

MAPLE RIDGE | PITT MEADOWS | KATZIE



LOCAL IMMIGRATION
PARTNERSHIP

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What is Local Immigration Partnerships?

Local Immigration Partnerships (LIPs) are a multilevel and multi-sectorial partnership at the local community level to:

- Engage local service providers in the newcomers' integration process
- Identify community specific strategic priorities
- Implement a settlement strategy and action plans to improve newcomer outcomes

Who are the LIPs Council Members

- ▶ ISS of BC
- ▶ Maple Ridge, Pitt Meadows, and Katzie Community Network
- ▶ City of Maple Ridge
- ▶ City of Pitt Meadows
- ▶ Maple Ridge and Pitt Meadows Parks and Leisure Services
- ▶ The Hive
- ▶ English Corner
- ▶ Sprott Shaw College
- ▶ SWISS Program (School District #42)
- ▶ Maple Ridge Economic Development Corporation
- ▶ Early Childhood Development Committee
- ▶ Welcome Wagon
- ▶ Interfaith Committee
- ▶ Maple Ridge Literacy Committee
- ▶ Maple Ridge Public Library
- ▶ Pitt Meadows Public Library
- ▶ Work BC
- ▶ Fraser Health /Mental Health Unit
- ▶ Friends in Need Food Bank
- ▶ RCMP



Steps in the LIPs process

1. Create an inclusive partnership
and adopt terms of reference

2. Conduct research on newcomers' needs

3. Establish a local settlement strategy identifying key priorities
for the community

4. Develop action plans with specific activities to address
local priorities

5. Support the implementation of the
action plan and report on outcomes

Assess progress and measure outcomes

Research Goal

- ▶ To inform the Maple Ridge, Pitt Meadows, Katzie Local Immigration Partnerships strategic plan and future endeavours with the end result of improving coordination of effective services that facilitate immigrant settlement and integration.

Guiding Questions

- ▶ What are the newcomer demographics in our communities?
- ▶ What is a newcomers vision of a welcoming community?
- ▶ How can we better support their integration?
- ▶ What are the gaps and barriers that newcomers experience when accessing services and programs?
- ▶ How do we improve the quality of service provision and programming to newcomers while addressing their specific needs?
- ▶ What are service providers experiences when serving and reaching out to newcomers?

Research Methods

- ▶ Two Newcomer Focus Groups
- ▶ Three Newcomer Surveys
- ▶ Two Service Provider Focus Groups
- ▶ One Service Provider Survey
- ▶ Asset Mapping Database and Asset Maps



Demographics

► Key Population Facts

	Pitt Meadows	Maple Ridge
Total Population (2011)	17,710	75,140
Immigrants	3,990	12,935
New Immigrants (2006 – 2011)	600	1355
Non-Permanent Residents	60	355
Total Immigrants & Non-Permanent Residents	4,050	13,290
% of Immigrants & Non-Permanent Residents	22.9%	17.7%
% of New Immigrants (2006 – 2011)	3.4%	1.8%

Table 1 - Sources: Statistics Canada, National Household Survey Profiles 2011

Demographics

▶ Top 5 Source Areas of Recent Immigrants by % of Newcomer Population: 2011

Pitt Meadows

1	25%	Philippines
2	15%	South Korea
3	8%	India
4	3%	United Kingdom
5	2%	Americas (General)

Maple Ridge

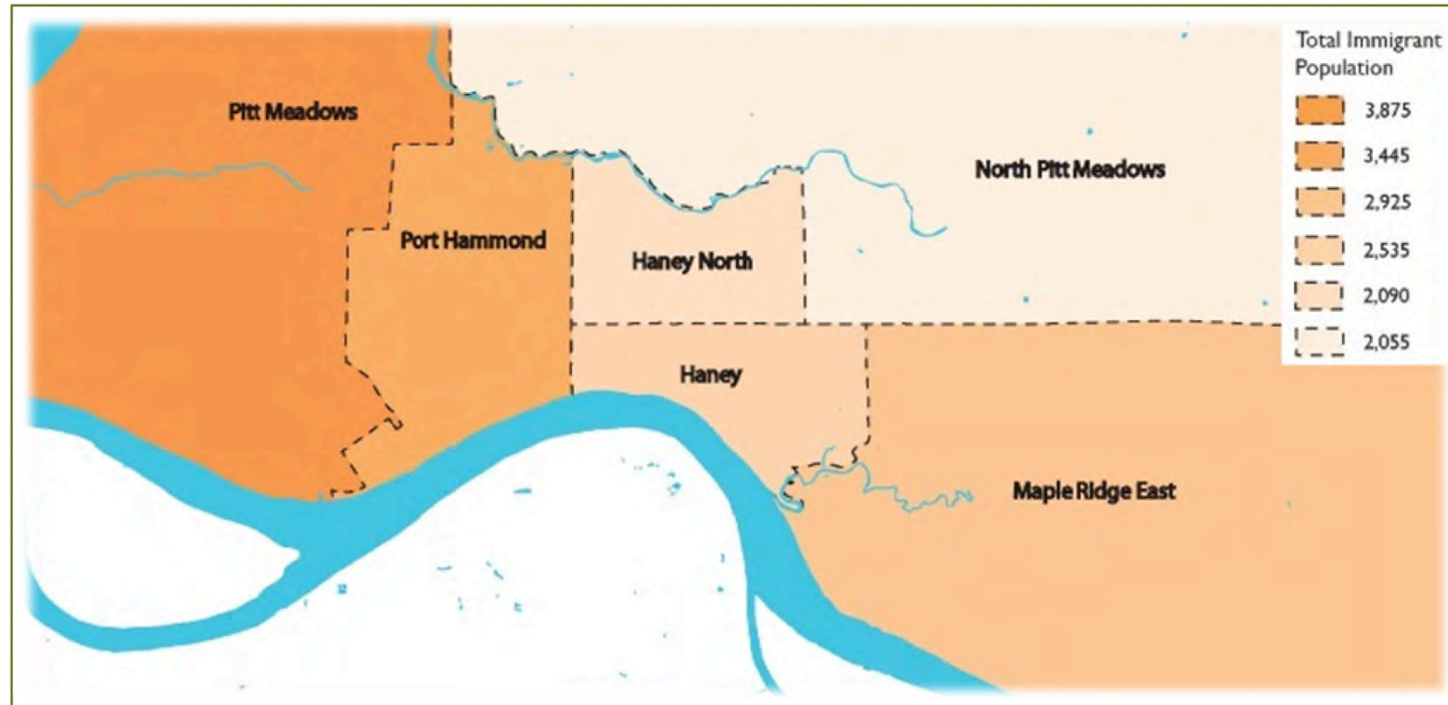
16%	United Kingdom
6%	United States
6%	South Africa
5%	Philippines
3%	China



Table 2 - Source: Statistics Canada, National Household Survey Profiles 2011

Demographics

- ▶ Where do newcomers live?



Map 1 – Population of Total Immigrants, Maple Ridge/Pitt Meadows, Statistic Canada, National Household Survey 2011

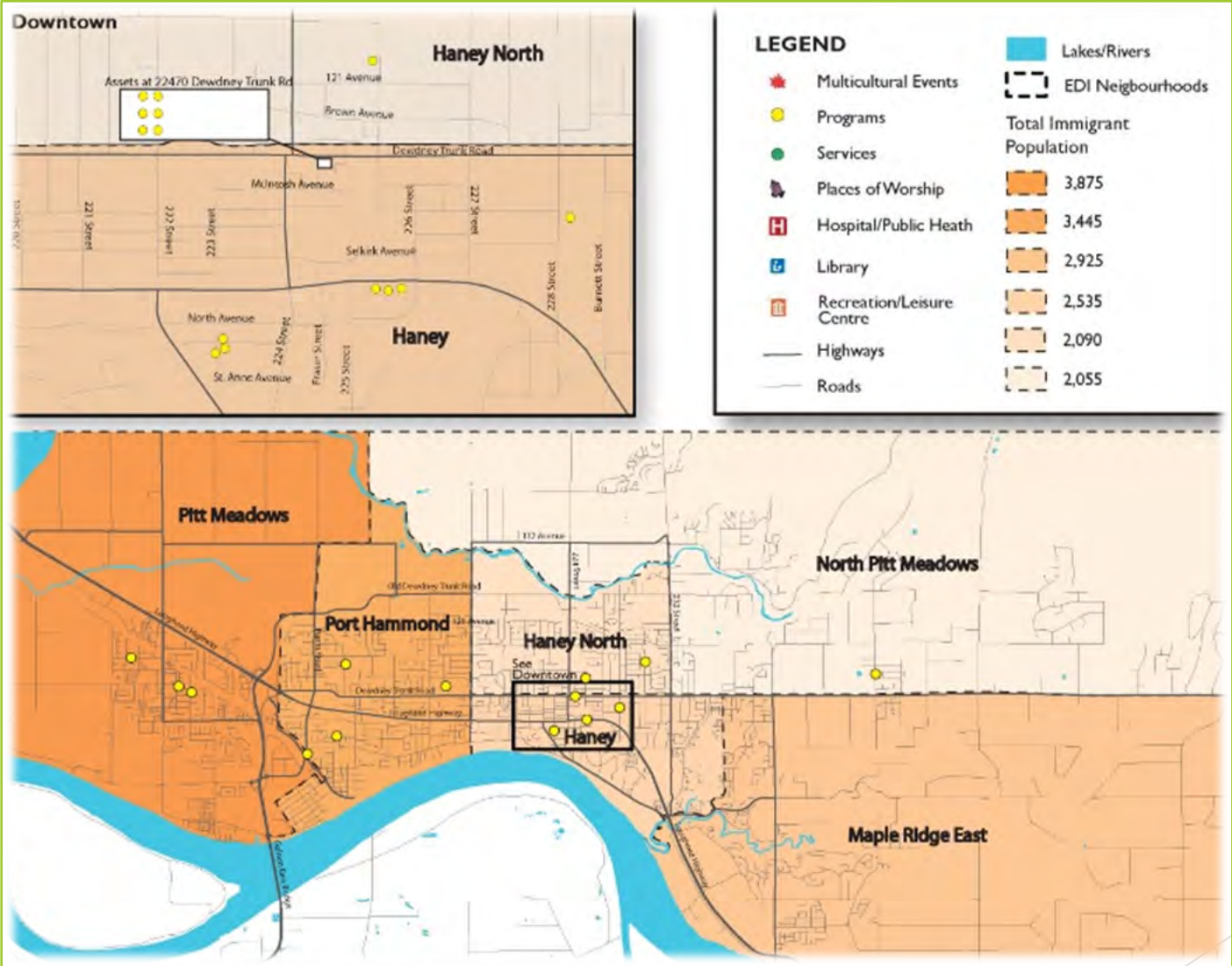
Findings - What is a welcoming community?

- ▶ Newcomers of the second focus group felt a welcoming community was a shared space with other people, but also the relationships and networks among people, and the support that they give to one another
- ▶ They also felt that a welcoming community included:
 - ▶ Connecting with others easily
 - ▶ Feeling heard and able to express their worries
 - ▶ Freedom

Findings - Supporting Integration

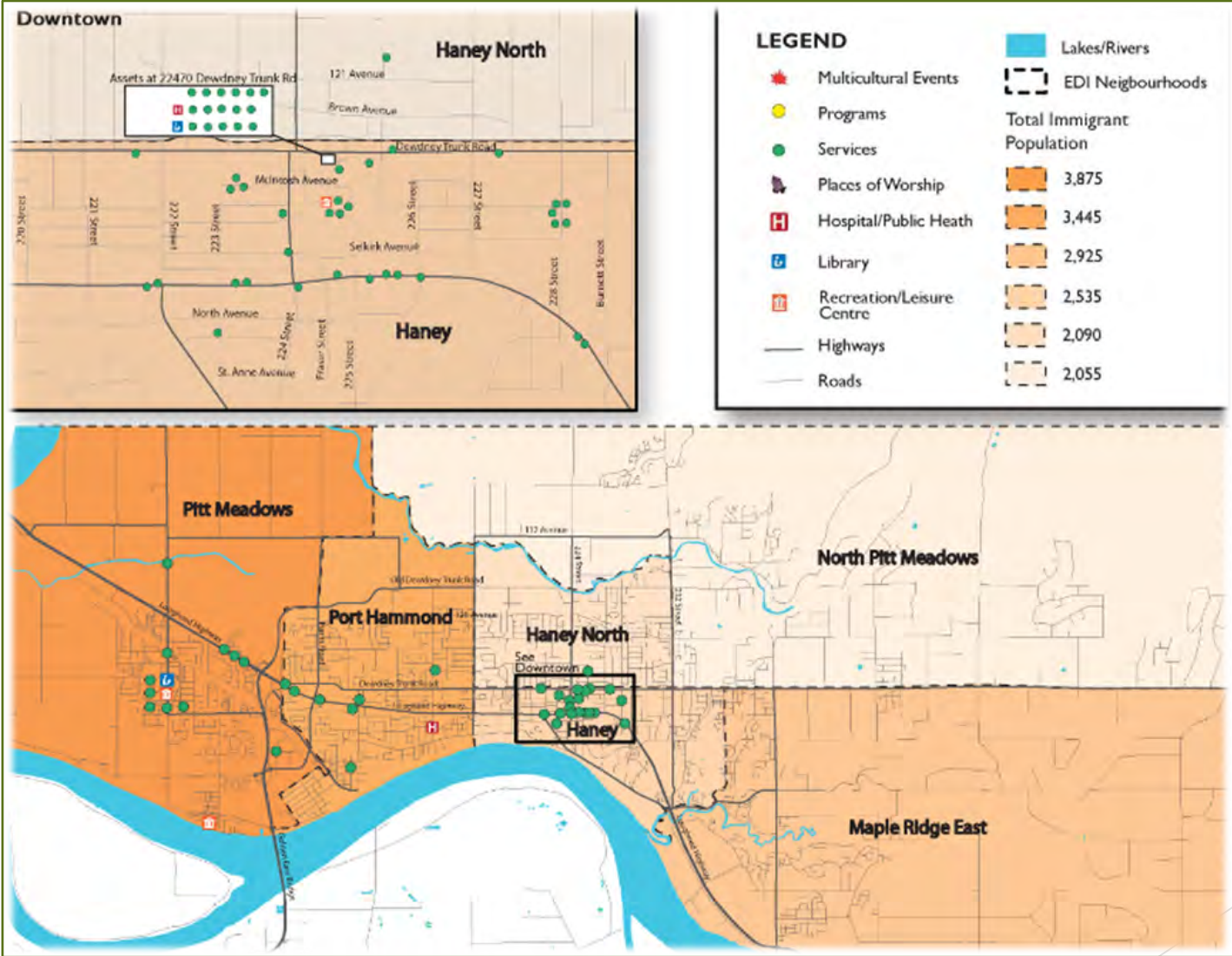
- ▶ Employment
 - ▶ Breakdown financial barriers to retraining, increase opportunities to employment, streamline process for foreign credentials and foreign work experience.
- ▶ Racism
 - ▶ Extinguish hidden prejudice and discrimination.
- ▶ Voice
 - ▶ Provide opportunities for newcomers to connect with and have a voice regarding accreditation or credential recognition with both professional associations and government.
- ▶ Immigration Laws
 - ▶ Restructure the immigration process so that it is more effective and affordable.
- ▶ Housing
 - ▶ Provide affordable, safe housing for newcomers while integrating into community.

Findings - Gaps & Barriers



Map 2 Asset Map of Programs in Maple Ridge and Pitt Meadows

Findings - Gaps & Barriers



Map 3 Asset Map of Services in Maple Ridge and Pitt Meadows

Findings - Newcomers

- ▶ Priority Areas of Concentration
 - ▶ Employment
 - ▶ Language
 - ▶ Health
 - ▶ Education
 - ▶ Community Information & Awareness

Findings - Service Providers

- ▶ Priority Areas of Concentration
 - ▶ Translation & Interpretation Services
 - ▶ Orientation & Networking Sessions
 - ▶ Create a Mechanism to Connect Service Providers to Newcomers
- ▶ Service Provider Toolbox
 - ▶ Host Diversity Training
 - ▶ Packages for Newcomers
 - ▶ Create Multi-Cultural Hub

Priorities

- ▶ Inform Strategic Planning based on this research that includes:
 - ▶ Advocate at all levels to change policies related to employment and education findings
 - ▶ Create awareness of services & programs between service providers and for newcomers
 - ▶ Provide more options for newcomers to connect with their community
 - ▶ Provide diversity training for community and front line workers
 - ▶ Create an interpretation and translation bank of volunteers

Questions?

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