



Executive Director Update

3-2-1 Board Report - February 23, 2022



General

- ▶ The short month of February has flown by this year and with our meeting being on the 23rd, I felt that an update on some of January's items would be in order, along with a few highlights, rather than the usual 3-2-1.
- ▶ In the attachment with this month's report, I have detailed some information and links to various items from IRCC, and provided some information that I referred to during our November 2021 meeting.
- ▶ Following a couple of highlights, Keith and I will provide updates on the following items from last month: COVID-19 & related Vaccine Policy, RODS Reception House, RODS Partnership with three Regina School Boards.

Highlight #1: Finance Manager position successfully filled

- ▶ I am pleased to inform you that Linda Zeng was the successful candidate for the position of Finance Manager, replacing Michael Adedeji.
- ▶ At the meeting this month, Keith will be providing a Central Admin and Finance dept. annual overview, including a few details about Linda and the training he has arranged.



Highlight #2: Various

- ▶ During the past month, we submitted our annual TIP proposal to the City of Regina and a follow up proposal to the Ministry of ICT for 3 months of funding (January 1 - March 31 2022), to wind down the majority of our Newcomer Welcome Centre project.
- ▶ I have followed up on a partnership request from SK Bluecross to see how we can potentially work together to provide newcomers with health literacy programming. This is to ensure all refugees and immigrants have access to the educational information they require pertaining to their health and wellness.
- ▶ I have also followed up with Michael Jones, CEO of SK ARTS as their organization is interested in knowing how they can reach artists in newcomer communities in order to better serve them. Following is a statement from the message I received:

“SK Arts believes that the arts can teach us to engage better with our full society and that all people should feel safe in their artistic expression. Art that truly reflects all cultures and all worldviews is an important step to an empathetic point of view for all Saskatchewan peoples.”



Information on Attached Informational Items

Attached to my email message is a document with information on the items listed below, as well as to some of the information and reports that I refer to in my report:

- ▶ 1. Research at a Glance - IRCC's 2022-2024 Immigration Levels Plan & 2021 Annual Report to Parliament
- ▶ 2. Canada Health Infoway - 2020-2021 Annual Report
- ▶ 3. The Leadership In Leaving

Hope for the Future: Board Member participation in RODS' *International Women's Day* Campaign

- ▶ Tuesday March 8 is International Women's Day. Victoria and Mutahir are working on a social media campaign acknowledging the day and recognizing the many amazingly talented women who work and volunteer at RODS.
- ▶ They are creating a photo mosaic that animates photos into a message and the RODS logo. Following is a video with some examples:
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=E_E1CA9Afec
- ▶ They would like to invite all female staff and female board volunteers to participate by sending a photo of themselves to include in this animation.
- ▶ If you would like to participate, please send your favourite photo to Victoria victoriaf@rods.sk.ca by March 3, so they have enough time to complete the animation before March 8, 2022