

CAPE BRETON LOCAL
IMMIGRATION PARTNERSHIP

year in review

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The work of the Cape Breton Local Immigration Partnership takes place in Unama'ki, the unceded, traditional territory of the Mi'kmaw people. We are grateful for the Peace and Friendship Treaties.

We Are All Treaty People.

As we support the settlement of newcomers to this land, we honour and respect those who have welcomed and taught settlers in Unama'ki for generations.

We understand our responsibility to educate ourselves and our members. As we listen and learn more, we are committed to advancing our journey toward Truth and Reconciliation and building meaningful relationships with Mi'kmaw people and organizations.

About the CBLIP

The Cape Breton Local Immigration Partnership (CBLIP) is a partnership between organizations and individuals who are dedicated to fostering welcoming and inclusive communities in Unama'ki – Cape Breton. The CBLIP is funded by Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada and is administered by the Cape Breton Partnership, the Island's private sector-led economic development organization.

Organizational members of the CBLIP include municipalities, settlement agencies, post-secondary institutions, community service providers, and more. Many individuals are also involved in the CBLIP through its working groups and as part of the Immigrant Advisory Table. Together, we are working to support communities where all newcomers can settle, stay, and thrive. **We believe that Belonging is for Everyone.**



mission

The CBLIP identifies needs and opportunities for newcomer settlement in Unama'ki - Cape Breton and supports community partners in fostering inclusive and welcoming communities.

vision

All newcomers feel welcome, safe, supported, and at home in Unama'ki - Cape Breton.

Our Shared Commitments



Unsettling Settlement

In all we do, we recognize that the Mi'kmaq are the original and rightful welcomeers of this Land.

Newcomer Voices

The lived experiences of newcomers to Canada are centred in our shared work.

Equity, Diversity, Inclusion, and Accessibility

We work to apply intersectional lenses, deepen respectful relationships, and intentionally reflect diverse perspectives.

Continuous Learning

We evaluate our collaborative work through an approach that is reflective, curious, relational, celebrating, responsive, and intentional.



The spirit of these commitments weaves through all CBLIP strategies and activities.

Who We Are

The CBLIP is a collaborative community initiative. In 2025-2026 there were more than 70 individuals actively involved in the CBLIP across all of its groups, with representation from more than 25 member organizations across the Island. CBLIP members are engaged in the CBLIP through their involvement in one or more groups:

Mi'kmaw Advisory Committee (MAC) & Mi'kmaw - Newcomer Relations Working Group: Formed in 2024, the MAC is made up of one representative from each of the five Mi'kmaw communities in Unama'ki and provides guidance to the CBLIP on the building of better relationships between Mi'kmaw people and newcomers. A working group of other CBLIP members is working closely with the MAC, with the guidance of Robert Bernard (*The Indigenous Guide*).

Immigrant Advisory Table (IAT): IAT members are people who were born outside of Canada, live on the Island, and work together to ensure that newcomer perspectives always inform the work and decisions of the CBLIP.

CBLIP Council: The Council is the main leadership body of the CBLIP, responsible for strategic direction and information sharing between member organizations. The Council meets quarterly and has one representative appointed per member organization.

Working Groups: Members come together in CBLIP Working Groups to develop and implement annual action plans on themes of central importance to newcomer settlement.

Sub-Committees: CBLIP sub-committees are short-term groups that form for defined periods of time to help coordinate very specific projects or events, often acting as advisors to CBLIP staff (e.g. Immigrant Survey Sub-Committee, Partner Update Event Planning Sub-Committee, etc.).

CBLIP members are supported by staff members, employed by the Cape Breton Partnership, who serve administrative roles. The CBLIP currently has two staff members: Kailea Pedley (Program Manager) and Tara Paon (Program Coordinator).



Kailea Pedley



Tara Paon

Our Theory of Change

Together with annual action plans, the CBLIP Theory of Change provides a roadmap for the CBLIP, co-created through an in-depth member engagement process and informed by thoughtful community input.

CBLIP Theory of Change 2025-2030



Building Mi'kmaw - Newcomer Relations

The Mi'kmaq are the original and rightful welcome to this Land and it is essential that Mi'kmaw leadership is embedded in the work of the CBLIP. Established in 2024, the CBLIP Mi'kmaw Advisory Committee (MAC) works alongside the Mi'kmaw - Newcomer Relations Working Group with a long-term goal to develop strategies to center Mi'kmaq in the immigration system in order to interrupt colonial mindsets and harms. This work is an opportunity to take a critical look at the Treaties of Peace and Friendship as they relate to newcomers to this Land.

CBLIP Mi'kmaw Advisory Committee Members

Mary Louise Bernard (Wagmatcook)

Graham Marshall (Membertou)

Dolena Poulette (We'koqma'q)

Josh Stevens (Eskasoni)

Robert Bernard (Chair)

CBLIP Mi'kmaw - Newcomer Relations Working Group Members

Leslie Fu

Robyn Lee Seale

Rebecca MacDonald

With thanks to outgoing members in 2025-2026

Anita Basque (MAC)

Jody Nelson (Working Group)

Des Ong (Working Group)

In its second year of activity, several initiatives helped to take positive steps toward this goal, including:

The CBLIP's annual partner update event in December 2025 was held in Membertou and, for the first time, included a Mi'kmaw event name ***(Elisk+Nweyek – Weaving Together – Tisser Ensemble)*** and a panel discussion of MAC members, as well as the active engagement of Mi'kmaw participants throughout the day.

An in-person gathering of the MAC and Working Group was held in Sydney to develop plans for moving forward.

A Mi'kmaw 102 session was held in We'koqma'q to go deeper on CBLIP member training about Mi'kmaw history and culture.

A video was developed to share Mi'kmaw perspectives on welcoming newcomers to Unama'ki.

MAC Chair, Robert Bernard, joined the planning committee of the 2026 CBLIP Partner Update Event to take place in Port Hawkesbury in September with the theme: *Muiwatmu'kl a'tukwaqnminal • Honouring Our Stories.*



CBLIP Council

The Council is the main leadership body of the CBLIP, responsible for strategic direction and information sharing between member organizations. The Council meets quarterly and has one representative appointed per member organization. Established in 2017, the year the CBLIP first formed, the Council meets quarterly in rotating locations around the Island, and always with a virtual meeting option. As of August 2026, the CBLIP Council includes 25 members.

Voting Members

Co-Chair: Erin Gallagher-Lynk, United Way Cape Breton

Co-Chair: Trina Hall, YREACH

Albert Quiambao, Strait Area Filipino Society

Amel Souid, Conseil de Développement Économique de la Nouvelle-Écosse (CDÉNÉ)

Claude Poirier, Inverness County

Darren Desmond, NSCC Sydney Waterfront Campus

Denise Bantegeyeko, Immigration Francophone Nouvelle-Écosse (IFNÉ)

Emily Chasse, Cape Breton Regional Library

Heather Somerton, YMCA of Cape Breton

Lindsay MacDonald, Strait Regional Centre for Education

Megan Penney, Cape Breton Regional Chamber of Commerce

Nadine Paruch, New Dawn Newcomer Centre
(formerly Cape Breton Island Centre for Immigration)

Perla MacLeod, Victoria County

Peter Oyedijo, Association of Nigerians in Nova Scotia (ANNS), Sydney

Shenny Daskeo, Filipino Association of Cape Breton

Sheri Taylor, Leaside Society

Lynn Crawford-Carter, Cape Breton Victoria Regional Centre for Education

Tanya Felix, Strait Area Chamber of Commerce

Theresa Laaroussi, NSCC Strait Area Campus

Victor Tomiczek, Cape Breton University

Will Roy, Cape Breton Regional Municipality

Non-Voting Members

Emily Gill, Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada

Kris Kolanko, Nova Scotia Department of Labour, Skills and Immigration

Brad Jacobs, Cape Breton Partnership

Cathy MacKenzie, Atlantic Canada Opportunities Agency (ACOA)

With thanks to outgoing members in 2025-2026: Susan Kelley (Cape Breton Victoria Regional Centre for Education), Tyler Mattheis (Cape Breton Partnership), Lauri Ravanella (Atlantic Canada Opportunities Agency), Amanda Rae Storteboom (Amanda Rae Catalyst & Consulting), Robert Walsh (Cape Breton Regional Police Service)

CBLIP Immigrant Advisory Table

The CBLIP includes an Immigrant Advisory Table (IAT) to ensure that newcomer perspectives always inform the work and decisions of the CBLIP Council and its working groups and sub-committees. IAT members are people who were born outside of Canada, live in Unama'ki - Cape Breton, and bring living experience to their roles as IAT members.

The primary objectives of the IAT are to:

Provide input in the development of CBLIP strategies, action plans, and projects.

Increase public awareness of multiculturalism and support broader engagement in multicultural activities in Unama'ki - Cape Breton.

Act as cultural ambassadors to the CBLIP.

Help to improve connections between newcomers and available services.

Represent the vision of the CBLIP.

Highlights of 2025-2026 include:

The focused recruitment of IAT members in rural areas to continue strengthening the diversity of voices around the table.

Deepening understanding of Mi'kmaw culture by attending a Mawio'mi and participating in Mi'kmaw 102 training, while sharing knowledge with other newcomers and supporting positive connections with Mi'kmaw communities.

Supporting IAT social gatherings, including learning opportunities such as Parks Canada 101, that provide members and their families with opportunities to connect outside of regular meetings, strengthen relationships, and expand their newcomer networks.

Providing more time and space during quarterly IAT meetings, recognizing their important role in advancing action plan goals and overall program objectives.

Exploring opportunities to review resources developed by CBLIP member organizations and providing feedback to help improve them for newcomers.

Supporting CBLIP working groups and subcommittees on a wide range of projects and initiatives, including the Welcoming Spirit Awards and the Mi'kmaw-Newcomer Relations Working Group.

As of August 2026,
there are 16 members
of the IAT.



Co-Chairs:

Darlin Garland (Germany | Victoria County)

Lisa Huang (Brazil | CBRM)

Current Members:

Ainura Mussagaliyeva (Kazakhstan | Inverness)

Albert Quiambao (Philippines | Port Hawkesbury)

Ana María Gutiérrez (Columbia | CBRM)

Augustina Emefoke-Efetobor (Nigeria | Inverness)

Elie Youssef (Lebanon | Port Hawkesbury)

Iryna Haniukova (Ukraine | Inverness)

Katrin Lucks-Stolley (Germany | Richmond County)

Kimani Peter Mwangi (Kenya | Inverness County)

Leslie Fu (China | CBRM)

Mahesh Prabhu (India | CBRM)

Mehak Kaushal (India | CBRM)

Nataliia Dmytriyeve (Ukraine | Victoria)

Rickey Lanting (Philippines | Port Hawkesbury)

Tomas Gonzalez (Venezuela | CBRM)

With thanks to outgoing members in 2025-2026:

Des Ong (Philippines | CBRM)

Mukthar Limpao (Philippines | Inverness County)

Nga Ginny Nguyen (Vietnam | CBRM)

Shampa Mandal (India | Victoria County)

Anyone interested in becoming
a member of the IAT is welcome
to submit an application at
capebretonpartnership.com/cblip



CBLIP Working Groups

Working groups are action-oriented teams within the CBLIP. These collaborative tables are made up of individuals – some organizational representatives and some community volunteers – who roll up their sleeves to design and implement projects together.

Working groups help move the CBLIP from strategy to action. Interested in getting involved in a Working Group? Visit capebretonpartnership.com/cblip to find out how!

Each CBLIP Working Group had its own highlights and successes in 2025-2026, thanks to the time and commitment of its members and the guidance and support of group leaders.

Awareness

In 2025-2026, the CBLIP Awareness Working Group came to a close, with members opting to shift their focus to supporting the other CBLIP groups in their respective efforts to raise public awareness. Since its launch in 2019, and with the dedicated leadership of Chair Nadine Paruch (New Dawn Newcomer Centre), the group has helped to bring awareness of newcomer experiences and contributions in Unama'ki – Cape Breton into a wide variety of public dialogues.

Some highlights of the Awareness Working Group's contributions over the years include:

Leading the development and promotion of the Belonging Is for Everyone campaign, developing and sharing resources focused on community connection and inclusion. Explore the stories of people across Unama'ki – Cape Breton and hear what belonging means to them here:

welcometocapebreton.ca/choose/belonging/

Highlighting diverse newcomer settlement experiences through the development of newcomer journey map graphics and a long-standing collaboration with CBC Cape Breton's Information Morning to share stories on the radio:

welcometocapebreton.ca/choose/newcomer-journeys/

Supporting the development of a multicultural calendar, helping communities to learn about important dates for different cultural groups in Unama'ki - Cape Breton:

welcometocapebreton.ca/multicultural-calendar/

Launching a photo storytelling project called *In Focus: Newcomer Experiences in Unama'ki - Cape Breton*, inviting people with living experiences of immigration to share photos representing their settlement journeys.

Many thanks to all members who contributed throughout the lifetime of the Awareness Working Group, including the outgoing 2025-2026 members: Lisa Huang (IAT), Robert Walsh (Cape Breton Regional Police Service), Michaela Grosche (Newcomer Volunteer), Diana Clemente (Newcomer Volunteer) and Nadine Paruch (Working Group Chair, New Dawn Newcomer Centre).

Building Partnerships

Chair: Simon Barrick (Cape Breton University)

Current Members: Ingrid Moukan Keumani (Conseil de Développement Économique de la Nouvelle-Écosse), Laura Chapman (Nova Scotia Health), Xiangfei (Li) Li (Newcomer Volunteer), Tracey MacNeil (St. Francis Xavier University), Zachary Borden (Family Service Nova Scotia)

With thanks to outgoing members in 2025-2026:

Tracy Wilson (Cape Breton Regional Library), Mahesh Prabhu (IAT), Leslie Fu (IAT), Cristin Fu (Newcomer Volunteer)

The CBLIP Building Partnerships Working Group expands awareness of CBLIP programs, services, and impacts while building mutually-beneficial relationships and making new connections with individuals and organizations. These efforts lead to stronger collaborations in support of newcomers in Unama'ki - Cape Breton. Project highlights of the group in 2025-2026 include:

Actively recruiting a diverse group of dedicated members to explore, develop, and refine working group processes and materials.

Ongoing outreach to community leaders and organizations, while identifying prospective sectors for future outreach opportunities.

Cultivating sustained, mutually beneficial relationships with a cross-section of outreach organizations, including follow-up with interested community leaders and organizations, and directing them to appropriate working groups where applicable.



Community Belonging

Co-Chairs: Ocean Le (Inverness County) and William Roy (Cape Breton Regional Municipality)

Current Members: Erin Gallagher-Lynk (United Way Cape Breton), Kat Lucks-Stolley (IAT), Peter Oyedijo (Association of Nigerians in Nova Scotia), Sumayya Mullassery (Cape Breton Connector Program), Mike Targett (New Dawn)

With thanks to outgoing members in 2025-2026:

Tracy Wilson (Cape Breton Regional Library), Jacky Zhang (Newcomer Volunteer)

2025 Welcoming Spirit Awards Individual Award Recipient: Shane Condon



L-to-R: Erin Gallagher-Lynk, nominator Kamran Mumtaz, recipient Shane Condon, and Rickey Lanting, presenting the 2025 Welcoming Spirit Award (Individual)

2025 Welcoming Spirit Awards Organizational Award Recipient: Multicultural Association of Cape Breton



L-to-R: Erin Gallagher-Lynk, nominator Ana Gutierrez, recipient Kalie Wang of the Multicultural Association of Cape Breton, and Rickey Lanting, presenting the 2025 Welcoming Spirit Award (Organization)

The CBLIP Community Belonging Working Group is committed to building and enhancing the communication, relationships, and resources needed to foster more welcoming and inclusive communities for newcomers in Unama'ki - Cape Breton. Project highlights of the group in 2025-2026 include:

Celebrating the second annual Welcoming Spirit Awards at the 2025 CBLIP Partner Update Event: *Elisk+Nweyek – Weaving Together – Tisser Ensemble*, recognizing individuals and organizations helping newcomers to feel at home on the Island. The 2025 recipients of these awards were Shane Condon (individual award recipient) and the Multicultural Association of Cape Breton (organizational award recipient).

Supporting the creation of an informal virtual coffee and connect events for all CBLIP members to drop in on a bi-monthly basis, providing a relaxed space to step away from “work” and connect with one another on a personal level.

For March 21st, the International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination, the group actively engaged the Municipality of the County of Inverness, the Village of St. Peter's, the Municipality of the County of Richmond, the Municipality of the County of Victoria, Cape Breton Regional Municipality, and the Town of Port Hawkesbury to acknowledge this important day through proclamations read during their Council meetings. Public commitments like these help to raise awareness and reinforce our shared responsibility to address discrimination in all its forms across every community. Learn more here:

www.un.org/observances/end-racism-day

Supporting strong connection-building by sharing updates, promoting member initiatives, and championing collaborative efforts on joint events.

Employment

Chair: Dani Mombourquette
(Cape Breton Partnership)

Current Members: Jamie Taylor (Sampson McPhee), Lijia (Cara) Jiang (NS Works - YMCA of Cape Breton), Sumayya Mullassery (Cape Breton Connector Program), Cristin Fu (Newcomer Volunteer), Cliff MacDonald (Immigrant Services Association of Nova Scotia), Meghraj Solanki (Cape Breton Partnership), Mengjiao Lin (Newcomer Volunteer), Baker Yue Shen (YREACH)

With thanks to outgoing members in 2025-2026:

Allyson Dunlop (NS Works - YMCA of Cape Breton), Tanya Felix (Strait Area Chamber of Commerce), Kim Long (Nova Scotia Community College), Neelima Singh (Cape Breton University), David Wagg (Immigrant Services Association of Nova Scotia), Kris Kolanko (Nova Scotia Department of Labour, Skills and Immigration)

The CBLIP Employment Working Group supports collaborative efforts to foster meaningful employment opportunities and inclusive workplaces for newcomers. Project highlights of the group in 2025-2026 include:

Exploring ways to increase access to pre-arrival information, including presentations by Settlement Online Pre-Arrival (SOPA) to working group members and supporting the addition of new questions about pre-arrival information in the 2026 CBLIP Immigrant Survey.

Providing vital space during each meeting for sharing roundtable updates from members on their work, new programs, events, challenges, gaps, and opportunities related to newcomer employment.

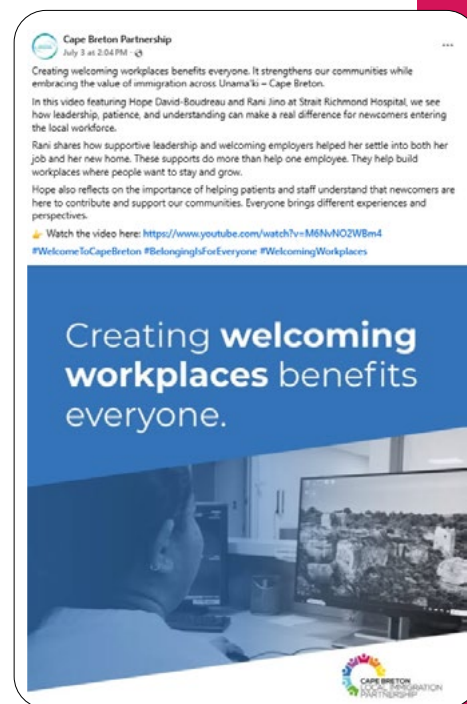
Continuing to share a [resource sheet of common myths about immigration](#), highlighting common misconceptions about immigration that are heard locally and providing correct information.

Setting up a booth at the Safety First Symposium in May 2026, leading to good conversations and follow up about immigrant employment.

A series of Employer Immigration Pathway events hosted by the Working Group Chair in coordination with IRCC and local settlement service providers in CBRM, Port Hawkesbury and Inverness County.

Exploring an accessible, up-to-date policy change document and regulated occupations guide to support employers, newcomers, and working group members.

Promoting the Welcoming Workplaces video series and accompanying resources, developed in collaboration with Rogers TV. The series explores the theme of welcoming workplaces by showcasing the stories of five local employers and newcomer employees, demonstrating the important role newcomers play in supporting local employers and strengthening the local workforce. These resources can be found by visiting: welcometocapebreton.ca/belonging.



Housing

Chair: Rebecca MacDonald
(New Dawn Newcomer Centre)

Current Members: Kelly MacKinnon (Cape Breton Partnership), Cecil T Smith (Housing Nova Scotia), Travis GS. Radtke (Cape Breton Regional Municipality), Jamie Morrison (Nova Scotia Legal Aid), Sumayya Mullassery (Cape Breton Connector Program), Rebecca Mian (West Isle Community Development Society), Calmero Edwards (Newcomer Volunteer), Nicole Hill (Nova Scotia Legal Aid)

With thanks to outgoing members in 2025-2026:

Tanya Felix (Strait Area Chamber of Commerce), Morgan Murray (Inverness County)

The CBLIP Housing Working Group contributes to research, resource development, and information sharing regarding the housing needs of newcomers. Project highlights of the group in 2025-2026 include:

Providing space for members working in the housing sector on the Island to connect, share information, and apply a stronger newcomer-focused lens to their work.

Supporting a summer student in creating a comprehensive newcomer housing data snapshot, which will serve as a useful tool for future housing-related analysis and support a better understanding of newcomer housing on the Island.

Hosting presenters during working group meetings to deepen understanding of housing-related activities, including Tom Gunn from At Home Housing Association. IAT members connected with the Association afterward in short interviews to support the development of their organization's strategic plan. The Working Group also had a presentation from local landlord Lauri Ravello, who provided insights on how best to support newcomers in rental spaces.

Exploring and supporting storytelling opportunities that create space for newcomers to share housing experiences, build social networks, and provide ongoing feedback on initiatives and projects.

Working closely with Nova Scotia Legal Aid to create a Tenants' Rights Frequently Asked Questions social media campaign and accompanying printed resource, with hopes to develop a full, printed booklet in the future.

Research

The CBLIP adds value for its members by gathering data and undertaking research initiatives to better understand the local immigration context and to better inform member programming.

Every two to three years, the CBLIP runs a survey of people who were born outside of Canada and now live in Unama'ki - Cape Breton. The Immigrant Survey asks a variety of questions about their experiences of coming to the Island and settling in – what supports have helped, what has been challenging, their likelihood of staying, etc. The data gathered helps to inform where the CBLIP focuses its collective efforts for greatest impact and helps individual CBLIP members to design better programs and initiatives to support newcomers.

The most recent Immigrant Survey was conducted in March 2026. To learn more and read the reports, visit welcometocapebreton.ca/immigrant-survey.



WelcomeToCapeBreton.ca

The CBLIP is a proud supporter and contributor to the Cape Breton Partnership's website: welcometocapebreton.ca. This website is designed as a one-stop-shop for people curious about living in Unama'ki - Cape Breton, or who have recently arrived. Visitors to the website will find several tools and resources developed by the CBLIP to support both newcomers and newcomer-serving organizations.

In 2025-2026, the CBLIP continued to put energy into promoting and updating several sections of the website, including:

- **Newcomer Service Map:** an interactive map of local services that newcomers may need in their first days in Unama'ki - Cape Breton
- **Multicultural Calendar:** an annual calendar of holidays and observances celebrated by people of diverse cultural backgrounds living on the Island
- **Belonging is for Everyone Campaign:** an ongoing public awareness campaign sharing stories of newcomers and those who advocate for the importance of immigration to Unama'ki - Cape Breton

Regional and National Collaboration

CBLIP staff bring perspectives from Unama'ki - Cape Breton to regional and national discussions and gather relevant insights to bring back to the Island through participation in:

Atlantic LIP Network

A network of LIP staff across the Atlantic region who come together to share ideas and resources, troubleshoot challenges, and offer peer mentorship support.

ARAISA Reconciliation Discussion Group

A group of settlement sector staff across the region who are interested in learning and taking action to further Truth and Reconciliation in the Atlantic Region.

National LIP Secretariat Executive Committee

The National LIP Secretariat (NLS) is a coordinating body for LIPs across Canada. The NLS Executive Committee provides strategic and operational guidance to the NLS to safeguard its vision, mission, and core values. The CBLIP Program Manager was a long-standing member of the Executive Committee, completing a term in March 2026.

National LIP Data Working Group

In March 2026, the CBLIP Program Manager completed a two-year term as Co-Chair of the National LIP Data Working Group and continues now as an active group member. The group works to develop and build a community of practice that facilitates the research and data analysis expertise of LIPs, including research-oriented collaborations and innovative approaches, supporting access to data, and disseminating best practices and resources. Participating in the National LIP Data Working Group continues to bring considerable value back to our local LIP.

Pathways to Prosperity Standing Committee on Immigration to Small, Medium, and Remote Communities

In March 2026, the CBLIP Program Manager completed three consecutive two-year terms on this national standing committee that furthers conversations on immigration in small, medium, and remote communities (formerly the Standing Committee on Immigration to Northern, Rural, and Remote Communities). The standing committee coordinates research projects, workshops, and information sharing related to this theme.

Pathways to Prosperity (P2P) Conference Planning Committee for 2026 LIP/RIF Conference

As in 2025, the CBLIP Program Manager is supporting P2P in the planning of this annual, national gathering for Local Immigration Partnerships and Réseaux en Immigration Francophone (RIF). The 2026 gathering is scheduled to take place in Montreal on November 25, 2026.

What Members Are Saying

“Being part of the Cape Breton LIP is valuable because it strengthens our ability to support newcomers in building a sense of belonging and opportunity. Through collaboration, shared expertise, and aligned community goals, we can better address local needs, reduce barriers, and create a more inclusive and welcoming Cape Breton for everyone.”

“I strongly support the work of the CBLIP and believe it is an essential organization given the context of the island and the ongoing need for newcomers to move and make lives here. Newcomers enrich the culture, seek a fulfilling future, and support the region economically.”

“I heard and saw that CBLIP is a role model for other LIPs in the region, being active and supportive to everyone and all the members, including everyone regardless of the background. Making sure that everyone is on the same boat, supporting everyone who are supporting all the newcomers.”

To learn more about the Cape Breton Local Immigration Partnership and to explore how you or your organization can be involved, we welcome you to visit capebretonpartnership.com/cblip or to contact Kailea Pedley, CBLIP Program Manager, at kailea@capebretonpartnership.com.

To learn more about the work of our LIP colleagues across Canada, visit thelipsecretariat.ca.

