

DEPARTMENT OF LABOUR AND IMMIGRATION

Advisory Council on Economic Immigration and Settlement

Preamble

The Report of the Immigration Advisory Council (IAC) was a call to action to advance Manitoba's economic prosperity and continue the province's legacy as a leader in immigration. The report provides recommendations to help address the challenge of attracting and retaining global talent to Manitoba's diverse labour market with the objective of bolstering economic development in the province. Recommendations in the report align with the IAC's three mandates: attract immigrants to Manitoba, streamline the Manitoba Provincial Nominee Program and enhance settlement services.

With the release of the report in February 2023, the Government of Manitoba is now turning its attention to implementing the recommendations, including the development of a multi sector strategy for economic immigration and settlement, taking into consideration factors such as:

- Labour shortages and unique labour needs in the capital region and other regions throughout the province
- Fostering economic development in areas outside the capital region and
- Maintaining and growing Manitoba's francophone population

Mandate

The Advisory Council on Economic Immigration and Settlement (ACEIS) is an advisory body to the Minister of Labour and Immigration with responsibility for:

- Informing the implementation of recommendations of the Immigration Advisory Council (IAC) (see Appendix A), including informing the development of a provincial economic immigration and settlement strategy, as recommended in the IAC report.
- Considering and providing advice on issues that the council considers relevant related to the topics of economic immigration, settlement and integration.

The council may create subcommittees to work on specific issues as required.

Membership

The Minister will appoint, for a period of one year, approximately 12 community members who are representative of the regional, economic and cultural diversity of Manitoba, Community membership should be comprised of one French-speaking member and at least one member from the IAC.

The Minister will designate a chair and vice chair for the ACEIS.

The Deputy Minister of Labour and Immigration will designate one or more Manitoba officials to support the work of the council (record keeping, coordination of meetings, etc.).

Other representatives from the Immigration Pathways Division, or experts from immigration or the settlement sectors, may attend meetings at the invitation of the council to provide briefings and information on matters related to the council's mandate.

Length of Terms

The council is being created for a period of one year starting June 1, 2023. The Minister may reassess the Council in light of the government and the department's priorities and may re-appoint members as a result.

Responsibilities

Members will be responsible for:

- Attending and actively participating in council meetings
- Proposing agenda items
- Carrying out tasks agreed to at meetings
- Ensuring that discussion reflects a balanced analysis of issues and a variety of perspectives
- Seeking additional information or input to inform their participation in the council
- Making recommendations to the Minister

Desirable expertise

Experience in or prior knowledge of Manitoba's immigration landscape will be beneficial but not a *sine qua non* requirement.

Council members:

1. must be able to communicate verbally and have the ability to ask questions using open ended, non-judgmental language
2. have active listening skills
3. be able to read and interpret policies/legislation
4. adhere to a high degree of confidentiality
5. have the ability to make decisions in a fair and unbiased manner

Consensus

The council will attempt to seek consensus among its members of the recommendations made to the minister. Consensus means substantial agreement of members, without persistent opposition, through a process taking into account the views of all members.

Time commitment

The ACEIS will meet at minimum bimonthly. The ACEIS members will determine dates and times of meetings.

Meetings

Meetings will be held in Winnipeg in-person or on-line.

Meetings must have more than 50 per cent of community members present in order to have a quorum.

Remuneration

The ACEIS does not have a dedicated line budget. However, ACEIS members shall submit an approved Expense Claim form to claim any pre-approved, eligible expenses incurred by a member.