforts to integrate and retain newcomers. This is in keeping with our role of incubating organizations to address issues of local concern.

We believe that the LIP has made solid progress and is on track to meet its initial three-year objectives. We also believe that it is time to embed the LIP within the City to ensure that the retention and integration of newcomers contributes to, and aligns with, Saint John's new focus on population growth. The ambitious goal of growing our population requires a coordinated, connected effort with strong municipal leadership.

Accordingly, the HDC is happy to support the City's application to IRCC for Agreement Holder status for the next round of federal funding. We are prepared to assist in the preparation of the formal application. If the City is successful, we commit to ensuring a smooth transition of the LIP to City Hall.

If you have any questions or require any additional information, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned.

Yours truly,

Randy Hatfield  
Executive Director