

KEY MESSAGES – LIP LANGUAGE SERVICES

“The Language Services Working Group agreed to prepare a brief three-point message about the importance of language services for the Briefing Subcommittee to include in their briefing sessions with community leaders to present the LIP Report ‘*Planning Together for Welcoming Neighbourhoods.*”

- 1) ***A lack of English proficiency is one of the main barriers to successful integration, and increases newcomer isolation***
- 2) ***Language skills lead to improved employment outcomes*** (NOTE: Show TIEDI statistics and graph demonstrating a correlation between language skills and higher wages. Also a correlation between language skills and increased likelihood of working in their area of study)
- 3) ***Language proficiency is an indicator of better health and lower mortality rates*** (NOTE: Patients are better able to access health services and understand and follow their medications and treatments)