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I/We request to appear as a delegation before:

Council

Choose Two Dates

- **Select first date:** 2026-02-04

Please provide some information about the purpose of your presentation, including an executive summary (if you need more space, you can upload a file below)

The Local Immigration Partnership (LIP) is a federally funded initiative that brings together local partners across sectors—service providers, Indigenous representatives, employers, educators, health and housing partners, and community organizations—to collaboratively identify gaps and develop a coordinated community action plan to better support the welcoming, settlement, and integration of newcomers. This is the first LIP in the Cowichan region, and it represents an important opportunity to strengthen collaboration and alignment across systems.

Meaningful participation from the government sector is a key component of successful LIPs across the country. Having government perspectives at the table helps ensure that local realities, policy considerations, and system pressures are understood collectively and addressed in a coordinated way. LIPs in other communities have shown that this kind of

woven, cross-sector collaboration leads to more effective planning, reduced duplication, and ultimately less strain on local systems through a team-based approach.

What is the specific action (Resolution) being requested of Council or the Committee:

1. Opening & Acknowledgement

2. Who We Are: Cowichan LIP at a Glance

What is a LIP

Cowichan Context

Current Structure

3. Why Government Presence Matters

4. What We Are Seeing on the Ground

- Credential recognition delays despite workforce shortages

- Housing availability impacting labour force participation

- Employers ready to hire but lacking coordinated support

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- These are cross-jurisdictional issues that require government voices at planning tables

5. Evidence of Momentum & Community Readiness

Key Message

The community is ready. The infrastructure is forming. Now we need government partnership to match that momentum.

6. The Ask: What We Are Requesting

- Designated government representatives to:

- o Participate in the Cowichan LIP Advisory Council

- o Engage in relevant roundtables as appropriate

What Participation Looks Like

7. What Government Gains

8. Upcoming Opportunities for Engagement

Will you be requesting a grant or financial assistance?

No

Will you be providing supporting documents to include in the agenda package?

Yes

How will you be presenting?

PowerPoint/PDF

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