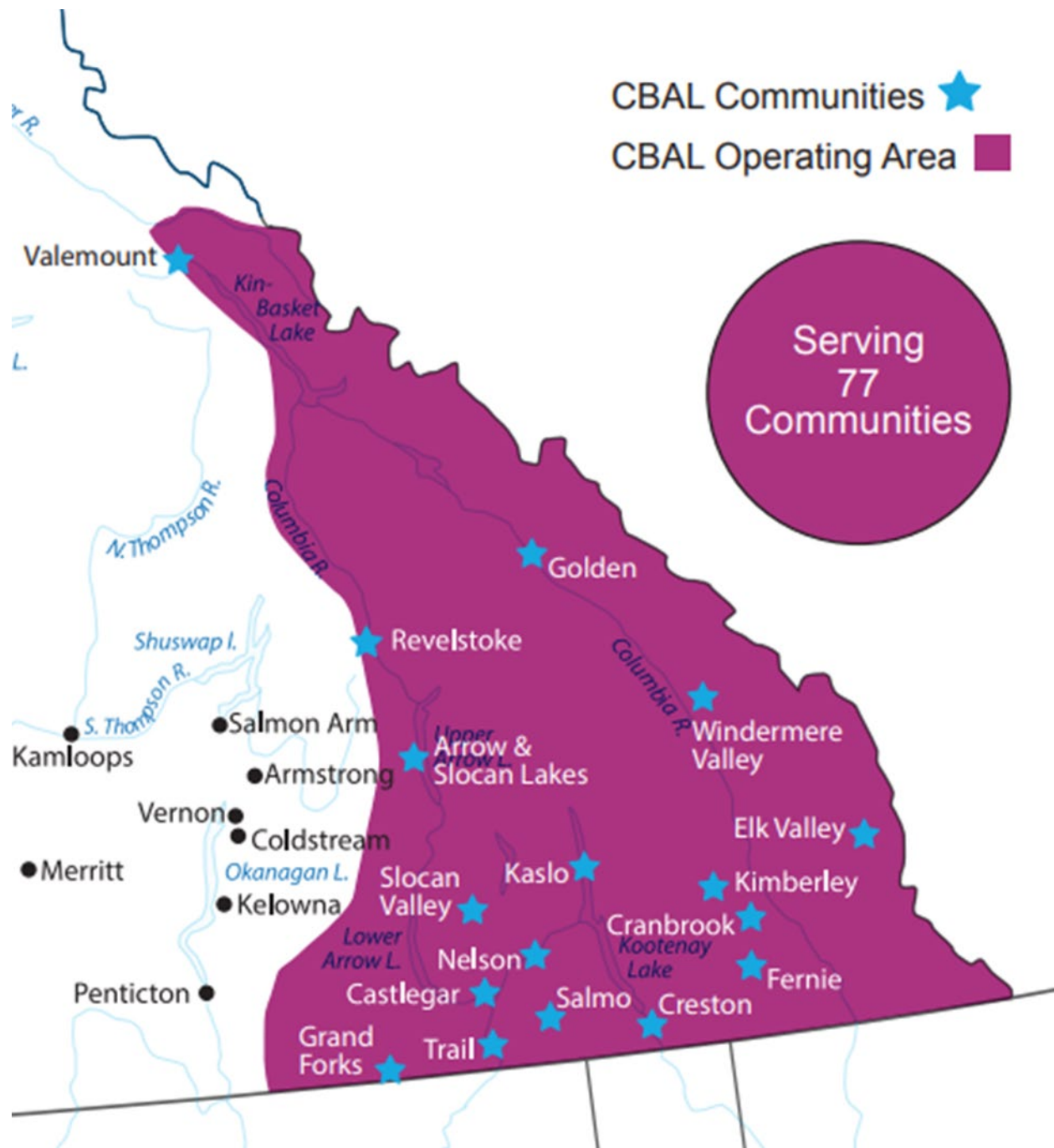




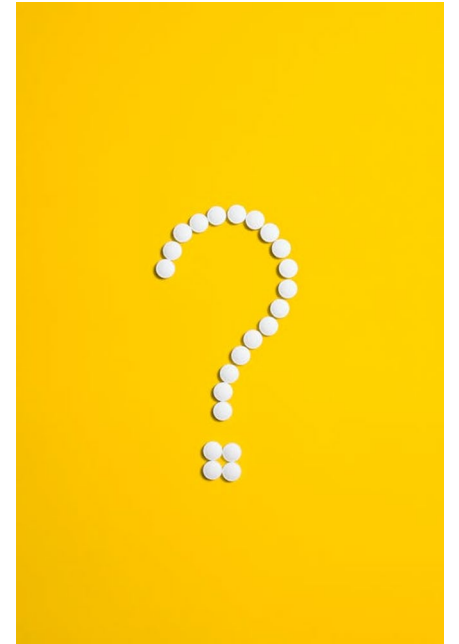
West Kootenay Local Immigration Partnership

The West Kootenay Local Immigration Partnership (WKLIP) operates on the
unceded traditional territories of the Ktunaxa, Sinixt and Syilx Nations.
These lands are also home to the Métis and many other Indigenous people.



WKLIP Partnership Council & Newcomer Advisory Committee

- Representing 3 very different communities
- Brand new LIP (2023) although CBAL's Settlement & Language services had been in the region for about 15 years
- Concept of LIPs was completely new (struggle with the 'why' and 'why now')
- Wanted input to help frame the why and shape the first 3-year Community Plan.



Meeting 1 – Environmental Scan

- Both Partnership Council & Newcomer Advisory completed the exercise
- Brainstormed definition of 'welcoming' in the context of a community
- Grouped members by their home communities (included Rossland)
- Utilized a selection of questions
- Presented results from each group to the other

1. Describe your community in 2-3 sentences.
2. What reputation does your community have?
7. How has your community changed over the last 5 years? How is it expected to change over the next 5 years?
9. What are the greatest strengths & opportunities in your community?
10. What are the greatest challenges in your community?
11. What are the short-term and long-term goals of your community?
12. What else is important to know about your community?

Meeting 2 – 19 Characteristics Ranking

- Both Partnership Council & Newcomer Advisory completed the exercise
- Printed and cut strips for each cluster
- Small group work to rank and record order of priorities in each cluster
- Presented results from each group to the other
- Some distinct differences between Partnership & Newcomer Advisory
- Utilized the results, combined with the WKLIP Newcomer Research Project to extract 5 potential priorities to inform the Community Plan

		NAC group 1	NAC group 2	NAC group 3	PC group 1	PC group 2	PC group 3	PC group 4
CLUSTER A	Access to affordable, adequate, and suitable housing	1	1	2	2	2	2	4
	Employment & entrepreneurship opportunities	3	2	1	3	4	4	3
	Access to suitable health care, including mental health care	5	3	3	4	5	5	5
	Positive attitudes toward immigrants of all racial, cultural and religious backgrounds	4	4	5	1	1	1	1
	Access to immigrant-serving agencies that meet immigrants' needs	2	5	4	5	3	3	2

Choosing Comparators & Indicators

- Both Partnership Council & Newcomer Advisory looked at the top 2 priorities from each cluster
- Organically tried to come up with key indicators (small group discussions)
- A selection of reasonably achievable indicators from the toolkit were presented
- Determined that surveys and focus groups would be the most effective way to evaluate the work. Surveys were developed and utilized.
- Debate around how long a second gathering of data should occur.
- Funding restrictions in subsequent contract and capacity hindered the rollout of a deep evaluation

