



Update from the CBLIP Council

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Presentation Outline



About the CBLIP

- Our Vision & Mission
- Structure
- Council Member Organizations

What We Are Doing:

- Strategic Plan & Areas of Focus
- Working Group Activities
- Other Highlights of 2024



About the CBLIP



- Established in 2017
- one of more than 80 LIPs across Canada
- funded by Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada
- a collaborative, community initiative
- more than 60 organizational and volunteer members across all groups



Vision

The vision of the CBLIP is that all newcomers feel welcome, safe, supported and at home in Unama'ki-Cape Breton

Mission

Our mission is to identify needs and opportunities for newcomer settlement in Unama'ki-Cape Breton and to support community partners in fostering inclusive and welcoming communities.

In short



We bring together local partners to find ways to collaborate and help make it easier for newcomers to settle in.



“I am grateful to be a part of the CBLIP as it is not just a space for collaboration and co learning but an opportunity for newcomers to contribute to the community and collaborate with long term residents by providing newcomer lens/first voice perspective to guide the local immigration in Cape Breton.”

“Having a convening space focused on immigration in Cape Breton helps us to foster a more welcoming community, but it has fringe benefits for members in connecting on other issues. Personally, I’ve been able to better support clients by having direct contact with other stakeholders in the community.”

COUNCIL

main leadership body comprised of representatives of 27 newcomer-serving organizations (23 voting/4 non-voting)

IAT

volunteers with lived experience, advising on all aspects of CBLIP work

WORKING GROUPS

five groups putting the strategic plan into action

STAFF

2 staff members supporting the administration of all CBLIP groups

CBLIP Council Members



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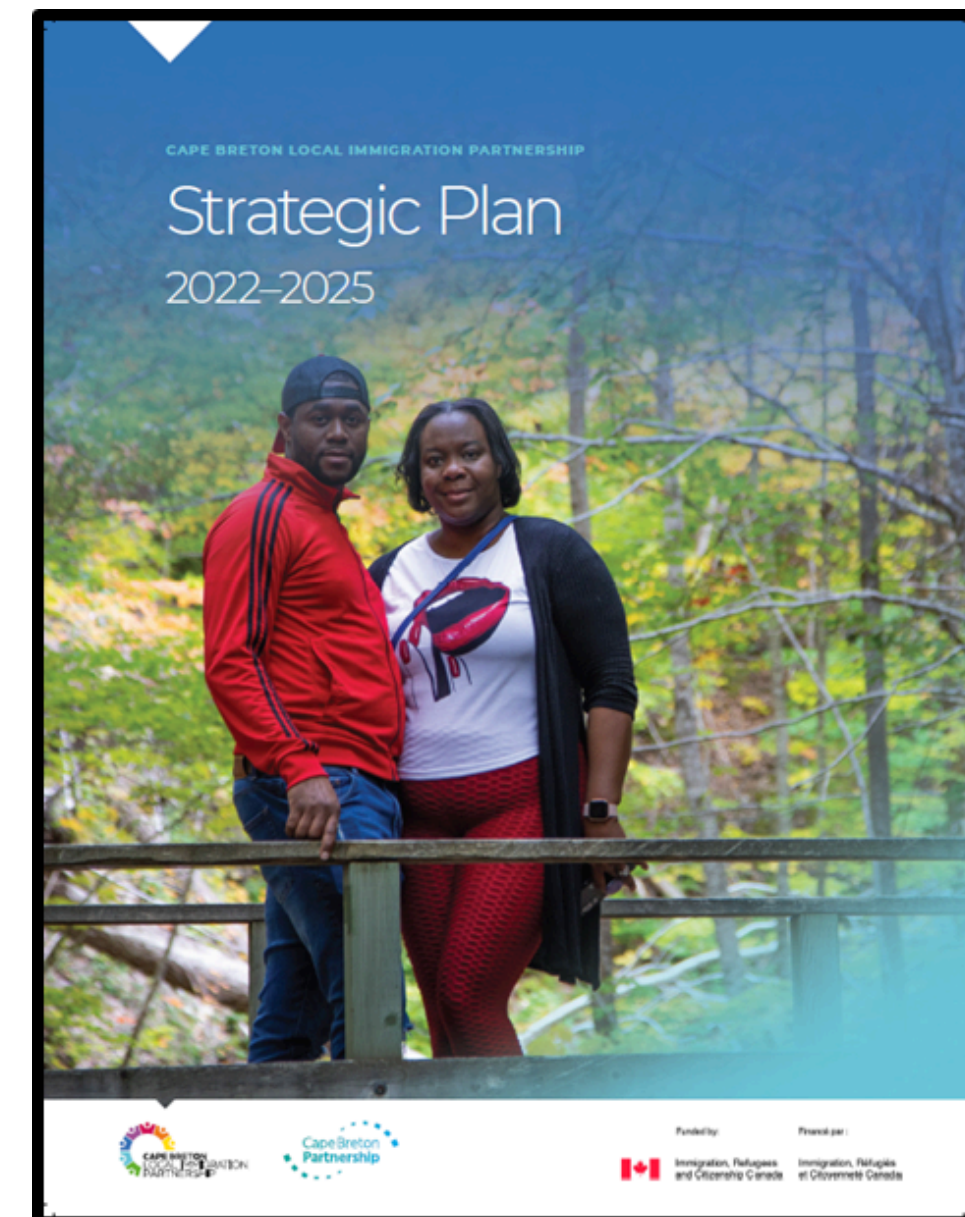
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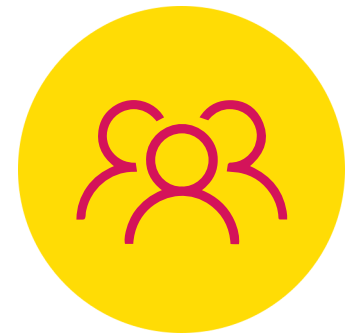
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CBLIP Strategic Plan 2022-2025

Five Areas of Focus:

- Community Belonging
- Raising Awareness
- Demonstrating Impact
- Housing
- Employment





Community Belonging

Building and enhancing the communication, relationships, and resources needed to foster more welcoming and inclusive communities for newcomers in Unama'ki-Cape Breton.



Awareness

Raising public awareness of the benefits of immigration and the needs of newcomers.



Housing

Contributing to research, resource development, and information sharing regarding the housing needs of newcomers.



Employment

Supporting collaborative efforts to foster meaningful employment opportunities and inclusive workplaces for newcomers.



Demonstrating Impact

Committing to identifying indicators of CBLIP success and evaluating the impact of our work.

Other Highlights of 2024



Member support and coordination

- Sharing on Basecamp, member presentations at Council meetings (e.g. Association of Nigerians at June meeting)

New collaborations

- Mi'kmaq-newcomer relationship-building initiative (funded by the Nova Scotia Department of Labour, Skills and Immigration)

Training opportunities for members

- Virtual Immigration 101

Developing and sharing resources

- Expansion of Basecamp tutorials (our online collaboration tool)