



# E-Mail Newsletter

OCTOBER 2012

## Office hours:

### Neepawa:

Resource  
Centre

290 Davidson

Effective Sept  
10<sup>th</sup>

Monday 9-6

Tues-Fri

11:00 – 6:00

**All  
services  
are free  
of charge**

## Neepawa & Area Immigrant Settlement Services Services for people from around the world

### What we do:

We provide assistance to people who are learning to live in a new country. Settlement services help people develop skills and knowledge to participate in a new society.

### Settlement Assistance:

- Information and orientation about life in Canada and your community
- Help filling out forms such as: Manitoba Health, SIN, Manitoba Provincial Nominee, Permanent Resident, Criminal Record Check, etc.
- Support, information and assistance concerning immigration issues
- Advocacy referrals
- Referrals for education, employment and housing
- Commissioner of Oaths and Notary Public services

### Guess What? We are on Facebook!

Look for us at “Neepawa and Area Settlement Services” on Facebook. We went live on October 24<sup>th</sup>. Friend us! And keep up to date daily on what’s new and exciting.

### Permanent Resident Card Renewal Tips

During the 5 years that you have your Permanent Residence Card, it would be an excellent idea to keep a copy of every plane ticket you have used when you left Canada. Keep your documentation/plane tickets in an envelope in a safe place. That way, when it comes to to renew your card, you can advise CIC exactly how long you have been out of Canada (if at all) AND have the supporting documentation to prove it! ☺

Please be advised that our office is closed for Remembrance Day on Friday, November 9th, 2012.

### DANGER!! DO NOT POST PERSONAL INFO ON FACEBOOK !!!

It has come to our attention that some of you have been posting personal information on your Facebook page.

This information is enough to advise a potential thief all they need to know to obtain credit in your name. And you may be responsible to pay for the bills the thief charged. The legal result of this is unbelievable and may end up costing you money for lawyers to help you straighten everything out for you. And that may not happen for years!

## **Identity thieves can even find a way steal away your home!**

**Identity theft is a form of stealing someone's *identity* in which someone pretends to be someone else by assuming that person's identity usually to access resources or obtain credit and other benefits in that person's name.**

**Do not post any of your credit card numbers, Immigration information, driver's license, your social insurance number, your birth certificate, your passport information or your Manitoba Health information.**

**So, if you have posted something on Facebook? Remove it right away! If you have to scan it to someone for Immigration purposes ... come see us. We can help you.**

### **It's flu season ...**

#### **Get the shot, not the flu!**

Every Manitoban is eligible for the flu shot. The former Assiniboine Regional Health Authority is hosting a flu shot clinic in your area.

Please see clinic times and dates below:

Neepawa Legion Hall

November 7<sup>th</sup>, November 14<sup>th</sup> from 1:00 – 7:00 pm

Please call 1-877-646-3888 for appointments.

Appointments preferred, walk-ins may be accepted.

### **Community Immigration Meetings:**

Each month, there is a Community Immigration Meeting attended by those who are wishing to participate in some way in the settlement of the newcomers to the area. This meeting has always been an open meeting to anyone who wish to attend and we would love to see you there. The next meeting will be held November 21<sup>st</sup> at 6 pm at the Neepawa Public Library.

### **Rental Housing:**

**Neepawa** – 617-1<sup>ST</sup> Avenue, \$280.00 per person, 3 bedrooms to share. Includes fridge/stove/washer/dryer/dishwasher and internet. Contact Julia at 204-841-4806.

**Neepawa** – 3 bedroom house @5<sup>th</sup> and Mill Street.

Fridge/Stove/Washer/Driver/Dishwasher. \$1,000.00/month plus utilities. Plus Damage deposit of \$500.00. Lease starts Sept 1<sup>st</sup>. Call Kate for an appointment @204-841-4498.

**Neepawa** – 296 – 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue, includes fridge/stove/washer/dryer. Utilities not included. 2 rooms for 2 people @\$800.00/month for the house. Contact Ladawan Wilier @204-871-0473 NOTE: Not furnished, Owner wanting to charge more for more people.

**Neepawa** – 302 Fourth Ave \$285 shared basement apartment includes utilities, internet, fridge/stove/washer/dryer/airconditioner. Call Caroline 204-476-4025. Available immediately. Basement suite shared with three Filipinos 1 work days 2 work nights.

**Minnedosa** – 1 room in basement/ 2 beds. Each bedroom has 2 beds. \$350 w/o car in winter \$400.00 with car in winter.

Fridge/stove/washer/dryer/dishwasher. Contact Mary @204-867-3827.

**Plumas** – 5 bedroom house includes fridge and stove. Garage with large yard. Utilities not included. \$700.00/month or \$250.00/person, minimum 5 persons. Call Martha 204-212-0807 or 204-808-6318.

**Plumas** – 2 bedroom house includes fridge/stove/washer/dryer/AC. Utilities not included. \$800.00 plus \$800 damage deposit. Contact Don and leave a

message at 204-386-2634.

**Arden** – 4 bedroom house includes fridge/stove/washer/dryer. No utilities included. Rent is \$850.00 plus damage deposit of \$850.00. Call Don and leave a message at 204-386-2634.

**Gladstone** – 2 bedroom home. Includes 6 appliances, heated garage, front & back patio, no smoking or pets. Contact 204-385-2762 or [egclarke@gladstone.ca](mailto:egclarke@gladstone.ca).

### **INTERNATIONAL ENGLISH LANGUAGE TESTING SYSTEM**

You must pass your I.E.L.T. test (International English Language Testing System) before applying for a Manitoba Provincial Nominee Program if you arrived in Canada after July 1, 2012. These are the levels the Government is looking for:

Listening: 4.5, Reading: 3.5, Writing: 4, Speaking: 5

Ask us where to take your English lessons. You have plenty of options no matter what shift you are on.

#### **Red River College**

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**Test Fee: CDN \$265**

### **Banking News**

#### **Thinking about starting a business?**

**RBC Royal Bank** has partnered with the **Canadian Youth Business Foundation**, a non-profit organization offering coaching, start-up financing, mentoring and business resources for new Canadian (ages 18-39) to help create your own successful business. Together we will help you create a solid business plan, develop strategies & share best business practices with you, specific to your own individual business needs.

The CYFB Newcomer Entrepreneur Program offers up to \$15,000 in financing, even if you have limited or no credit history (higher amounts may also be possible if needed). They will also provide cultural mentoring designed to help all newcomers learn the Canadian business context.

Key Eligibility:

- have resided in Canada less than 5 years
- have Permanent Residency status (or in the process of applying for PR)
- between ages 18-39
- solid working knowledge of English or French

For more information, please visit your local RBC Branch & we will be

happy to discuss this exciting opportunity with you!

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### **Medical Services**

**Hurray! You are now in Manitoba and are covered under the Manitoba Health Care Program. Unfortunately, the Health cards are taking a long time to be processed. But until you receive your health card in the mail, it is critical that you bring your immigration papers to the Doctor's and/or hospital so you can be seen free of charge. Once you receive your purple Manitoba Health Card, keep it with you at all times. In your wallet or purse. Always.**

**Your Manitoba Health card expires on the same day as your work permit. Be sure to bring your new work permit to the Settlement Office as soon as you receive it so that your benefits can be updated. If you do not do this you will be charged for medical services.**

### **Permanent Landing Papers:**

**Never throw away your landing papers ... even when you get your PR cards. Keep them in a safe place. You will need them one day! Guaranteed.**

### **Letter from your Editor:**

**I hope you have had a chance to come in and meet our new Settlement Worker Agni Demey. She is a familiar face in Neepawa and is very eager to meet and assist you with your Immigration/Settlement Needs.**

**The weather sure has changed and it is sooo cold! And it isn't even winter yet ☺ I am amazed at the number of clients who still come in with bare feet! Yikes! Take care of yourselves so you don't get sick. You are precious to all of us!  
God bless.**

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