



OUR VISION

All immigrants and newcomers are welcomed, engaged and included in all aspects of community life in Cochrane and area. They have access to and knowledge of the services they need in order to pursue their goals.



OUR MISSION

The purpose of this Committee is to form a partnership with new immigrants and newcomers to Cochrane and Area, and organizations that serve this population, in order to:

- Share with each other what we know about the needs and concerns of new immigrants
- Collect additional data, or advocate for others to collect additional data, related to new immigrants and their needs
- Identify and problem solve around gaps in services for new immigrants
- Advocate for services and funding to meet the identified needs
- Be a conduit of information about new immigrants and their needs to other organizations and committees in order that they may better serve this population

Agenda/Format of Meetings:

- Discuss a specific need/concern/question related to new immigrants to Cochrane and area
- Presentation
- Everyone (including invited guests) provides input based on what they know about the topic
- Problem solve/determine action plan for addressing the need/concern/question e.g. advocacy, partnership, share the information with another organization/committee, committee initiative
- Invite community stakeholders (i.e Rocky View School staff/administration, Alberta Health Services etc.) to explore how CISC can provide supports/ collaborate to advocate for newcomers

Committee Membership:

- Any organization (non-profit, government, business, community group) that serves the immigrant population in Cochrane and area
- New immigrants who live in Cochrane and area
- CAUTION: beware of possible conflicts of interest and be clear about the purpose of the Committee with all potential members