

Seventh Annual Network Meeting

Help Wanted—Confronting Labour and Skills Shortages in Toronto

A Consultation on the Findings and Recommendations of the Toronto Labour Force Readiness Plan

Thursday, March 25, 2004, 8:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
Metro Hall, 55 John Street (at King), 3rd Floor, Room 308

Proposed Agenda

- 8:30 – 9:00 Coffee and networking
- 9:00 – 9:05 Welcome – **Karen Thorne-Stone**, *Executive Director, Economic Development, City of Toronto*
- 9:05 – 9:10 Introduction to the ICE Committee – **Enid Slack**, *Chair, ICE Committee*
- 9:10 – 9:40 **2001 Census Data: What's New in Toronto?**
✓ **Harvey Low**, *Planning Analyst, Social Development and Administration, City of Toronto*
- 9:40 – 10:00 Overview of the [Toronto Labour Force Readiness Plan](#) Findings and Draft Recommendations –
Susan Brown, *Senior Policy Advisor, Economic Development, City of Toronto*
- 10:00 – 10:15 Break
- 10:15 – 11:15 **Panel Presentations – Sources of Labour and Skills for Toronto's Economy:
Immigrants, Youth, and the Existing Workforce**
- **Susan Brown – Moderator**
Senior Policy Advisor, Economic Development, City of Toronto
 - ✓ **Dr. Lionel Laroche on Capitalizing on the Skills of Immigrants**
Executive Vice-President, Cross-cultural & Relocation Services, Hazell & Associates
 - ✓ **Nancy Schaefer on Preparing Youth for Meaningful Work in the New Economy**
President, Youth Employment Service (YES)
 - ✓ **Peter Landry on Involving Business in Training**
Enterprise Canada Consultants Inc. and Vice-Chair, Skills Task Force, Toronto Board of Trade
- 11:15 – 12:15 **Q&A and Facilitated Discussion – Facilitated by Mo McKenna, Facilitator, mentoring with
MOmentum**
- 12:15 – 12:30 Summary of Common Themes – **Mo McKenna, Facilitator, mentoring with MOmentum**
- 12:30 – 12:45 **Moving Forward: Concluding Remarks by the Panellists**
- 12:45 – 12:50 Closing Remarks – **Enid Slack, Chair, ICE Committee**
- 12:50 – 2:00 Networking Lunch